



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

1 We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.² For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment,³ how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

⁴ God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:1-4 (NIV)

Paying attention to what we have heard is the vital link between

faithfulness to God from one generation to another.

The Holy Spirit rekindles in each generation the burning passion for truth and the fountain of love which binds together the hearts of God's people. He chooses his people through the gospel. The sheep who hear the voice of the shepherd respond to the gospel message and are called to follow that voice.

You and I cannot tell who are the sheep of God by

any external markers. It is the stirring of the soul which generates the discipleship of God's people.

We are very blessed in our church family to have many who are hungry for the Word and who are paying careful attention to that message, who in these last days, was proclaimed by the Lord, Himself.

Today, John Johnson, Jon Miller, Brian Gifford, and Curt Robinson will be sharing their testimonies of how the Light of Jesus has impacted their lives. I

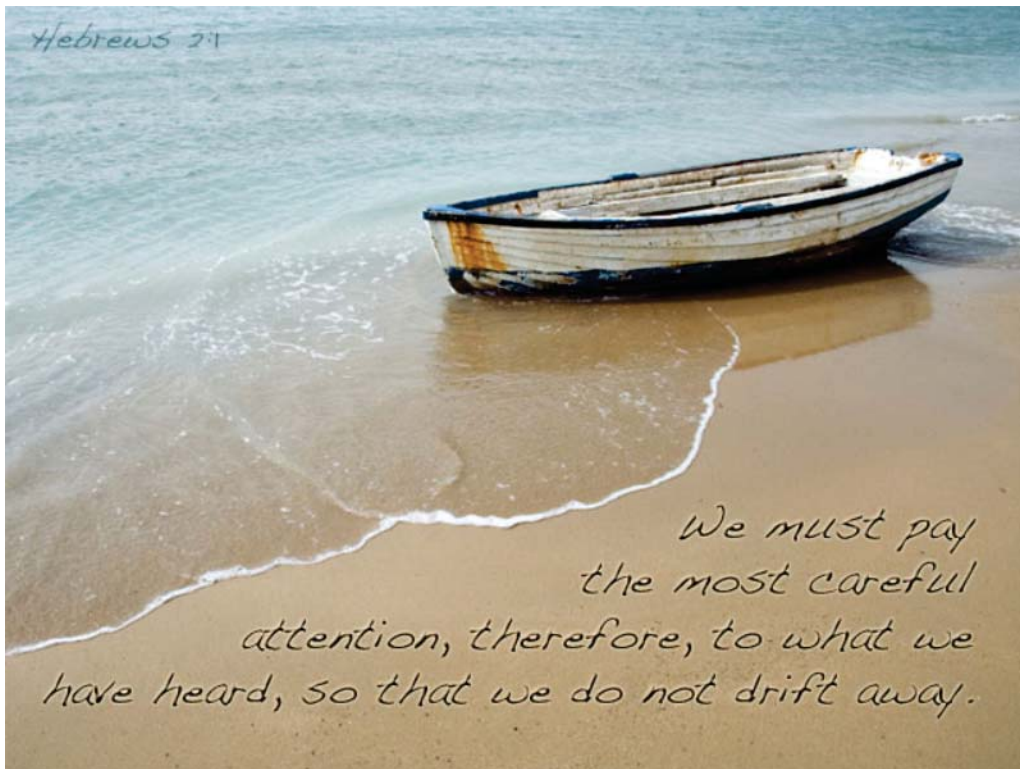
am so grateful for their stepping up to speak as I recuperate from my surgical experience.

I want to tell all of you how humbling it has been to receive all your prayers and wishes for good recovery.

You are such a blessing to me and Bobbye.

When I think of the joy and kindness you have showered us with, there are just no words to adequately express our feelings. Maybe Paul's words work best: "We thank our God upon every remembrance of you."

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>

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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.

Order of Worship

Welcome, Scripture & Prayer Don Brewster

Kids Connection Jon Miller

Praise Songs. Dewayne Smith

Scripture: *John 1:1-9*

#290 *Shine, Jesus Shine*

#650 *Send the Light*

Testimony of **John Johnson**

Scripture: *John 8:12; 9:4-5; 12:34-36, 46-48*

#773 *Again the Lord of Light and Life*

#412 *Jesus Hold My Hand*

Testimony of **Jon Miller**

#611 *Heavenly Sunlight*

Communion Message Bob Jett

#337 *Hallelujah, What a Savior*

Testimony of **Brian Gifford & Curt Robinson**

#927 *Why Keep Jesus Waiting?*

Prayer Cards Bob Voigts

Closing Song Dewayne Smith

#464 *Because He Lives*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 9 Rob Brewster

October 10. Roxanne Whitman

October 14 Royal Day, Ian Voigts

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups

October 10 Living Room Café

October 11 Tuesday Morning Ladies Class

October 11 Magi Boxes Picked Up by HHI

October 13 Preachers Breakfast

October 13 Teen Parent Connection

October 14 Mens Prayer Breakfast

October 16 Community Groups

October 18 Tuesday Morning Ladies Class

October 19 Senior Breakfast

October 20 Teen Parent Connection

October 21 Mens Prayer Breakfast

October 23 Community Groups, Connection Point

October 30 Praise Sunday!

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$3,662.01

Nursery Workers Lynette & Shelby Root

Collection Counters Mike Henkel, Jeff Ieler

In Our Prayers...

Al Dorsey is home from the hospital but is on a regime of IV antibiotics for several weeks and then permanent oral antibiotics. He is doing better and is hoping to be at worship with us.

Joyce Duke, Bobbie Whitman's sister, suffers with several health issues. She recently started chemotherapy for cancer on her face.

Heaven, Chris Czernik's daughter, is having surgery tomorrow to remove a large mass in her abdomen.

Daniel Henkel is doing much better and worshiped with us last week.

Myrna Levake suffered a stroke a couple of weeks ago. She is at Marionjoy Rehabilitation Center. She is doing much better – sitting up in a wheelchair and talking.

Chuck Miller had surgery on Wednesday for prostate cancer. He got home from the hospital on Thursday. He is waiting to see if the surgery got rid of all of the cancer.

Nathan & Sarah Rentschler, Sally Hearn's niece and nephew, are the proud parents of Gibson Stanley. He was born Monday evening with no complications. It's taking several days for Sarah's rash to go away.

Bob Voigts started chemotherapy this week and didn't feel well for a couple of days. His prognosis is very good, since the nodes are very small and he is trying a newly approved drug. The treatments will be two days in a row once a month for four months.

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
 Bonnie Bingham
 Nancy Brewster
 John Day
 Doug Dorsey – Al's son
 Joyce Eakins's siblings
 Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew
 Lisa Gleason – Dana Howard's sister
 Josephine Haggerton
 Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister
 Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett – Joan's son
 John Maupin – Rachel Hearn's friend
 Joan Mullins – Paul's mother
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff

J.D. Potts – the father of Cyndi Perez
 Scott Robinson – Curt's brother
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins
 Bob Stiger, Bobby Miller's brother in law
 Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents
 Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Beth Amato – Bob & Betsy Jett's daughter
 Nana Dukeman – Marion Lake's niece
 Shannon Manny – John & Becky Pedersen's daughter
 Jamie Miller

Armed forces:

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

Missions:

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

Magi Boxes

Healing Hands International will pick up the Magi Boxes Tuesday afternoon, October 11.



A Magi Box is a simple shoe box, wrapped in Christmas wrapping and packed with toys, hygiene supplies, and clothing. The boxes we prepare go to Mission Lazarus in Honduras. You may:

1. **Put together your own Magi Box.** Purchase items for a boy or girl within an age group. Place the items in a wrapped shoe box following the specific instructions. Include \$7 in the box to cover the cost of shipping the box from Nashville to Honduras. Secure the box with a rubber band and attach the gender/age group label. (Specific instructions are available in the foyer.)
2. **You may make a monetary donation.** \$7 is needed per Magi Box to cover the cost of shipping each box from Healing Hands in Nashville to Mission Lazarus in Honduras. Give funds to Sally or Frances.

Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet today. The list of groups is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. A couple of reminders from a recent sermon: Our purpose for the Community Groups is to 1) provide time together in a less structured setting than our Sunday morning worship and 2) grow in love by connecting with others. Some questions to ask yourself, "How can I give more of myself?" and "How is the enemy blinding me to the beauty and goodness of the saints?"



Living Room Café

Tomorrow is our scheduled trip to downtown Chicago to the Living Room Café. We will leave the church building around 2:30 p.m. The café provides restaurant-style meals and other services to homeless men and women in a therapeutic community that promotes dignity and respect. Please see Julie Dean or Don Brewster if you plan to go.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection meets at our building on Thursday evenings. Their mission is to serve the community through education on the realities and responsibilities of teenage pregnancy and through long-term assistance to adolescent parents for their development of self-esteem, parenting skills, and empowerment towards self-sufficiency. If you are willing to prepare a meal for approximately 15 people, see Sally.

Wheelers to Move

We are very sorry to learn that Kyle and Kelie Wheeler will be moving to Oklahoma. Kelie has already moved because of a job opening there. Kyle will be here until the end of the year. Kelie's address is: 1829 NW 145th St., Edmond, OK 73013. Email: Kelie.Wheeler@allstate.com.

A care package is being sent to Klinton Wheeler on the third Wednesday evening of each month. If you would like to make a cash donation, the shipping is around \$12 for each package that is sent.

No Giveaway Items

Please refrain from bringing items to the church building that you no longer want. We do not have regular giveaways scheduled and the items clutter up the foyer. There are several local charities that are set up for that type of distribution – St. Vincent's and Goodwill.



Connection Point is scheduled for Sunday, October 23 at Cardinal Drive Church of Christ from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the teen room. The Cardinal Drive teens are planning a great worship time, great games and other fun activities!

A blog has been created for our teens – <http://wcteens.wordpress.com>. Log on and contribute your thoughts.

Teens! We would like to have your cell phone number and/or an e-mail address to be able to contact you on a regular basis. A directory has been started and is located on the desk in the teen room. Please add your information or check what is already included.

Young Ladies! Mark your calendar for Friday through Saturday, November 18-19 for a Purity Retreat. This event is open for those who have already attended a Purity Retreat in the past and for those who have not. Plan to invite your friends!



Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Class meets at 10:00 a.m. We are studying I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon. A couple of extra books were purchased, so see Pat Brewster to join the class.

Coat Drive

We would like to assist World Relief with a coat drive. Emily Gray says most of the newly arriving refugees get to the Chicago-area either without a coat or with one that is inadequate for a Chicago winter. All sizes are needed for young and old alike. Coats can be gently used or new. A box will be available in the foyer soon. Deadline: November 13!

