



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV)**

A new heart. Quite a promise from God through Ezekiel. Exchanging our "heart of stone" for a "heart of flesh."

Scripture has always pointed to the heart as the essence of our humanity. The Proverb reminds us, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." **Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)**

But the heart of man is not, by nature, good. Jeremiah wrote, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" **Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)**

Man's heart was corrupted in Eden, and it is only by the inspiration of scripture and the instruction of the Holy

Spirit that we can find our way back to that heart condition for which we deeply yearn.

After his horrible sin in the matter of Uriah the Hittite, David pleads with God, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." **Psalms 51:10 (RSV)** It is the surgery of God which effects in us a newness, a fresh hope and heart.

In our study of the Sermon on the Mount, we have looked at the challenge of Jesus to understand a new righteousness, one which exceeds that of the Pharisees

and Scribes. The new vision which Jesus shows us begins in the heart. Murder, adultery, vows, revenge, marriage, and love all need redefining by the heart of God so that our hearts can see with clarity. In His frequent challenges to the religious establishment of His day, Jesus again and again demonstrates the defectiveness of their hearts.

They couldn't see that the temple was greater than its gold. They loved gold. To them, the temple's significance was that it was a place to accumulate gold.

They couldn't see that the altar sanctified the sacrifice. They loved possessions more than worship.

They specialized in minutia, getting down the spice jars to be sure to give God His share. But they

neglected what God really wanted—their hearts. The "weighty" matters of the law—love, justice, and mercy—were of no concern to the Pharisees and Scribes. These weighty matters were heart matters.



In our day, just as in Jesus' time, we are tempted to look at the trivial and neglect an inventory of the heart. The psalmist wrote, "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" **Psalms 139:23-24 (RSV)**

That's a prayer for every age, a prayer for us.

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. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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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

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 (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 & Prayer Curt Robinson
- Kids Connection. Bob Jett
- Scripture Reading Steve Link
- Praise Songs Dewayne Smith
 - #844 Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah
 - #23 Our God, He is Alive
 - #770 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
 - #51 Father of Mercies
 - #823 Lead Me Gently Home, Father
- Communion Message. Don Brewster
 - #334 'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow
- Communion
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon Chuck Miller
- Invitation Song Dewayne Smith
 - #944 What Shall it Be?
- Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts
- Closing Song Dewayne Smith
 - #1025 God of Our Fathers

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- October 10. Sherry Watson, Roxane Whitman
- October 14 Royal Day

Dates to Remember

- TODAY. Community Groups
- October 11 Living Room Café
- October 13 Kid's Club
- October 14 Preachers Breakfast
- October 14 Teen Parent Connection
- October 15. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- October 17. Community Groups
- October 20 Seniors Breakfast, Kid's Club
- October 22. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- October 24 Leadership Meeting, Praise Sunday!
- October 27 Kid's Club
- October 28 Teen Parent Connection
- October 30 Chicago Celebration
- October 31. Community Groups, Chicago Celebration

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 46
- Sunday Morning Worship 97
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class. 31
- Contribution \$3,627.00
- Contribution for Magi Boxes \$1,351.25

- Nursery Workers Lynette & Shelby Root
- Collection Counters Justin Avey, Mike Henkel

In Our Prayers...

Lisa Devaney (Marie Hayes' daughter) called with two prayer requests. **Karina Hays** (Lisa's great-grandniece) is a newborn with some serious health problems. She has had a stroke and seizures. Also, **Gary**, the father of **Jake and Chad Englebach**, has cancer.

Donna Hentsch, a friend of **Marion Lake**, is having problems with her cornea and needs a synthetic cornea implanted.

Doris McCord, **Shelby Root's** grandmother, suffered a stroke a couple of weeks ago and is undergoing physical therapy. She may be going to a nursing home.

J.D. Potts, the father of **Cyndi Perez**, is not doing well.

Gary Shepard, **Marion Lake's** cousin, passed away this week after suffering a massive heart attack.

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
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother
 Daphene Collins - Chuck Miller's cousin
 John Day
 Joyce Duke - Bobbie Whitman's sister
 Joyce Eakins's brother, Hubert
 Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew
 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
 Don Lemley
 Myrna Levake
 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
 Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother
 Bobbye Miller
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Helen Plummer - the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff Kay Schrader
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins
 Barb Tinchler - Jake's mother
 Jim Whitman

Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew
 Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is in Afghanistan

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, friend of Lori

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Jonathon Young - a Warrant Officer in the army

Missionaries:

Mission Lazarus - Honduras

Students of Joe Voigts - China

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Chicago Celebration

Mark your calendar for Chicago Celebration!

- Saturday, October 30, 2010 - Sheldon Heights Church of Christ, 11325 S. Halsted Street, Chicago
- Sunday, October 31, 2010 - Waterford Banquet & Conference Center, 933 S. Riverside Drive, Elmhurst

Campbell Soup Labels

Campbell Soup Labels are being donated to Shults-Lewis. A box is located in the foyer on the table by the photo directory. Cleta Watson will be sending the labels on a regular basis.



Sermon on the Mount Series

We are beginning a series of lessons on the Sermon on the Mount. There are many ways you can take advantage of all the opportunities to study this important topic.

1. Check our Facebook group - "West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount"
 - * You must be a member of Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com and complete the information on the home page.
 - * If you are already a member of Facebook, log on as usual and search for "West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount."
2. Go to our website: www.wcfamily.org and click on the "Sermon on the Mount" logo.
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Community Groups

Community Groups meet today! If you are visiting and would like to take part in a group, please see Don Brewster or Kenn Watson immediately following worship.

Living Room Café

We are scheduled to serve at the Living Room Café tomorrow Monday, October 11. Sign up in the foyer if you plan to go. See Julie Dean or Chuck Miller with questions.

Road Rally

Calling all Puzzle Solvers! We have rescheduled the Road Rally! Your presence is requested on **Saturday, October 16, at 3:00 p.m.** for the Treasure Hunt. Dinner will be provided in the fellowship room after the hunt. We anticipate the conclusion of the hunt and meal to be around 6:15 p.m. Please RSVP by signing the sheet in the foyer or speaking with John or Bev Day TODAY!

Youth Ministry

EDUCATION:

We want to help insure that we have an evangelistic and outstanding Bible School, offering classes for all children cradle roll through young adults.

- **PARENTS:** If their child has any special needs (diet, instruction, etc.) during Bible classes, please contact Cindy Drumheller. We want to be sensitive to the learning needs of all children.
- **Teachers and substitutes are needed** for our next rotation, which will begin December 5. Contact Cindy Drumheller, asap!
- **Our Wednesday night Bible classes will start right at 7:00 p.m.** and go until 7:45 p.m. beginning this Wednesday, October 6. This should allow parents to get their children home earlier. A 15-minute devotional will continue from 7:45 to 8:00 for those who can stay.

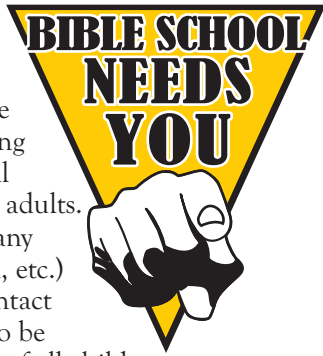
YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES:

During the Parents of Teens Meeting last week, it was decided that parents and families would sign up on a monthly basis to hold a youth group activity. The activity could be a devotional, outing or service project. Please see Sandy Boyd if you are interested in hosting an event.

Please prayerfully consider being part of this important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Curt Robinson, Chuck or Don.

Magi Boxes

The Magi Boxes were picked up on Tuesday by Healing Hands International. Our church family put together 110 boxes and Service Decorating donated 300 boxes. Thank you to everyone for their contribution!



October Calendar!

Please note the following changes to our October calendar. The following Sundays will be affected:

October 17: Community Groups

October 24: Leadership Meeting and Praise Sunday! (No Community Groups)

October 31: Community Groups AND Chicago Celebration

Orphan Sunday

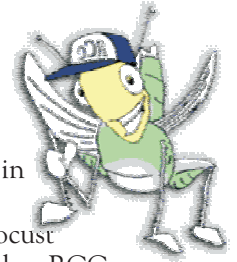
Churches of Christ Helping Orphans has scheduled their **8th Annual Orphan Sunday on November 14.** We will have a special contribution that day to be sent to Lifeline of Hope. Please write "Orphan Sunday" in the memo line of your check. For more information go to www.churchesofchristhelpingorphans.org.

Food Pantry Volunteers

We would like to open up the opportunity for members to serve food pantry clients. Please see Frances or Sally if you have a 2-hour block of time you can spend working in the pantry on a monthly basis. It is helpful if you have a partner to help serve. Also, this can include weekends or evenings.

RCC Cabin Keeper's Foundation

We want to encourage you to enroll in the **Rockford Christian Camp Cabin Keeper's Foundation.** Join Lenny the Locust in standing shoulder to shoulder with other RCC supporters to make a small monthly contribution to support the work at Rockford Christian Camp. We have enrollment forms available in the foyer or you can enroll online. Our goal is 40 families from West Chicago! If you can help, please see Don or Chuck.



Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Ladies Class will begin meeting again in **November at 10:00 a.m. at the church building.** Please let Sherry Watson know if you plan to attend, so she can order study books. The class will begin one week after the books are distributed.

Kids Club!

Christina Cortez is using our building for an after-school enrichment program for Turner Elementary School called **Kid's Club** on Wednesdays from 2:45 - 5:00 p.m. The program provides homework help, snacks, games, activities, and Bible stories. The purpose of the club is to provide a fun and safe environment for students who need help with homework. **If you would like to help or would like to donate snacks or craft supplies, please contact Christina** at 630-440-0356 or sign up on the sheet in the foyer.