



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Remember the Rechabites? During the time of Jeremiah, God told the prophet to invite the Rechabite family into the temple, and to offer them wine to drink.

The Rechabites were a nomadic family. They were not really Jews, but they had close association with Israel. The point of the invitation to drink wine by Jeremiah had to do with a family tradition.

Jonadab, one of their ancestors, had laid upon them an expectation. They were commanded not to drink wine or to build houses or to sow seed. They were to live all their days as shepherds and nomads.

Now, there was nothing wrong with the idea of planting vineyards, drinking wine, building houses or planting crops. The only thing which made any of these activities a problem for the Rechabites

was that Jonadab, some 250 years earlier, had asked them not to engage in any of these practices.

You might have grown weary of such an arbitrary family tradition. Surely there were Rechabites who liked the look of city life. Surely some had a taste for

grapes and wine or a desire to know the joys of agriculture. But whether they felt these longings or not, all we know is that they lived true to the wishes of great-great-great grandpa Jonadab. They pushed back, and said, "No thank you!" to Jeremiah's hospitality.

Now, God liked that. He appreciated the loyalty and respect for the wishes of their ancestor which kept them true to Jonadab's rule of life. They were only in town for a few days because of Nebuchadnezzar's men, and when the Babylonian empire would take Jerusalem, the Rechabites simply would fold their tents and move to a safer section of the land.

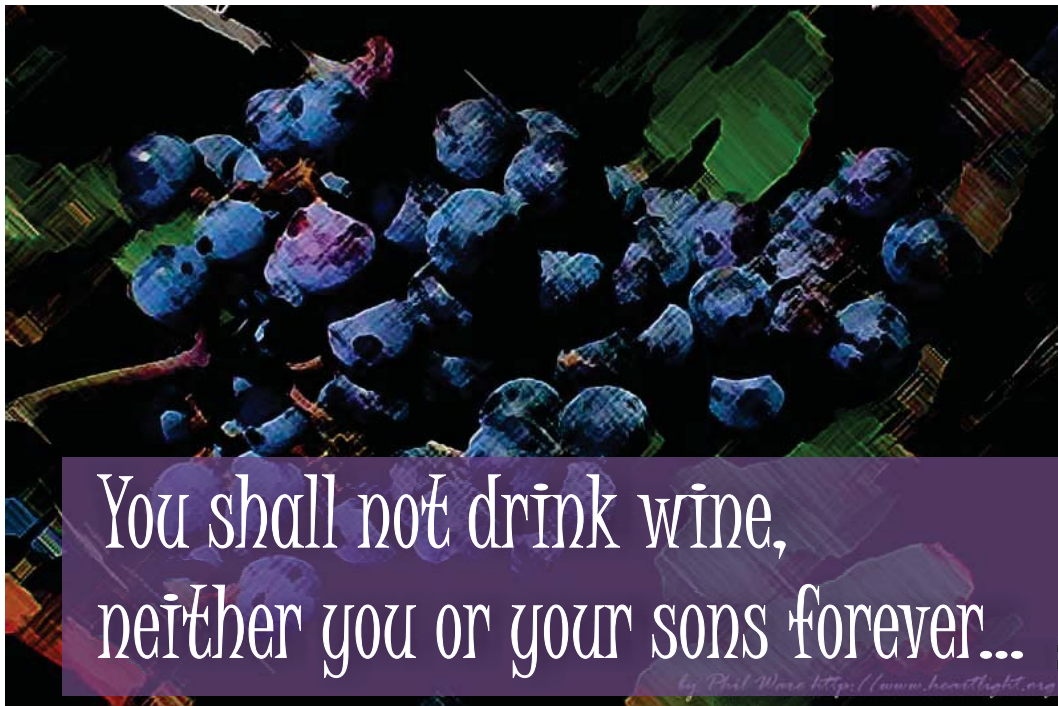
What God liked was their obedience, their

loyalty, their commitment. "...they have obeyed their father's command. I have spoken to you persistently, but you have not listened to me."

Jeremiah 35:14

The Rechabites shamed Judah. God was more impressed

with their obedience to their father, Jonadab, than with Judah's obedience to Him. Maybe they shame us, as well. They do if we are not faithful to obey the commands of the Lord.



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:

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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 Curt Robinson

Kids Connection Jon Miller

Scripture: *John 11:21-27* Bob Jett

Praise Songs Rick Root

#266 Majesty

#353 One Day!

Scripture: *I Corinthians 15:12-22* Bob Jett

#344 Low in the Grave He Lay

#346 He Lives – *Matthew 28:1-10*

#345 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today – *Matthew 28:1-10*

Communion Message Don Brewster

#962 Were You There? – *Mark 15:25*

Communion Served

Sermon Chester Sitler

#382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Prayer Cards Bob Voigts

Closing Song Rick Root

#844 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 17 Mark & Tammy Ross (anv.)

October 18 Daniel Triplett

October 19 Thelma Griffin

October 20 Dan & Linda Vantrees (anv.)

October 21 Tracy Wright

Dates to Remember

TODAY 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 25 Ladies Class

October 27 Teen Parent Connection

October 28 Mens Prayer Breakfast

October 30 Praise Sunday!

November 1 Ladies Class

November 3 Food Pantry Delivery

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$2,116.81

Nursery Workers Joan Avey, Kim Sitler

Collection Counters Mike Henkel, Jeff Ieler

In Our Prayers...

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, had surgery last week to remove a large mass in her abdomen. It was not cancer, but there is a possibility it will grow back.

Trisha Feete, 19-year-old niece of **Joe Kuhnle**, was killed in an auto accident.

Karen Ferguson and her severely handicapped son, Cole, were killed in a home invasion this week. They are survived by Les Ferguson, the husband and father, who is a minister for the Orange Grove Church of Christ in Gulfport, Mississippi, and 3 other sons. Her parents are Bob & Joan Brown. Bob teaches at Freed Hardeman.

Pat Johnson, Dana's aunt, is in the hospital.

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.

Robbie & Bess Riggles, the parents of Lynette Root's friend, have many health issues. Robbie has diabetes, arthritis, heart and blood pressure concerns. He was also exposed to something while serving in the Vietnam War. Bess is losing her memory and has seizures, as well as, heart problems.

Bob Voigts started chemotherapy last week and didn't feel well for several days. The treatments will be two days in a row once a month for four months.

J'Ray Woodard, Henry Phillip's foster son and a former RCC camper, had surgery this week to remove part of his intestine due to Crohn's disease.

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

Al Dorsey

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

Chuck & Bobbye Miller

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, Bobbye 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



Harper Day,
Mara Urso, Hope Ieler,
Royal Day, Patience Urso,
Lily Ieler, Logan Ieler,
Esther Miller, Corban and Noah Gifford.

Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet today. The list of groups is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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, "Has the enemy stolen my joy?" and "Do I focus on negatives rather than love?"



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. Meal providers are scheduled through the first Thursday in November.

Package for Klinton

A care package is sent to Klinton Wheeler on the third Wednesday evening of each month. A list of possible items for the basket is on the bulletin table in the foyer. If you would like to make a cash donation, the shipping is around \$12 for each package that is sent.

Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Class meets in the fellowship room 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



Connection Point is scheduled for next 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.

The Teen Directory will be compiled and distributed to our youth leaders, the elders and deacons and each teen this week. Please check the sheet in the Teen Room and make sure your information is correct.

Young Ladies! Plan to attend the Purity Retreat on Friday and Saturday, November 18-19.

This event is open for those who have already attended a Purity Retreat in the past *and* for those who have not.

Registration forms and flyers are available in the Teen Room. Take one for you and some to invite your friends! Please see Lynette Root or Sally Hearn if you have any questions.



Bible Class Teachers

The next rotation for Bible Class Teachers begins October 30th through December 31st. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 23rd, and the week in between Christmas and New Years, December 28th, we will have congregation devotionals with no classes, exception for the 0-4 class. If you would like to teach this rotation, please see Cindy Drumheller.

Grade K - 6 Party!

Cindy Drumheller is hosting a Halloween Party for the Grades K - 6 kids on Saturday, October 29, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the church building. Dinner will be served. Let her know if you can assist her with activities or food.