



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Our age is an age of data. It's amazing how quickly the technology has changed to allow us to store, transmit, share and save our information. (Whether it's worth saving and sharing is another question.)

Remember the floppy disk? It handled a huge 1.44 mega(million)bytes . It did a great job in its time, but the newest computers don't even have a floppy drive. Then there was the Zip Disk. Wow. We could handle 100 megabytes.

Now we love those little USB drives and the tiny SD cards. I have one about half the size of a potato chip which holds 16 gigabytes of information! That's billion, not million!

But when so much information is in one place, it can all be lost very quickly. That happened to me last week, and I had to use a data recovery program to find and restore my lost files.

Don Lemley is one of our brothers who is a major geek (that means a technical person~not an insult). He helped me locate the program to retrieve the information and he is one of my expert consultants about such things.

As we talked and discussed data restoration, we made the connection to our need for restoration spiritually.

There are many applications of these ideas to our spiritual lives, and you will come up with your own, I'm sure. We all need to be restored to God because of sin. The gospel is our means of restoration and reconciliation through Jesus.

But we have significant data loss beyond just the state of grace in which we live. The sin of Eden has corrupted our senses and our spiritual perception. When we interact with one another, we are often unaware of the deeper needs and clues of the heart which could enrich our relationships.

Lack of our understanding of important spiritual principles is exploited by our enemy to tempt us to wrong thinking and to actions which separate us from God's heart and from our Christian community. We have been corrupted and we are all in need of a completely new "operating system" or way of thinking.

Now, this may be lost on you non-computer folks, but think about this. You may have seen the commercial. The huge company, Microsoft, has been trying to get people to buy the new computer operating system called "Vista." Many have heard negative things about it. So Microsoft played a trick. They invited people to try a new system called "Mojave."

When they got a good response, they revealed it was really just "Vista" in disguise. The skeptics were converted.

We need to use all our creative energy to challenge our neighbors to understand that only by opening their hearts to the Holy Spirit and to God's great love and salvation can they discover who they were really meant to be. Only God can fill the special hunger in every heart, because He is our Creator.

What the world has heard about God has usually been a lie. They need to encounter the truth. Let's share it and demonstrate it.

We all need to be restored.



Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

Psalm 80:3

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.
 (The Sunday Morning Worship is interpreted for the deaf.)
 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
 Chuck Miller

Bob Jett
 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 - Jay Hearn
- Announcements - Cliff Plummer
- Singing
- Prayer - Scott Drumheller
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Steve Massie

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- October 13 John & Cleta Watson (anv.)
- October 14 Royal Day, Ian Voigts
- October 17 Mark & Tammy Ross (anv.)
- October 18 Daniel Triplett

Dates to Remember

- October 10-12 RCC Labor Day Retreat
- October 15 Seniors Breakfast
- October 18 Shults-Lewis Youth Rally
- October 19 Small Groups
- October 25-26 Chicago Celebration
- November 1 Mobile Pantry/Sleep Out Saturday

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 61
- Sunday Morning Worship 129
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 30
- Contribution \$4,095.55

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Sandy Boyd



Collection Counters

Rick Root, Paul Stirrup



In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, is having surgery on Wednesday. He is having a heart bypass, his carotid artery cleaned and his aorta valve repaired. Once he recuperates from this surgery, he will have a kidney transplant. He will be in a hospital in Memphis.

Harold Carter, the father-in-law of Lynette Root's sister, is in the hospital for tests.

Jim Condit, Marion Lake's brother-in-law, had aortic valve replacement surgery on Thursday. Please pray for a quick recovery.

Judy Phipps, Marion Lake's sister, needs a new place to live – close to public transportation, close to her job and big enough for her and her three sons.

Chester Sitler is having out-patient surgery Thursday.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Sylvia Atten – Dana Howard's friend

Justin Avey

Irene Barnes – Lynette Root's aunt

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly – Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

Leona Boston – Lynette Root's aunt

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

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

John Day

Lisa DeVaney – Marie Hayes's daughter

Al Dorsey and his son Doug

Chad Englebach – Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson – a former member from Montana

Sarah Hayden & family – Maria Zeisler's relative

Marie Hayes

Mary Henkel – Mike's mother

Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister

Sandy Jones – Marie Hayes's daughter

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

Joe, Star and Sky Kuhnle – Chuck & Bobbye's foster son

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

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

Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett – Joan's son

Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's niece

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and

the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts cousins

Mothers-to-be:

Laura Callejo – Cliff Plummer & Joan Avey's niece

Missy Day

Amanda Grandlienard – former member

Jamie Holtin – Joe & Terrie's daughter

Jenn Kirts – Joe & Terrie's daughter-in-law

Shannon (Pedersen) Manny

Jennifer (Doggett) Piehl

Shelley Prosser – Joan Lockett's daughter

Armed forces:

Chris & Jennifer Roberts – Cathleen Longfellow's sister & brother-in-law are in Iraq, they have a 1-year-old daughter. They will be moving to Germany very soon and will be there 3 years.

Shane – the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Nathan & Angie Stilwell – Bridgette Fordyce's brother & sister-in-law went to Japan with the Air Force for 3 years with their two small children

Klinton Wheeler will be in Georgia for 12 weeks of basic training in the Army

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown –

Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria

Makinde Olufemi – Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

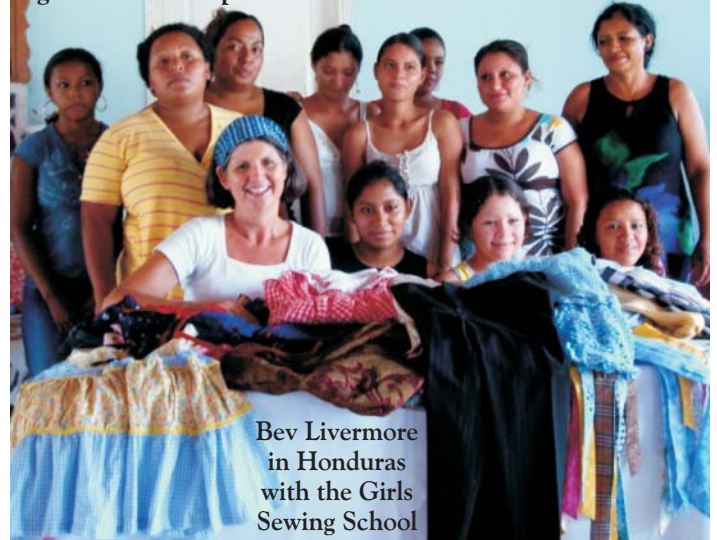
Coats 4 Kids

Melissa Massie has started a project to distribute coats, hats, gloves and boots to needy children through local elementary schools – Coats 4 Kids. The goal is for the coats to be delivered by the beginning of November. The schools are requesting new items.

1. **Purchase** a coat, hat, gloves and boots for a child. Enclose it in a bag and label it with gender and size. Place it in a box that will be located in the foyer.
2. **Give a monetary donation** to Melissa Massie or write a check to the church and write "Coats 4 Kids" in the memo line.



As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12



Bev Livermore
in Honduras
with the Girls
Sewing School

Magi Boxes

The Magi Boxes are scheduled to be picked up by Healing Hands International this Tuesday, October 14. If you would still like to donate a box, please make special arrangements with Sally. You may still make a monetary donation to cover shipping fees.

Small Group Fellowships

The next Small Group is next Sunday, October 19! You may still sign up in the foyer to be a part of a group. Remember there is NO evening worship on Small Group Sundays. There is a small group that meets at the building Sunday evenings at 5:30. Questions, see Don Brewster, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts.

Chicago Celebration

The 2nd Annual Gathering of Chicago Area Churches of Christ will be Saturday, October 25, and Sunday, October 26 at the UIC Forum in Chicago. Saturday events include a leadership breakfast for men, a women's program and a teen event. Bobby Miller will be leading a prayer for the women's program. Worship will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday and will be followed by food and fellowship at 4:30 and a song fest at 5:30. Tim Boyd will be leading some of the singing at the worship.



Planning to attend? Follow these instructions:

1. Please make sure your family fills out the survey located in the foyer.
2. You can still register – ASAP – on-line at www.chicagocelebration.org. If you need assistance registering, see Chuck, Cliff or Sally.
3. You are still welcome to attend the celebration, even if you haven't pre-registered.

Mobile Market

We're hosting a Mobile Market on Saturday, November 1, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This is a large truck of food purchased from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, that we'll distribute to our community. Sign-up to help on the sheet in the foyer. (Volunteers should plan to be here between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m.)

Mark Your Calendar!

Just in case you haven't heard – Jake & Sarah are engaged! Please mark your calendar for these two celebrations!

There will be a wedding shower for Sarah Miller on Sunday afternoon, November 23.

You are invited to the wedding of Jake Tincer and Sarah Miller on Saturday, November 29. The ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. at Blanchard Alliance Church in Wheaton. The reception will be immediately following at the Danada House. Come celebrate with them!



Youth & Family News

TEENS: There's a special program for Teens on Saturday night of Chicago Celebration, October 25. We'll leave from the building at 4:00 and return about 10:30. Sign-up in the downstairs class area if you plan to go. We're also looking for some guys to help pass collection trays in the Sunday afternoon service. Sign-up on the sheet being passed around in class today.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 1. Help distribute food from the NIFB Mobile Market, then plan to experience a night of homelessness at Sleep Out Saturday. Your \$5 registration fee benefits Bridge Communities.

SENIORS: It's that time again! The Senior's Breakfast is this Wednesday, October 15 (always the third Wednesday of each month), at 10:00 a.m. at the Colonial Restaurant on Route 38 by Randall Road. Hope to see you there!

Sleep Out Saturday

Based in Glen Ellyn, Bridge Communities offers housing and support services to homeless families living in DuPage County. Working with local faith-based and community groups, they provide mentors, educational and vocational training, and financial support to homeless families.



Sleep Out Saturday is an awareness and fundraising event of Bridge Communities. Our teens, and other area teens, will participate in activities intended to help them experience a night of homelessness.

We Need Your Help!

1. We'll need a couple of adult volunteers willing to spend the night outdoors with our teens.
2. We need tents, tarps, large appliance boxes or similar materials that can be used for building shelters.
3. We need clothing following several criteria: a) men and women adult sizes; b) warm, long sleeves, long pants, coats, hats, scarves; c) freshly laundered; d) the clothing will be donated to Rockford Church of Christ following this event.

If you have any questions about this event, see Cliff Plummer. If you have questions regarding the clothing see Marianne Stirrup or Theresa Link. Questions about the shelter materials can be directed to Paul Stirrup.

Did You Know: \$8,000 is the average annual salary for a family of three living in extreme poverty. There are over 17,000 DuPage county residents living in extreme poverty.