



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

**A**nd Eli'jah came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Ba'al, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. **1 Kings 18:21**

Throughout the history of man, those who have not known the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have created objects to worship from their own imaginations and from the instigation of Satan. All manner of fantastical powers have been ascribed to these objects of superstition and demonic inspiration. Baal, Melkart, Astarte, Chemosh, Moloch were the names of some of those who captured the hearts of God's people through the faithlessness of Israel to their own true God.

Again and again the prophets warned against the influence of idols and of gods which were no gods. Isaiah (ch. 44) mocks those who cut a tree, then use some of the wood for heat, some for cooking their food, and some for creation of an idol which they fall down and worship.

But man has been inclined to decide whom he will worship. The deities he creates give him an excuse for doing as he pleases. The idols of his own mind reflect the wickedness of his own heart. Then, in the name of his self-designed god, he can justify his sin.

God is a jealous God. He wants man to see His spiritual nature. He wants to be seen in the majesty of His own creation, in the timeless beauty of the heavens and the earth.

God wants to be identified with mercy, justice, love and compassion, not power, cruelty, and endless wrath making the lives of men sad, burdensome and bleak. Man can create no suitable image of God, because God is far above man and cannot be comprehended by man.

Even in our own time, we live in an age of idolatry. It is a world of covetousness, of created things, of the comforts of the flesh, the acquisition of which becomes the center of our hearts and the purpose of our lives. And sadly, the pagan idols of those we once called the "heathen" fill our own land like never before.

But our God is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. (**Jn. 4:24**) Only in seeking the invisible God of the Mercy Seat, only in embracing love for our neighbor and in coming to know the longing of the heart of God to dwell with His created people can we find the object of worship which God desires us to find.

*Chuck Miller*

## THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE



# 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.

Bible classes are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

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 and is in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our elders.

**Elders:**

**Don Brewster**                      **Bob Jett**  
**Chuck Miller**                      **Bob Voigts**

**Deacons:**

**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*  
**Paul Stirrup:** *Stewardship & Leadership, Benevolence*



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## This Morning...

Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. Please pass them to the aisle to be picked up before the sermon. 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  
 Singing - *Tim Boyd*  
 Announcements - *Rick Root*  
 Singing  
 Prayer - *Justin Avey*  
 Singing  
 Lord's Supper  
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection  
 Sermon - *Chuck Miller*  
 Singing  
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - *Bob Voigts*  
 Announcements  
 Singing  
 Closing Prayer - *Mike Henkel*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 8 . . . . . Nancy Doggett  
 October 9 . . . . . Rob Brewster  
 October 10 . . . . . Roxanne Whitman  
 October 11 . . . . . Cary Gray

## Dates to Remember

October 5-8 . . . . . RCC Columbus Day Retreat  
 October 7 . . . . . Small Group Fellowship  
 October 11 . . . . . Preachers Breakfast  
 October 13 . . . . . Elder/Deacon Meeting  
 October 14 . . . . . VBS Planning Meeting  
 October 14 . . . . . Sunday Night Light/Teens  
 October 17 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast  
 October 19 . . . . . Mobile Market  
 October 21 . . . . . Small Group Fellowship  
 October 21 . . . . . Connection Point @ Naperville/Teens  
 October 24 & 25 . . . . . Harding Events  
 October 27 . . . . . Fall Fest  
 October 28 . . . . . Sunday Night Light/Teens

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 82  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 122  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 57  
 Contribution . . . . . \$4,164.40  
 Lifeline of Hope . . . . . \$3,165.00

## In Our Prayers...

### Loss of loved one:

**Cheryl Frost**, the wife of Mark Frost who is the preacher in Trenton, Michigan, lost her brother and her mother last week. Her brother passed away after a long illness and her mother passed away unexpectedly.

**Thomas Haggerton, Josephine's nephew**, passed away last week from cancer.

### Updates:

**Leona Boston, Lynette Root's great aunt**, has been very confused and agitated lately. She is 93 years old and in pretty good health.

**Bob Czernik, Chris's husband**, is going to begin chemotherapy and radiation treatments soon.

**Al Keating, an employee of the Henkel's**, had a softball-sized cyst in his neck which was removed by surgery, as well as lymph nodes and the thyroid. He does have cancer and they are discussing his treatment.

**Norval McCord**, Shelby Root's grandfather, suffered a stroke a couple of weeks ago. He is getting stronger and they are making more long-term arrangements for him.

**Jon Mercer** has pain in his right arm.

**Tim Miller** received good reports from his tests. All of his levels are normal and his broken bones are healing well.

**Linda Vantreese** is at Pershing Convalescent Home, 3900 Oak Park Ave., Berwyn, 60402. Call her at 244-2416.

**Bob Voigts** has some lymph nodes that need to be monitored. He will be going in for tests every three months.

**Zach**, the quarterback of the Wheaton College football team, had a brain hematoma.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Andrea Bailey - a former member from California

Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt

Taylor Baum - attends Shelby Root's school

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law

Mary Brent - Joe Kirts' sister

Nancy Brewster

Julie Chavez

John Day

Al Dorsey

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Jean Gray - Linda Vantreese's sister

Elizabeth Griffin

Josephine Haggerton

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend

Joe and Star Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son

Sue Lake - Marion's sister-in-law

Don Lemley

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett - the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley,

Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Joan Lockett

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter

Steve & Melissa Massie family

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of

Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Melinda Poff - the sister of Jason Willis

Neil & Pat Ronzheimer - Nancy Doggett's sister & brother-in-law

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin

Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousin

Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend

Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother

Jim & Jamie Winner

Jeremy & Jim Whitman

Donna Young's parents

Michael Young - Alan's brother

Rick & Gina Zamora

### Mothers-to-be:

Natalie Conner - Sally Hearn's niece

Kelly Ieler

Laura Leo - Bob & Betsy Jett's daughter

Erin Livermore - Craig & Bev's daughter-in-law

### Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings - Justin Avey's employee

Evan Boyd - Tim & Sandy's nephew in Afghanistan

Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law in Iraq along the Iranian border

Dustin Meritt - Justin Avey's employee

Chris & Jennifer Roberts - Cathleen Longfellow's

sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16 months, they have a 1-year-old daughter

David Teel - Justin Avey's employee

John Tokarewich - the father of Sabrina Link's friend

### Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Dry Bones Ministry - homeless teens in Denver, CO

Juan & Roxanna Flores - Honduras

Leonardo Ken & family - Honduras

Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango - Brazil

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers

Joe Voigts - China

## New Babies!

Dan & Linda Vantreese are new grandparents! Tami Urso, their daughter, gave birth to **Patience Eve** on Sunday, September 23. She weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Mother and daughter are doing well!

**Jim & Maria Zeisler** are new grandparents! Their new grandson, **Noah**, was born last Wednesday.

**Rick & Gina Zamora** have a new baby boy. **Dominic Christian** was delivered by emergency C-section on Thursday, October 4th.

*Congratulations to all!*

## The Livermore Family is Expanding!

Craig & Bev Livermore would like to announce that their son and daughter-in-law, Rob & Erin, are expecting their first baby in March.

Also, their son, Ben, is marrying Kristin Konneker on October 13. The wedding ceremony is being held in Crystal Lake, the bride's home town. They will be living in Chicago. *Congratulations to the Livermore family!*

## Loose Change to Loose Chains

Keep collecting your change for Loose Change to Loosen Chains. **The deadline for donations is Sunday, October 28th.**

If you would like more information read the book, *Be the Change*, by Zach Hunter or go to [www.lc2lc.org](http://www.lc2lc.org).



## Youth & Family News

**TEENS:** There is a **Sunday Night Light** next Sunday evening after worship, October 14, at Jon & Jamie's. Parents pick up your teens at 9:00.

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIGHT**

There is a **Connection Point** at the Naperville Church of Christ on Sunday, October 21.

On **Wednesday, October 24**, Marcus Thomas from Harding University, is hosting a pizza supper for the teens here at the building. Be here at 6:30 p.m. for pizza, then listen to Marcus talk about the college during class.

**Harding University** is hosting a dinner at the Olive Garden restaurant in Schaumburg on **Thursday, October 25**



at 6:00 p.m. The dinner is intended for high school juniors and seniors and their parents. You must contact Marcus Thomas, Harding University, if you plan to attend. See the poster on the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

**PARENTS:** If you'd like to host a Sunday Night, Light, please let Cliff know.

## Mark the Date

**Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007**

**2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Registration**

**3:00 p.m. Worship**

**Tinley Park Convention Center  
Tinley Park, Illinois**

*Plan now to attend the first annual meeting of all churches of Christ in the Chicagoland area.*

*This will be a time of prayer, singing and encouragement.*



## Mobile Market

A Mobile Market is scheduled for Friday, October 19 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. A Mobile Market is a large truck of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. It parks in our parking lot so we can distribute food to the community. We need volunteers to help greet our clients, unload the truck, distribute food and help the clients get the food to their car. Please sign-up on the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer. See Bob Voigts or Scott Fordyce if you have questions.

## VBS Planning Meeting

We always say, "let's start early planning VBS!" Well, we're getting started early. Come to a VBS Planning Meeting on Sunday, October 14, immediately following morning worship in the fellowship room. We'll brainstorm ideas and start looking at curriculum. Bring your own lunch!

## www.wcfamily.org

Check out our updated website: www.wcfamily.org. It is a great way to tell your friends about our church family.

## Directories & Photographs

New directories are going to be published soon. Please give any address/phone number updates to Sally as soon as possible. If you would like an updated photograph for the directory, please see Jon and Paul Mercer. Smile!

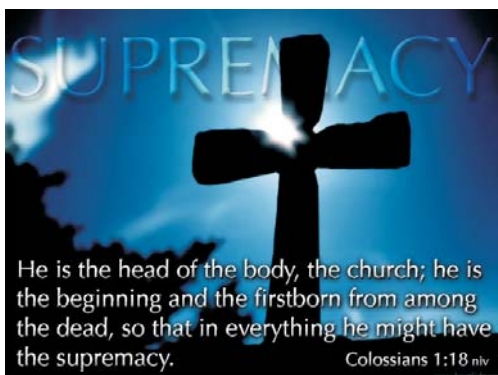
## Small Groups

Small Group Fellowships begin today. If you are new to our church family or are visiting and would like to join a group, please see Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts. The same groups will continue with the following dates: October 7 & 14, November 4 & 18. There is no evening service on Small Group Sundays.



## Collection Counters

Justin Avey, Mike Henkel



# Fall Fest

Saturday, October 27

2:00 p.m.: Games/Activities

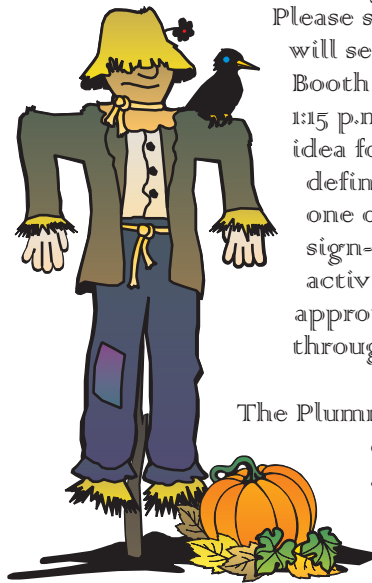
4:00 p.m.: Hotdog/Marshmallow Roast

Entrance "fee": a can or box of food for the food pantry (veggies, spaghetti or a dry mix)

## Families come join the fun!

Volunteers are needed to make this a great event for everyone! A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the foyer that includes a list of "ideas" for games and activities.

Please sign up for the booth you will set-up, supply and run. Booth set-up time will begin at 1:15 p.m. If you have your own idea for a game or activity, it is definitely welcome, just fill in one of the "other" lines on the sign-up sheet. Games & activities should be appropriate for preschoolers through 6th graders.



The Plummers and the Stirrups are coordinating the event and will help you, if needed.



## Nursery Workers

Sandy Boyd, Jackie Robinson



## Magi Boxes

Magi Boxes are due TODAY! If you would still like to contribute, you can donate money to help with shipping costs. Give cash or checks (written to our church) to one of the elders or deacons.

On a side note: if anyone is planning a trip to Nashville, TN soon, let Jay or Sally know.

# SMALL GROUPS

## West Chicago Church

### Group 1

The families of:

Justin & Joan Avey  
Mike & Lisa Henkel  
\* Jeff & Kelly Ieler  
John & Joanne Johnson  
Cyndi Perez

*\*denotes leader*

*This group is meeting on Saturday evenings.*

### Group 2

The families of:

Josephine Haggerton  
Joe & Terrie Kirts  
Sarah Miller  
\* Rick & Lynette Root  
Dewayne & Marilyn Smith  
Kyle & Kelie Wheeler

*\*denotes leader*

### Group 3

The families of:

Bonnie Bingham  
\* Tim & Sandy Boyd  
Don & Theresa Lemley  
Steve & Melissa Massie  
Jon & Paul Mercer  
Chester & Kim Sitler

*\*denotes leader*

### Group 4

The families of:

Tom & Nancy Doggett  
Marie Hayes  
Jay & Sally Hearn  
Shirley Rucker  
Pat Ronzheimer

\* Paul & Marianne Stirrup

*\*denotes leader*

### Group 5

The families of:

John & Bev Day  
Peter Drumheller  
\* Scott & Bridgette Fordyce  
Ryan Heather  
Dana Howard  
Marion & Nana Lake  
Rhonda Triplett

*\*denotes leader*

### Group 6

The families of:

Doris Biancalana  
Scott & Carrie Drumheller  
Cary & Emily Gray  
Steve & Theresa Link  
Jon & Jamie Miller

\* Cliff & Lori Plummer

*\*denotes leader*

### Group 7

The families of:

Joan & Charlie Lockett  
Mike Mathews  
Paul & Molly Mullins  
John & Becky Pedersen  
\* Curt & Jackie Robinson  
Frances Schearer

*\*denotes leader*

*This group is meeting on Sunday evenings.*

### Small Group Meeting Dates this Fall:

Oct. 7  
Oct. 21  
Nov. 4  
Nov. 18

These group lists are subject to change. While we did not get a survey from all of our members, we tried to accommodate everyone's preferences from those surveys that were returned. If you need to change groups, please contact Don Brewster, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts.

If you do not find your name on one of these lists and would like to participate in the Small Groups program, please contact Don, Cliff or Bob V.

