



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

The story of how Moses received the law, written by the very finger of God on tablets of stone, is one of the most powerful episodes in the biblical narrative.

Whenever I encounter the story, I am struck by the amazing idea of the Creator-God, the ethereal, majestic, perfect, holy, universe-filling Deity taking enough human form to have a finger, and using it to write on stone tablets in a language which Moses and the Hebrews could understand.

Talk about condescending – this defines the term! Philosophers and theologians have probed the meanings and symbolism involved in such an incredible display of partnership between this Moses and his Maker.

God knew, even while He was inscribing the tablets, that the people in the camp were already running away from Him and were embracing idolatry and immorality, assisted by Aaron, the priest. As Joshua and Moses came down the mountain, Joshua thought that war must have broken out, but Moses discerned that the sounds were not of war, but of revelry.

God was so disgusted He almost destroyed the nation. Moses was so disheartened that he refused to go on without God's presence. Ultimately, Moses'

faithful intercession won God's heart and a reprieve for the fickle Israelites. Unfortunately, a pattern was set which would replay again and again, both during the life of Moses and in the centuries which would follow.

The final rejection of God by the people of Israel would be in the crucifixion of God-the Son. But God the Redeemer was ready for even this final infidelity. In resurrection, in grace, and in the gospel God unleashed His final fusillade of love for man. The power of that unleashing continues to echo around the globe and to claim in each generation new believers.

What a day it will be when the Enemy is no more and when the saved of God will never again turn aside to a golden calf and riotous profanity. The glory of the scenes of the

Revelation point us to a crystal river, a majestic throne, a tree with leaves that heal all our ills, and light eternal from the Father and Son in which we will live and finally come to know the perfect pure fellowship of love.

The God who wrote on stone tablets proved Himself to be a God who will never give up on His people. The quest of our lifetimes is to find a more perfect sense of His holiness and love, to imitate His Christ, and to prepare for our final reunion with Him.

Chuck Miller



Marc Chagall

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 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 fellowship room downstairs. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and at the end of the foyer.

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 in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

We are planning a weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services. Please follow these instructions:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>
 Username: wcfamily
 Password: 6302312062
 Click "SINGLE" tab
 Allow any Active X controls

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster Bob Jett
 Chuck Miller Bob Voigts

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 Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 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 Cliff Plummer
 Singing Dewayne Smith
 #67 For the Beauty of the Earth
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Curt Robinson
 #100 Holy Ground
 #595 I Come to the Garden Alone
 Prayer Kyle Wheeler
 #234 Worthy Is the Lamb
 #313 The Old Rugged Cross
 Lord's Supper Kenn Watson
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Cliff Plummer
 #909 There's a Fountain Free
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Curt Robinson
 #627 There's a Royal Banner
 Closing Prayer John Johnson

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 18 Daniel Triplett
 October 19 Thelma Griffin
 October 20 Dan & Linda Vantrees (anv.)
 October 21 Tracy Wright
 October 22 Ryan Heather, Heather Babb
 October 23 Sylvia Perez, Mark Ross

Dates to Remember

Today Small Groups
 October 21 Seniors Breakfast
 October 23-25 RCC Teen Retreat
 October 26 Living Room Café
 November 1 Small Groups
 November 5 Food Pantry Delivery
 November 7 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 November 8 Connection Point @ Naperville
 November 14-15 Chicago Celebration

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$2,640.00

Nursery Workers

Joan Avey, Missy Day



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Steve Link



In Our Prayers...

Several of our members and their family and friends are suffering with job issues.

Special prayers are requested for **Mission Lazarus and the people of Honduras**. There is still a lot of political unrest in the country.

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, is doing a little better. Hopefully, he will have a kidney transplant soon.

Rob & Molly Carris attend the Cardinal Drive church where Rob is the youth minister. **Molly's dad, Jim Flanigan**, is dying from liver failure after years of alcoholism. **Rob's dad, Bob**, is having a triple-bypass on October 22.

Lauren Helton, Josephine Haggerton's nephew, has pancreatic cancer.

Katy Hollis is an 8th-grader at Ezell-Harding Christian School in Nashville. She has severe respiratory problems.

Waseem James, a friend of Dana Howard's, had a brain scan this week. Also, his mother is having heart problems and is not doing well.

Robert Prosser, Sr., father-in-law of Joan Lockett's daughter, Shelley, is suffering with a serious case of skin cancer. He lives in Florida.

Max Sterne, the gentleman that Joyce Eakins used to take care of, passed away Wednesday after a long struggle with cancer.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents
 Bonnie Bingham
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Gail Cole – Lori Plummer's mother
 John Day
 Al Dorsey & his son, Doug
 Joyce Eakins
 Chad Englebach – Marie Hayes' grandson
 Sarah Hayden – Maria Zeisler's relative
 Marie Hayes and her daughter, Sandy Jones
 Mary Henkel – Mike's mother
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 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
 Bobbye Miller
 Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's cousin
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Pat Ronzheimer
 Stacey Schnaitman – daughter of Bev Scalone
 Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts cousin
 Barb Tincher – Jake's mother
 Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Lauren Avey – Justin & Joan's daughter-in-law
 Lizz Bartalone – Doris Biancalana's daughter
 Bridgette Fordyce – former member

Armed forces:

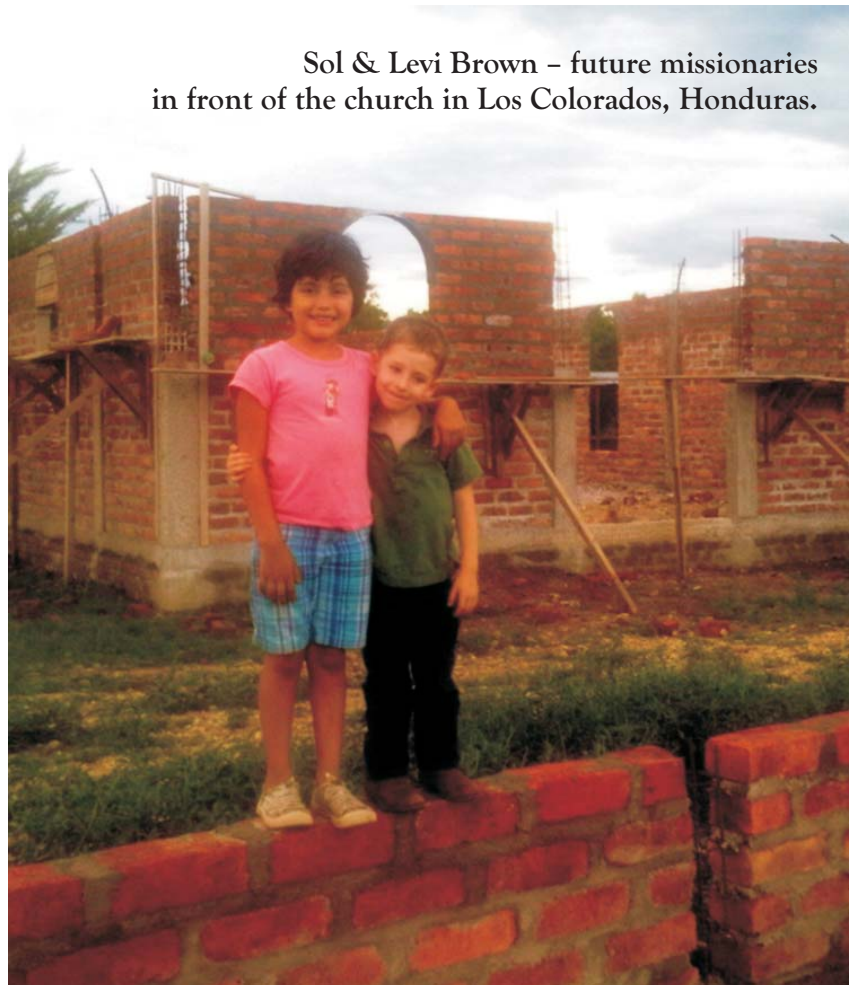
Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew
 Mike Hagan – Doris Biancalana's nephew in Baghdad
 Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Shane – the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
 Chris Yauch – the husband of Wendell & Margaret Mott's granddaughter, Mallory

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown – Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)
 Students of Joe Voigts – China
 City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico
 Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria
 Makinde Olufemi – Nigeria
 Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria
 Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Sol & Levi Brown – future missionaries in front of the church in Los Colorados, Honduras.





Small Group Fellowships

Today is Small Group Fellowships. Upcoming dates are: November 1, November 22 and December 6! See Cliff, Don or Bob V. to sign up to be part of a group, if you have not done so already. Check the bulletin board in the foyer for an outline of the lessons. **There will be no evening worship at the building on Small Group Sundays.** However, the Small Group led by Dewayne Smith is planning to meet at the church building in the evening on each small group Sunday.

Wednesday Night Bible Classes

The Ladies' Class is studying themes in Proverbs.

The men are studying the Sermon on the Mount. Bob Voigts will begin a discussion series soon.

For your information, a postcard was sent to our neighbors to invite them to our Wednesday night classes. So, be on the look-out for any visitors!

Photo Updates!

It has been three years since we have updated our Photo Directory, so we need your photo. Jay and Rachel Hearn will be available at the end of the foyer after worship. Stop by and have your photo taken. Don't forget to SMILE!

Chicago Celebration

Chicago Celebration is November 14-15. Check the bulletin board in the foyer for more information or check the website www.chicagocelebration.org. Pre-registration is greatly encouraged and can be done on the website. See Chuck, Cliff or Sally if you need help with registering.

Chili Supper at the Living Room Cafe

We're providing the meal at the Living Room Café on **Monday night, October 26!** The menu will include salad, chili, corn muffins, and Lori's famous bread pudding for dessert. If you'd like to donate cash towards purchasing perishable items like ground beef, eggs and milk, please see Cliff. If you volunteered to bring items for the meal, please bring them to the building by Sunday, October 25.

Shults-Lewis Commodity Drive

Shults-Lewis is requesting us to **collect canned soups for their commodity drive this year.** They will come and pick up the items the beginning of December. Also, look for their Christmas wish list, which will be posted on the bulletin board in November. Change cans and used printer cartridges are also a good way for you to assist Shults-Lewis in their efforts to help struggling teens and their families.

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TEENS: The **RCC Fall Retreat** is this Friday through Sunday, October 23-25.

Our next **Connection Point** is Sunday, November 8 at Naperville. Please sign-up in the downstairs class area if you plan to go.

Remember the teen event at **Chicago Celebration** on **Saturday, November 14.** This is a great opportunity to see what several Christian colleges have to offer in just one afternoon!

Want to see **Family Force Five in concert?** This is sure to be a crazy show!! They're performing on **Sunday night, November 29, in Grayslake.** Tickets are \$20. Sign-up on the sheet in the downstairs class area by November 1 and give your money to Cliff.

WinterFest is February 18-21, 2010. A \$50 deposit will be due by December 6. Sign-up on the sheet in the downstairs class area if you plan to go.

PARENTS: Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer to host a Sunday Night, Light in your home.

SENIORS: This **Wednesday, October 21,** is the **Seniors Breakfast.** Join us at 10:00 a.m. at the Colonial Restaurant located on Route 38 by Randall Road. Hope to see you there!

Scarves for The Bridge

We are the host church at "The Bridge" on **Tuesday, December 15.** We'll greet guests, attend worship service with them, and serve a delicious meal that Justin Avey has volunteered to grill!

The Bridge meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Lawndale Community Church, 3827 W. Ogden Ave. in Chicago. The purpose of The Bridge is to give ex-convicts "a wide variety of options, creating a new community to replace their previous relationships" in gangs and in prison.

Since the date is so close to Christmas, we want to provide each of the clients with a gift of a warm scarf. However, we're not asking for just *any* scarf, **but a scarf hand made by you just for them.** Think of the impression this will make on these men and women to receive a scarf that someone they never met had made just for them!

We need 90 scarves for all the men and women, and we have nine weeks to do it! Don't put it off, please start knitting, crocheting, or sewing your scarves this week! See Cliff if you have any questions.

