



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

On November 11th, there is to be a time of worship and fellowship among all the churches of Christ in the Chicagoland area. The worship time will be held at the Tinley Park Convention Center and will begin at 3:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 2:30.

Churches are encouraged to dismiss evening services in order to meet together for this special event. The planned program is to include an emphasis on singing and prayer with some brief messages from Ricardo Barrerra of Elgin, Leonardo Gilbert of the Sheldon Heights congregation, and Patrick Odum of the Northwest church.

We will be announcing plans for a "caravan" to drive down together leaving here about 1:30. We will not have services here that evening and we encourage everyone who can possibly do so to join in this love feast.

We often forget, I think, just how precious it is to Jesus for us to love one another and to be united in His body, especially in worship together. A glimpse of the importance of unity for God is seen in **Ephesians 1:9-10**: "For he has made known to us in all wisdom

and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

This text includes some remarkable words of emphasis: "the mystery of his will," "according to his purpose," "a plan for the fullness of time." But the emphasis is the detail of the plan. God wants to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

Sometimes we act and feel as if it is God's special joy to love only us.

Sometimes we think that being exclusive in our "sonship" with God is what God always wanted. Certainly that was one of the pitfalls of thinking that Israel fell into.

But God's covenant with Abraham was to the end of blessing all the nations of the earth. As we show true love and a delight in fellowship with our fellow-Christians, we are bringing joy to the heart of the God from whom every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You can be a significant part of this grand purpose of God by joining us on November 11th.

Be praying and planning for this good thing.

*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.

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 - Jon Miller
- Announcements - Rick Root
- Singing
- Prayer - Curt Robinson
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Kyle Wheeler

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- October 14 . . . . . Royal Day, Ian Voigts
- October 17 . . . . . Mark & Tammy Ross (anv.)
- October 18 . . . . . Daniel Triplett
- October 19 . . . . . Thelma Griffin, Paul Stirrup
- October 20 . . . . . Dan & Linda Vantrees (anv.)

## Dates to Remember

- 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 . . . . .	45
Sunday Morning Worship . . . . .	96
Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . .	40
Contribution . . . . .	\$3,626.11

## In Our Prayers...

**Taylor Baum**, a young girl from Shelby Root's school, is struggling with leukemia and the treatments she is going through. She's having a very difficult time.

**Richard Bishop**, Margaret Mott's brother, passed away this week. She and Wendell drove to Kansas for the funeral.

**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 starting radiation treatments. They are trying to get the treatments moved to the suburbs, so they don't have to drive to Chicago daily.

**Lisa DeVaney**, Marie Hayes's daughter, is having some health issues and has been in and out of the hospital the last couple of weeks.

**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.

**Tim Miller** continues to recuperate at home.

**Pat Ronzheimer** suffered a mild heart attack this week. She had an angiogram on Thursday.

**Finton Schiltz**, the infant son of Jay & Sally Hearn's neighbor, is having heart problems and is on the list for a heart transplant.

**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.

### 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 & Bobby'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

## Loose Change to Loose Chains

\$500 covers the cost of freeing one slave, and we've collected \$315 so far. 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).



## Mobile Market

A Mobile Market is scheduled for **this 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 TODAY 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 planning VBS early!" Well, we're getting started early. Come to a **VBS Planning Meeting TODAY**, immediately following morning worship in the fellowship room. We'll brainstorm ideas and start looking at curriculum. *Bring your own lunch!*

## [www.wcfamily.org](http://www.wcfamily.org)

Check out our updated website: [www.wcfamily.org](http://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 have started. 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 14, November 4 & 18. There is no evening service on Small Group Sundays.



## Nursery Workers

Sarah Miller, Caitlin Mullins



## Collection Counters

Justin Avey, Mike Henkel



# Youth & Family News

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

There is a **Connection Point** at the Naperville Church of Christ **next Sunday, October 21.** Plan to leave from the building at about 1:15.

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 opportunities at Harding 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.

# Fall Fest

Saturday, October 27

2:00 p.m.: Games/Activities

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

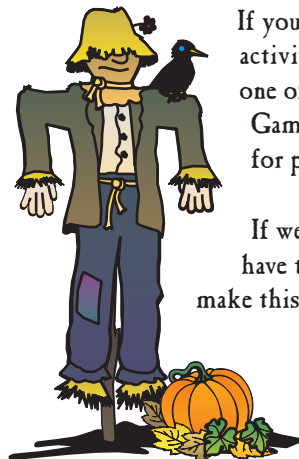
Entrance "fee": a can or box of food for the food pantry (veggies, spaghetti or a dry mix)

## Families come join the fun!

**VOLUNTEERS!** Please sign up **TODAY** for the booth you will set-up and run. Booth set-up time will begin at 1:15 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the foyer that includes a list of "ideas" for games and activities.

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.

If we don't have enough volunteers, we may have to cancel this event. Please help to make this a great event for everyone!



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