



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Gracias Señor. "Thank you, Lord!" The words on the shirt gave glory to God for the amazing rescue of the 33 trapped Chilean miners rescued this past week. Imagine, 69 days underground!

Perhaps no fear is more deeply ingrained in our psyches than that of being buried alive. Scripture has a number of passages that express relief and thanksgiving at rescue from the depths.

On the back of the shirts worn by the miners was a text from **Psalm 95:**"⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him." Pretty comforting to remember when you are 2000 feet underground that the depths of the earth are in the hand of God.

I think of Jeremiah, who was not buried deep but was buried in a cistern and had to be lifted out to survive. (**Jeremiah 38**) Jeremiah was thrown into the thick mud because he had faithfully told God's message to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thirty men took old clothes to pad the ropes and pulled him from the miry pit.

The psalmist used that language in **Psalm 40:** "He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay..". **Psalms 40:2 (NKJV)**

O what relief and gratitude Jeremiah must have felt as his rescuers came to his aid. He understood well that God was willing for him to be mistreated and abused in order to impress his prophetic message on the people of Jerusalem. Jeremiah was willing to be used for God's purposes.

But the ultimate pit of scripture is Sheol, also called Abaddon. "And they had a king over them, which is

the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon." **Revelation 9:11 (KJV)**

The pit of hell, of death itself, is the pit which makes all of us tremble and gives the horror to the archetype of living burial. It represents total separation from God, being cut off from the light and breath of life which is the sweet essence of His presence.

Those miners were blessed to have among them a companion who knew Jesus and who spoke to them of spiritual things. Light of God illuminated the darkness.

What a fitting metaphor this tragedy becomes for our own age. So many are lost and are in the darkness of the pit, and God is sending out His church to bring light, redemption and salvation.

Sadly, many are turning away from the rescue sent by God to our world. Many are embracing the darkness and rejecting the salvation of God who has so

abundantly provided for us all a way of escape. Consider:

⁶ And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

⁷ He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. ⁸ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the

abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. **Revelation 21:6-8 (KJV)**

¡Gracias Señor! Thank you, 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. 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 Ian Voigts
- Kids Connection Brian Gifford
- Scripture Reading Steve Link
- Praise Songs Rick Root
 - #162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
 - #226 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 - #464 Because He Lives
 - #167 Hosanna
 - #288 Fairest Lord Jesus
- Communion Message Don Brewster
 - #337 Hallelujah! What a Savior
- Communion
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon Chuck Miller
- Invitation Song Rick Root
 - #909 There's a Fountain Free
- Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts
- Closing Song Rick Root
 - #227 On Zion's Glorious Summit

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- October 17 Mark & Tammy Ross (anv.)
- October 18 Daniel Triplett
- October 19 Thelma Griffin
- October 20 Dan & Linda Vantreese (anv.)
- October 21 Tracy Wright
- October 23 Sylvia Perez, Mark Ross

Dates to Remember

- TODAY Community Groups
- October 20 Seniors Breakfast, Kid's Club
- October 22 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- October 23 Teen Event @ Root's
- 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
- November 4 Food Pantry Delivery
- November 11 Living Room Café

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 47
- Sunday Morning Worship 62
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 35
- Contribution \$2,530.00

Nursery Workers Jamie Miller, Kelie Wheeler
Collection Counters Justin Avey, Mike Henkel

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, will find out this Wednesday, October 20, if he is able to go through a kidney transplant. His kidney donor is his daughter-in-law.

Kailan Carter, Lynette Root's niece, fell and hurt her arm. They are waiting to see what her treatment will be.

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.

Al Dorsey fell twice last week. He is doing better.

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.

Joe Stone is having health issues and his medications are very expensive. He is a long-time volunteer at Rockford Christian Camp and the father of Darla Kellett.

Sarah Tincher had an emergency appendectomy on Monday. She is doing well. **Barb, Gabe & Matt Tincher** have gone to Haiti for a week of medical missions.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

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

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Helen Plummer - the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff Kay Schrader
Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins
Jim Whitman

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

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

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.
3. If you are unable to be at worship on Sunday morning, try accessing our web-cast. *Please follow these instructions:*
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October Calendar!

Please note our October calendar:

- TODAY:** Community Groups
October 24: Leadership Meeting and Praise Sunday!
 (No Community Groups)
October 31: Community Groups AND
 Chicago Celebration

Youth Ministry

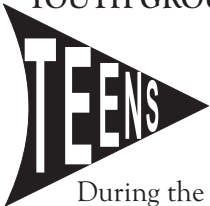
EDUCATION:

We want to help insure that we have an evangelistic and outstanding Bible School, offering classes for all ages.

- **Teachers and substitutes are needed** for our next rotation, beginning December 5. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.
- **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.
- **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:



This Saturday, October 23, the Root's are hosting a teen event at their home from 7 - 9:30 p.m. Guys bring a 2-litre of pop and Girls bring a sweet or salty snack to share. Hope to see you there!

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.

Living Room Cafe

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Living Room Café this month. **Our next date to serve is Monday, November 8.** We will be providing the food for the meal that day for about 40 people. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for some specific items, some of which need to be prepared: home-made mashed potatoes, cans of green beans, bacon, corn bread mixes, dinner rolls, cakes, pies and cooking oil. If you have any questions please contact Julie Dean or Chuck.

Kids Club!

Kid's Club is held on Wednesdays from 2:45 - 5:00 p.m. The program provides homework help, snacks, games, activities, and Bible stories. **If you would like to help or would like to donate snacks or craft supplies,** please contact Christina Cortez at 630-440-0356 or sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

CHICAGO CELEBRATION

Loving Your Neighbor

Register Today at www.chicagocelebration.org

Saturday, October 30th, 2010 Sheldon Heights Church of Christ 11325 S. Halsted - Chicago, IL 60628 www.sheldonheights.com		Sunday, October 31st, 2010 The Waterford Banquet and Conference Center 933 South Riverside Drive - Elmhurst, IL 60126 www.waterfordbanquet.com	
Breakfast	8:30 AM	Worship	3:00 - 5:00 PM
Mens'/Ladies' Events	9:00AM - Noon	Speakers: Terry Atwater, Carlos Estrada, John Wright	
Family Workshop	2:00 - 4:00 PM	Youth Showcase	5:00 - 6:00 PM

Check our bulletin board for more information! Photos by Lee Harrington

Food Pantry Volunteers

Please see Frances or Sally if you are interested in working in the food pantry for a 2-hour block of time on a monthly basis. This can include weekends or evenings.

Orphan Sunday

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

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 others to make a small monthly contribution to RCC. Enrollment forms are available in the foyer or you can enroll online. If you can help, please see Don or Chuck.



Tuesday Ladies Class

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