



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Chicago was rebuffed this week by the IOC. No Olympic Games for Chicago in 2016. Maybe you feel a sense of rejection from the announcement that the chosen city is Rio de Janeiro.

Sometimes it is a good thing to experience rejection and humiliation. It has the potential to help us do a better job of self-evaluation. Now, I don't know if the experience of Chicago will accomplish that, but that's for the city's leaders to decide.

Jeremiah found wisdom and gives counsel about the reproof of the Lord:

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

²⁸Let him sit alone in silence when he has laid it on him; ²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust ~ there may yet be hope; ³⁰let him give his cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not cast off for ever, ³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the sons of men. **Lamentations 3:25-33 (RSV)**

Jeremiah reminds us that God is not hateful or capricious. His rebukes are for our blessing. His discipline is for our building up. He knows that in trial and affliction, we gain strength and draw closer to Him, if we are willing.

But God sets Himself against the arrogant. Those who congratulate themselves on enjoying the heights,

God has purposed to bring down. He lifts the lowly and brings down the powerful.

Those who know God, who have experience with His care and compassion also learn to trust His testing. The beloved text of **Psalm 30:5** reminds that "weeping may come for a night, but joy comes in the morning."

In the long and sad history of Israel, that nation

did not learn very well the lessons of humility which God gave them opportunity to embrace. Rather, they were often inclined to reject God and to turn instead to the idols of the nations, to those things that were no gods at all.

How about your own life? Have you experienced a failure or rejection? Does your spirit sense that it was from the Lord?

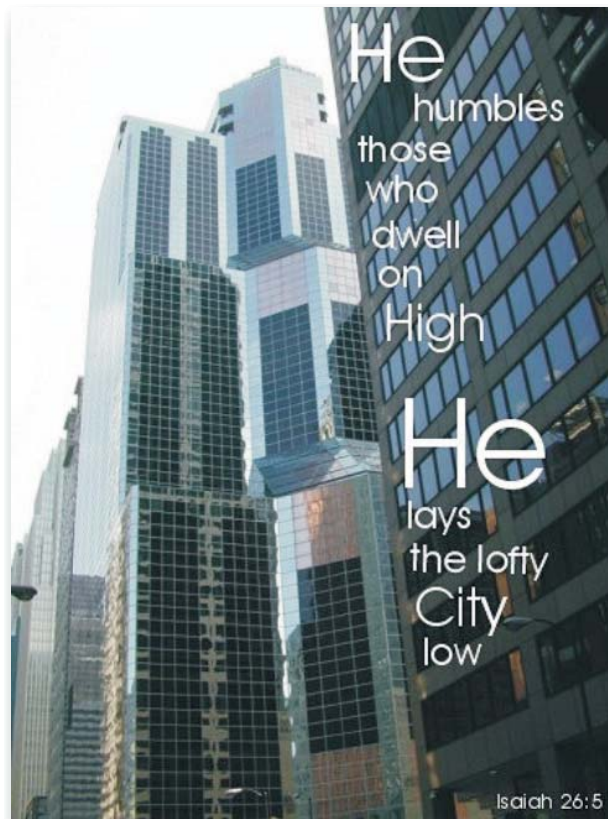
I encourage you to follow the counsel of Jeremiah, to sit in the dust and wait quietly for the Lord. God knows your every thought and He longs to give you good things. He is willing, with all of us, to allow us to suffer hardships and unpleasant experiences in order to give us great

power and inner strength after we have been refined by fire.

The lofty and arrogant, however, He purposes to bring down. Nebuchadnezzar learned that lesson after seven years of insanity. Daniel warned him that God would bring him down. The great king had to eat grass like an animal before he learned that God opposes the proud.

But remember, joy comes in the morning.

Chuck Miller



Welcome to the West Chicago Church of Christ

If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshipping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging. You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Bible classes are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. Pre-school and elementary-age children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the fellowship room downstairs. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and at the end of the foyer.

Our Small Group Fellowship program takes place during the fall, winter and spring months and is on the first and third Sundays of each month in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

We are planning a weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services. Please follow these instructions:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>
 Username: wcfamily
 Password: 6302312062
 Click "SINGLE" tab
 Allow any Active X controls

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster Bob Jett
 Chuck Miller Bob Voigts

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership
 Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence
 Cliff Plummer: Fellowship, Benevolence, Education
 Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership
 Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



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This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

Order of Worship

Welcome Chuck Miller
 Singing Tim Boyd
 # Prince of Peace (echo)
 #860 There is a Habitation
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Curt Robinson
 #773 Again the Lord of Light and Life
 # As the Deer (echo)
 Prayer Justin Avey
 #147 I Stand Amazed
 Lord's Supper Kenn Watson
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #927 Why Keep Jesus Waiting?
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Curt Robinson
 #533 I Am a Sheep
 Closing Prayer Chester Sitler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 4 Don Brewster, Chris Czernik
 October 5 Jim & Vicki Whitman (anv.)
 October 6 Jay & Sally Hearn (anv.)
 October 8 Nancy Doggett
 October 9 Rob Brewster
 October 10 Sherry Watson, Roxanne Whitman

Dates to Remember

Today Small Groups
 October 5 Living Room Café
 October 8 Preachers Breakfast
 October 8-12 Quodesh Teen Leadership Retreat
 October 18 Small Groups
 October 21 Seniors Breakfast
 October 23-25 RCC Teen Retreat
 October 26 Living Room Café
 November 1 Small Groups

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 63
 Sunday Morning Worship 115
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 34
 Contribution \$3,528.00

Nursery Workers . . Jackie Robinson, Lynette Root

Collection Counters . Scott Drumheller, Steve Link

In Our Prayers...

Several of our members and their family and friends are suffering with job issues.

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman, is home from the hospital and, again, they are hoping to do a kidney transplant after his recuperation.

Rob & Molly Carris attend the Cardinal Drive church where Rob is the youth minister. **Molly's dad, Jim Flanigan**, is dying from liver failure after years of alcoholism. **Rob's dad, Bob**, is having a triple-bypass on October 22.

Harold Carter, the father-in-law of Lynette Root's sister, is still in the hospital. They are trying to regulate blood thinners before surgery.

Al Dorsey had surgery this week to repair his internal defibrillator. He is doing well and is at home.

Katy Hollis is an 8th-grader at Ezell-Harding Christian School in Nashville. She has severe respiratory problems.

Max, the gentleman that Joyce Eakins takes care of, is struggling with cancer and is not doing well.

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother, is recuperating from surgery at home. She will be seeing an oncologist soon to find out what her ongoing treatment will be. Alyssa recently graduated from college and lives in Colorado.

Caitlin Mullins has the N1H1 virus and shingles.

Robert Prosser, Sr., father-in-law of Joan Lockett's daughter, Shelley, is suffering with a serious case of skin cancer.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents
 Bonnie Bingham • Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother
 John Day • Al Dorsey & his son, Doug
 Joyce Eakins
 Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson
 Sarah Hayden - Maria Zeisler's relative
 Marie Hayes and her daughter, Sandy Jones
 Mary Henkel - Mike's mother
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother
 Steve Link
 Jack Lockett- father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,
 Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett - Joan's son • Bobbye Miller
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of
 Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson • Pat Ronzheimer
 Stacey Schnaitman - daughter of Bev Scalone
 Kay Schrader • Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin
 Barb Tincher - Jake's mother • Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Lauren Avey - Justin & Joan's daughter-in-law
 Lizz Bartalone - Doris Biancalana's daughter
 Bridgette Fordyce - former member

Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew
 Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew in Baghdad
 Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of
 Lori Plummer
 Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
 Chris Yauch - the husband of Wendell & Margaret
 Mott's granddaughter, Mallory

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown -
 Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)
 Students of Joe Voigts - China
 City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria
 Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria
 Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Mountains

and all hills,

fruit trees

and all cedars!

Beasts and all cattle

creeping things

and flying birds!

Kings of the earth

and all peoples,

princes and

all rulers of the earth!

Young men and

maidens together,

old men and children!

Let them praise

the name of the LORD,

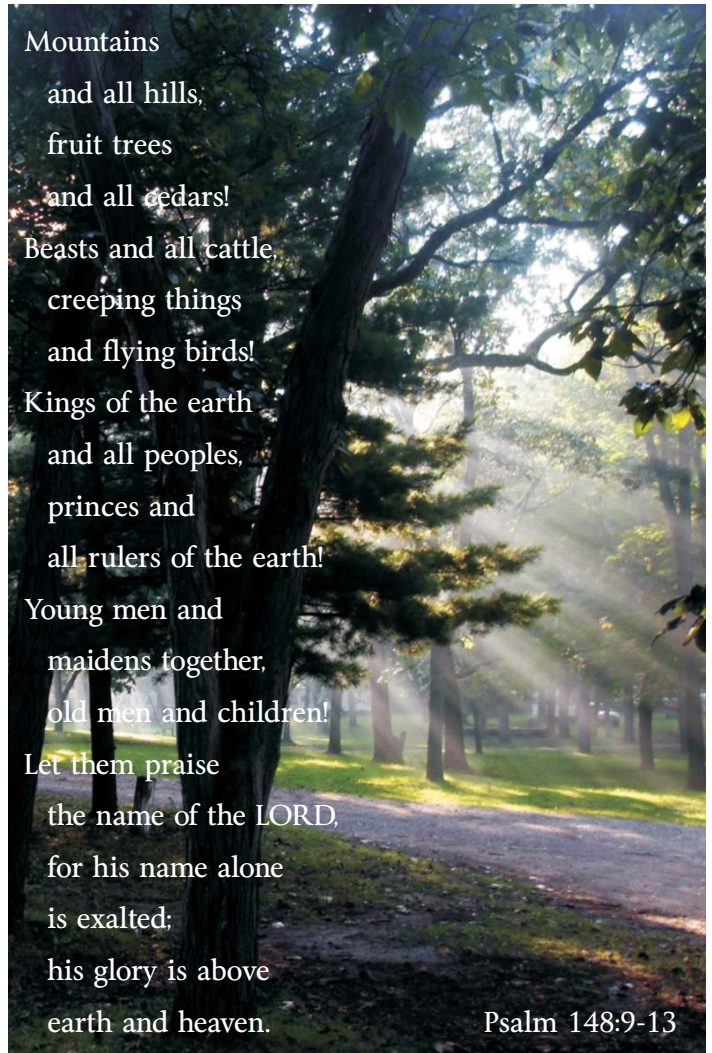
for his name alone

is exalted;

his glory is above

earth and heaven.

Psalm 148:9-13





Small Group Fellowships

Small Group Fellowships begin TODAY! See Cliff, Don or Bob V. to sign up to be part of a group, if you have not done so already. Check the bulletin board in the foyer for an outline of the

lessons we will be covering. **There will be no evening worship at the building on Small Group Sundays.** However, the Small Group led by Dewayne Smith is planning to meet at the church building in the evening on each small group Sunday.

Magi Boxes

Magi Boxes must be at the church building TODAY. Check the display in the foyer for more information and for labels to tape to your boxes. If possible, \$7 should be included with each box to cover the cost of shipping from Healing Hands to Honduras.

You may make a monetary donation to cover shipping expenses. If you have questions or would like to make a donation see Jay or Sally Hearn.



Wednesday Night Ladies Class

The Wednesday Night Ladies Class is studying themes in Proverbs. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday Children's Class

Cindy Drumheller is teaching a Bible class for elementary age kids on Wednesday nights and would love to have your child attend! Or, do you have a friend or neighbor with young children? Invite them to attend the men's or ladies' class with you, and their K-6th grade child can enjoy hearing a Bible story with Cindy.

Teacher Needed

We need a teacher for the children's class on Wednesday night, Oct. 21. Please see Cliff if you can help.

Photo Updates!

It has been three years since we have updated our Photo Directory, so we need your photo. **Sign up in the foyer for the Sunday you would like to have your photo taken.** On that Sunday, go to the end of the foyer after worship and Jay or Rachel Hearn will take your photo. And, please, don't forget to SMILE!



youth & family news

TEENS: The RCC Fall Retreat is just a couple of weeks away - October 23-25. Send your registration in as soon as possible.

PARENTS: Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you'd like to host a Sunday Night, Light in your home.

TEENS & ADULTS: We have opportunities to serve at **The Living Room Café: tomorrow, Monday, October 5 and 26.** We'll leave from the building at 2:30 p.m. each of these days. **Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you can volunteer.**

Chicago Celebration Offering

Some of us were caught by surprise last week when we took up a collection for Chicago Celebration. Our notice in the bulletin was not adequate. So, we will do another collection next Sunday to allow you to participate if you wish. Forgive us for not doing a better job of alerting you last week.

Chili Supper at the Living Room Cafe

We're providing the meal at the Living Room Café on **Monday night, October 26!** The menu will include salad, chili, corn muffins, and Lori's famous bread pudding for dessert. We need to provide all the fixin's for this meal, so **please sign up on the sheet in the foyer for the ingredients you can provide.** (Cash will also be accepted to purchase perishable items like ground beef, eggs and milk.) You do not need to volunteer at the Café in order to provide ingredients, but you're welcome to come along if you want! Items should be brought to the building by Sunday, October 25.



Shults-Lewis Commodity Drive

Shults-Lewis is requesting us to **collect canned soups for their commodity drive this year.** They will come and pick up the items the beginning of December. Also, look for their Christmas wish list, which will be posted on the bulletin board in November. Change cans and used printer cartridges are also a good way for you to assist Shults-Lewis in their efforts to help struggling teens and their families.

