



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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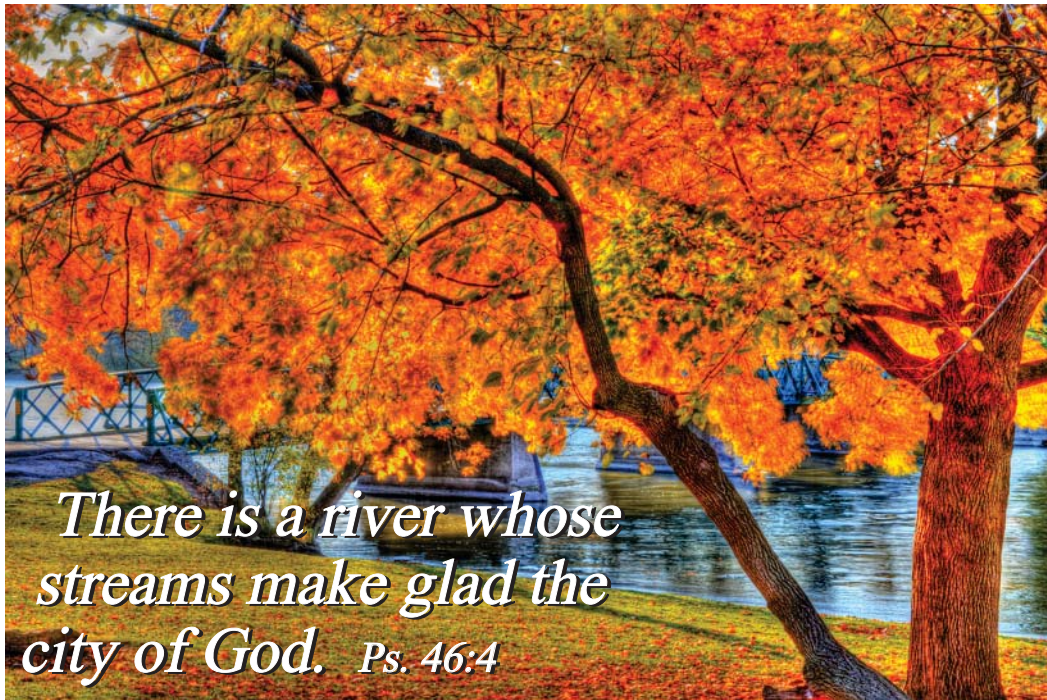
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## A Preacher's Perspective

Rivers are a joy to our spirits. Certainly man always looked for rivers as places to live in order to be near a plentiful supply of water for their crops and for their own use. But God has also built into us a love of the waters as beauty and as a symbol of His grace.

Rivers refresh our souls. Clear water gliding over smooth stones is hypnotic in its beauty. How pleasant to sit by streams and think, pray, rest. If you happen to have gear to fish, so much the better!

A walk on an afternoon in the fall, with leaves turning spectacular and falling to rustle at our feet, is a preparation of our hearts for cold and harsh days to come soon.



*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God. Ps. 46:4*

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*...the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb...*

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I like the river text from **Psalm 46**: *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.* I think that looks ahead to the wonderful prophecy of **Revelation** which points us to the ultimate river scene of all of

scripture:

*<sup>1</sup>Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Revelation 22:1-2 (RSV)*

Don't you love to sit by that prophecy and gaze into the holy waters from the throne? "The healing of the nations." How our nations need healing. What

waters of mercy and grace are required to still the anger and hatred, to lift the eyes of men to God and to one another in love and fellowship.

No ordinary stream could achieve such blessing. No river of earth could wash

away Adam's sin. But God's sweet river of life will finally bathe us all in His love and refresh our souls eternally.

When you make your autumn walks by some river (none are more beautiful than the Fox, in my opinion), take a moment, as the waters glide past, to look deeply into them and see the river from the throne of God which is a sweet promise of prophecy to all those who are being redeemed.

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 begin at 9:30 and 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 teen room at the back of the auditorium. The adult class meets in the fellowship room.

Our Community Groups meet every Sunday throughout the year, except for the last Sunday of each month. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a time of praise and fellowship.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following 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 Chuck Miller

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership  
 Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence  
 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 (last Sunday of each month) . . . 6:00 p.m.  
 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.

### Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays . . . . . *Curt Robinson*  
 Kids Connection. . . . . *Jon Miller*  
 Praise Songs . . . . . *Dewayne Smith*  
     *Romans 12:1-2*  
     #100 & 101 *Holy Ground*  
     *Romans 8:9-11*  
     #731 *Take Time to be Holy*  
     #47 *Holy, Holy, Holy*  
     #337 *Hallelujah! What a Savior!*  
 Communion . . . . . *Don Brewster*  
     #382 *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?*  
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection  
 Sermon . . . . . *Chuck Miller*  
     #791 *On Bended Knee I Come*  
 Prayer Cards . . . . . *Don Brewster*  
     #647 *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 8 . . . . . Nancy Doggett  
 October 9 . . . . . Rob Brewster  
 October 10 . . . . . Roxanne Whitman

## Dates to Remember

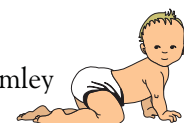
TODAY . . . . . Community Groups  
 October 8 . . . . . Living Room Café  
 October 8 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 October 9 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class  
 October 10 . . . . . Wednesday Bible Class  
 October 12 . . . . . No Mens Prayer & Pancakes  
 October 14 . . . . . Guest Speaker from Lipscomb  
 October 14 . . . . . Octoberfest  
 October 15 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 October 16 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class  
 October 17 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast

## Records You Helped Make

Contribution . . . . . \$3,221.90

## Nursery Workers

Maryssa Dean, Theresa Lemley



## Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



## In Our Prayers...

**Continue to pray for Doka and his family and friends.** Their situation in northern Nigeria is quite dire with the constant threat of violence and lack of food. A drip-irrigation project is in the works and it will need funding. Please see Chuck if you are interested in actually going to Nigeria to help with this effort.

**A friend of Tracy Wright, Heather,** lost her husband unexpectedly this week. She has known the couple since they were all in kindergarten together and the news has really hit her hard. Their names are Santos and Heather. They have 3 children, a 17, a 15, and an 1½ year old. They live in Kansas.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s brother  
 Justin Avey  
 Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root’s parents  
 Herman Biggers – Josephine Haggerton’s brother  
 Nancy Brewster  
 Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller’s parents  
 Chris Czernik  
 John Day  
 Al Dorsey  
 Doug Dorsey – Al’s son  
 Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett’s nephew  
 Rachel Goodman (Jinkerson)  
 Josephine Haggerton  
 Cliff Holladay – a friend of the Miller’s  
 Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton’s nephew  
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen’s sister  
 Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins  
 Pat Johnson – Dana Howard’s aunt  
 Sue Lake – Marion’s sister-in-law  
 John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim  
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman’s niece  
 Don Lemley  
 Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson’s mother  
 Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen  
 Mike Lockett – Joan’s son  
 Joan Mullins – Paul’s mother  
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik’s nephew & the son of Marion Lake’s cousin  
 Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff  
 Scott Robinson – Curt’s brother  
 Jose Olan Santeliz – Mission Lazarus  
 Kay Schrader  
 Phyllis Sitler  
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts’ cousins  
 Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler’s parents  
 Jim Whitman

### Moms-to-Be:

Eryn Tribble – former member

### Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s grand-nephew, Afghanistan  
 Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard’s nephew  
 Kristen Hauser – a friend of the Avey’s, Afghanistan  
 Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni  
 Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root’s friend, Iraq  
 Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

### Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico  
 Obadiah Doka – Nigeria  
 Living Room Café – Chicago  
 Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti  
 Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers  
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan  
 Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago  
 Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea  
 Students of Joe Voigts – China  
 Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

## Bible Class Teachers

Our next rotation for Sunday morning Bible Class teachers will begin Sunday, October 28. Please consider teaching this session to give some of our other teachers a break. Speak with Cindy Drumheller directly if you are interested.

## Shults-Lewis Commodity

This year we are collecting pineapple and snacks for the Shults-Lewis Commodity Drive. They will be here the week of December 2 to pick them up. We also received a thank you note for our change cans. According to their records the change total was \$501.52.



Jarrod, Ally, Soledad & Levi Brown

## Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet TODAY. "... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. – Acts 2:46-47



West Chicago Community Groups



## Baptism!

We are very pleased to announce that **Catherine Henkel** was baptized on Sunday, September 23. Catherine is an exceptional young lady and we pray that God richly blesses her throughout her life. Her family is very proud of her, Mike & Lisa, Daniel, Margaret and Elizabeth.

## Living Room Café

We serve at the Living Room Café tomorrow, **October 8**. We will leave the church building around 2:30 p.m. Please let Chuck know if you plan to go.

## Wedding Reception

**Congratulations to Blake & Melia Mullins!** They were married on September 22 in Oklahoma. You are invited to a Lunch Reception on Saturday, October 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Riverview Banquets, 1117 N. Washington Ave. in Batavia. Lunch is served at noon. An invitation is posted in the foyer. **You must RSVP by calling Molly at 630-761-4274 by Friday, October 12.**

## Lipscomb Live!

Lipscomb University is hosting a **Celebration Reception** for alumni, friends and prospective students at 6:30 p.m. at The Palmer House, 17 East Monroe Street in Chicago. (Free parking!) Everyone is welcome to attend. **Please register** at [www.lipscomb.edu/lulive/chicago-register](http://www.lipscomb.edu/lulive/chicago-register).

## Octoberfest!

Next Sunday, October 14, we will gather together for an Octoberfest!

4:00 p.m. – Activities and Games: Baggies, Horseshoes, Kickball, Sack Races, etc.

6:00 p.m. – Cookout: Brats, hot dogs, etc.

7:00 p.m. – Campfire singing; RCC Video

Sign up in the foyer to bring food and supplies.

**Invite your friends!**



### Do You Want to Know More About Harding?

Marcus Thomas will be at Aurelio's Pizza in Addison on Thursday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided for high school juniors and seniors. We must RSVP by tomorrow, October 8.

There will be **A Gathering of the Jesus Freaks** at Brian & Shannon's home on Sunday, October 21, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

## Teen Parent Connection

**Teen Parent Connection meetings** are on Mondays this year. Please let Sally know if you are willing to provide and/or serve a meal. Menu ideas are listed on the bulletin board. If you need, you may bring the food on Sunday so it is available for someone else to serve on Monday. **Please note:** funds have been donated to pay for TPC meals. Give any receipts to Chuck or Don for reimbursement.

According to [www.teenparentconnection.org](http://www.teenparentconnection.org), teen pregnancy is a reality in our community.

- According to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, 1 in 3 women will become pregnant before the age of 20.
- There are nearly 500 births to teens in DuPage County each year. The communities with the highest rates of teen pregnancy are West Chicago and Addison.
- Teen Parent Connection, served 478 teen parents and their children last program year.
- The leading cause of high school drop-outs nationwide? Teen pregnancy.
- 96% of Teen Parent Connection group participants are enrolled in high school or a GED program.
- Children born to teens are more likely to be abused, neglected, fall behind in school, and have poor health outcomes.

Teen Parent Connection offers teen parent support and education by connecting families to necessary medical resources, promoting parent-child bonding, and helping young parents understand the importance of early childhood education.

This is just a reminder of how important this agency is to young families in our community. Please consider supporting their meetings by providing and serving a meal.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." – Matthew 19:14*