



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. **Galatians 6:7**

It's that time again, isn't it! The corn fields look half crew-cut and the harvest is underway. Pumpkin patches dot the countryside. The rich land of northern Illinois is giving up its bounty to the world. Since the time of the first plow and sickle, harvest has been a time of celebration.

So much has to come together for a rich harvest. The preparation of fields, the careful planting of seed, the cooperation of water and weather, the absence of pestilence and fire—all these must conspire with the soil to yield abundance.

But the constant is God. It is He who continues to ordain life through the seasons and the sowing of seed. It is He who decrees that "seedtime and harvest... will never cease." In our time, as we begin to have a vocabulary of biology and as we take beginning steps in our research of DNA and amino acids, we may feel we have grown beyond trust in the Creator for the provision we depend on.

The Bible is a book which is steeped in the metaphor of agriculture. Of course, before the modern age of industrialization, farming was the dominant endeavor of man. The wealth of men of the Bible was expressed primarily in their flocks and herds and in the richness of their harvest.

But the greatest harvest which God points us to is the harvest of righteousness which will bless any nation or individual who faithfully seeks after it. Consider the language of Hosea: "Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain salvation upon you.

You have plowed iniquity, you have reaped injustice, you have eaten the fruit of lies...." **Hosea**

10:12-13

Words like these are the judgment upon nations for their sins, just as Paul's words in Galatians make it clear that God holds each man accountable for the harvest of his own life.

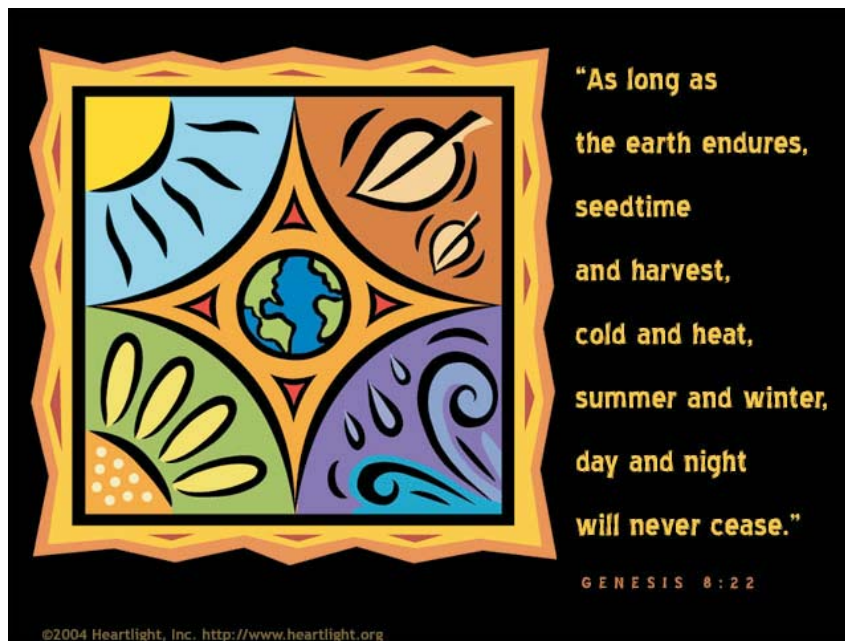
It's a good season, then, to do some reflecting. Are you prospering financially at the expense of your soul and spirit? Are you finding your hope and confidence

for life in the word of God and in fellowship with the Holy Spirit?

When our hope is in the goodness and sovereignty of God, we are spared many of the fears which are common to our world. As markets fluctuate, God remains constant. Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, today, and forever."

If your wealth is measured by the Dow Jones average, or if your security vacillates like your mutual fund value, these are indeed times of trial.

But if you are committed to a harvest of righteousness, the Lord's blessings are new every morning.



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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 this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. 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 - Rick Root
- Announcements - Cliff Plummer
- Singing
- Prayer - Jon Miller
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Cliff Plummer
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Peter Drumheller

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- October 19 Thelma Griffin, Paul Stirrup
- October 20 Dan & Linda Vantreese (any.)
- October 21 Tracy Wright
- October 22 Ryan Heather
- October 23 Sylvia Perez, Mark Ross

Dates to Remember

- October 19 Small Groups
- October 25-26 Chicago Celebration
- November 1 Mobile Pantry/Sleep Out Saturday
- November 2 Daylight Savings Ends (fall back)
- November 2 Small Groups
- November 6 Food Pantry Delivery

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 71
- Sunday Morning Worship 113
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 31
- Contribution \$3,733.00

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Jackie Robinson



Collection Counters

Rick Root, Paul Stirrup



In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, had a triple bypass and his aorta valve repaired. He is doing well. Once he recuperates, he will have a kidney transplant.

Don & Irene Barnes, Lynette Root's uncle & aunt, are suffering with several health issues.

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

Ryan Gleason, Dana Howard's nephew, is planning to serve in the armed forces in the near future.

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 had out-patient surgery on Thursday. He is doing well.

Bob Voigts is taking a chemo treatment every Wednesday of this month as a preventative measure.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Sylvia Atten – Dana Howard's friend

Justin Avey

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 & Bobby'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:

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:

Joseph Amato – Bob & Betsy Jett's son-in-law is in the Illinois Air Force National Guard. He has been deployed to Afghanistan for 60 days.

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 is in Army basic training – his info:

Pvt. Klinton Wheeler

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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

Sleep Out Saturday

Sleep Out Saturday is an awareness and fundraising event for Bridge Communities. Our teens, and other area youth groups, 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. Place the clothing on the tables available in the foyer according to gender and size.

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: There are over 13,000 children under the age of 5 living in poverty in DuPage County. The average age of a homeless person in DuPage County is 8 years old.

Small Group Fellowships

Today is a Small Group Sunday! 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. Any questions, see Don, Cliff or Bob V.

Chicago Celebration

The 2nd Annual Gathering of Chicago Area Churches of Christ is next weekend, 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. Bobbie 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? You can still register - ASAP - on-line at www.chicagocelebration.org. If you need assistance registering, see Chuck, Cliff or Sally. **PLEASE NOTE:** You are still welcome to attend the celebration, even if you haven't pre-registered.

Transportation - If you would like a ride or have room available in your vehicle to give someone else a ride to any of these events, please see Sally as soon as possible!



Mobile Market

We're hosting a Mobile Market on Saturday, November 1, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. We need YOU to help distribute food and help carry the food to our client's car. **Sign-up to help on the sheet in the foyer.** (Volunteers should plan to be here between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m.) *Several wagons are also needed to help cart the food.*

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 all invited to the wedding of **Jake Tincher 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 and be sure to RSVP on the table in the foyer by **November 12th.**

Magi Boxes

The Magi Boxes were picked up by Healing Hands International on Tuesday. You may still make a monetary donation to cover shipping fees. Give your contribution to Jay or Sally.

Youth & Family News

TEENS: There is 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 today in the downstairs class area if you plan to go.**

We also need you to help distribute food for the **NIFB Mobile Market**, on Saturday, November 1, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sign-up in the foyer to help.

Also, on **Saturday, November 1**, we're taking part in a unique event, **Sleep Out Saturday**, to learn what it might be like to be homeless for one night. From 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., experience a night without the comforts of home and learn about the problem of homelessness that exists within our community. Join friends from area youth groups and over 50 other groups across DuPage County for Sleep Out Saturday. A \$5 registration fee benefits Bridge Communities. **Sign up in the downstairs class area.**

Two college visits are being considered for this fall. A trip to **Oklahoma Christian** for Homecoming is November 6-9; and a trip to **Harding University** for a home basketball game is December 4-7. Both trips are limited to high school sophomores and up, and will cost \$40 plus meals on the road. Please sign up in the downstairs class area if you plan to go.



PARENTS of Girls Grades 6-8: If you are planning for your daughter to attend the **Purity Retreat**, please give their registration form to Lynette Root or Sally Hearn as soon as possible. The retreat is Friday evening and most of the day Saturday, November 14-15.



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.