



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

The picture came in just this week from Jarrod Brown in Honduras. Torrential rains have created havoc in the poor villages and fragile homes of the people in the area of Choluteca. Mission Lazarus and the Churches of Christ are the only organizations responding to the disaster and national press have taken note of their efforts.

Once again, as in the days following Hurricane Mitch, great opportunities are being presented daily to bless the people of this area and to open hearts to the gospel by means of compassion for families and children.

Jarrod has put together a challenge budget of over \$229,000

dollars for road repairs, boat for access to villages, food for families for the next three months and for rebuilding of 50 homes in flood free zones. The government is eager and ready to partner in these projects.

Already an abandoned Adventist church has been offered by the landowner because of the good things he is seeing done by our team.

God is offering us yet another opportunity to transform the blessings of our lives into comfort and compassion for those who are today strangers and who tomorrow may become fellow Christians and children of God.

"Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you

welcomed me,

I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink?

And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee,

or naked and clothe thee?

And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?'

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' **Matthew 25:34-40**



Chuck Miller

(See more photos on back page)

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 - *Jay Hearn*
- Announcements - *Rick Root*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Steve Link*
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - *Chuck Miller*
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - *Bob Voigts*
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - *Jeff Ieler*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- October 21 Tracy Wright
- October 22 Ryan Heather
- October 23 Sylvia Perez, Mark Ross
- October 26 Caitlin Mullins

Dates to Remember

- October 21 Small Group Fellowships
- October 21 Connection Point @ Naperville/Teens
- October 24 & 25 Harding Events
- October 27 Fall Fest
- October 28 Sunday Night Light/Teens
- November 1 Food Pantry Delivery
- November 4 . . . Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back
- November 4 Small Group Fellowships
- November 8 Preachers Breakfast
- November 11 Chicago Celebration
- November 12 Sunday Night Light/Teens
- November 18 Small Group Fellowships

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 83
- Sunday Morning Worship 96
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 47
- Contribution \$6,258.00

In Our Prayers...

Loss of loved ones:

Glenda Allen, Nadine McCormick's sister-in-law, passed away this week from lung cancer.

Richard Bishop, Margaret Mott's brother, passed away a week ago.

Laura Lee Froemming, Don Brewster's niece, passed away unexpectedly this week from a heart attack. She was only 51 years old.

Additions:

Taylor Baum, a young girl from Shelby Root's school, is struggling with leukemia. They are unable to proceed with any treatments and she is under hospice care.

Bob Czernik, Chris's husband, is undergoing radiation treatments.

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.

Pat Ronzheimer suffered a mild heart attack last week. She is home from the hospital and is doing very well.

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.

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

Tim Miller

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 Ronzheimer – Nancy Doggett's 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

Bob Voigts

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

Nursery Workers

Jamie Miller, Kim Sitler



Collection Counters

Justin Avey, Mike Henkel



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.



Taylor Baum

We will collect money, restaurant cards, or grocery cards for the family of Taylor, who is 10. (See prayer list.) Give cards or money to **Bobbye Miller** or **Lynette Root**.

Directories & Photographs

New directories are available today! If you need your photograph taken or would like an updated photograph for the display in the foyer, please see Jay or Sally H.

Small Groups

Today is Small Group Fellowships. 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: November 4 & 18.



Mark the Date

Sunday,
November 11, 2007

2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Registration
3:00 p.m. Worship

Tinley Park Convention Center
Tinley Park, Illinois

Plan now to attend the first annual meeting of all churches of Christ in the Chicagoland area.

This will be a time of prayer, singing and encouragement.

Youth & Family News

TEENS: There is a **Connection Point** at the Naperville Church of Christ TODAY from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. **Parents:** if your teen is interested in going, please meet in the front of the auditorium immediately after worship.

This 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 **this 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

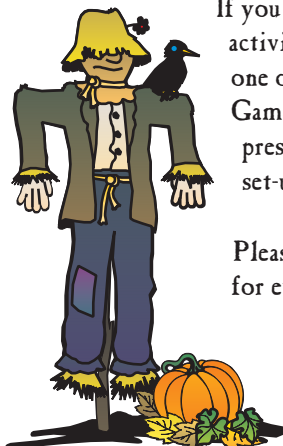
2:00 p.m.: Games/Activities

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! You can still sign up to run a booth or game. 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. Booth set-up time will begin at 1:15 p.m.

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.

SMALL GROUPS

West Chicago Church of Christ

Group 1

The families of:

Justin & Joan Avey
Mike & Lisa Henkel
* Jeff & Kelly Ieler
John & Joanne Johnson
Cyndi Perez

**denotes leader*

This group is meeting on Saturday evenings.

Group 3

The families of:

Bonnie Bingham
* Tim & Sandy Boyd
Don & Theresa Lemley
Steve & Melissa Massie
Jon & Paul Mercer
Chester & Kim Sitler
Dewayne & Marilyn Smith

**denotes leader*

Group 4

The families of:

Mary Barton
Tom & Nancy Doggett
Josephine Haggerton
Marie Hayes
Jay & Sally Hearn
Pat Ronzheimer
Rick & Lynette Root
Shirley Rucker
* Paul & Marianne Stirrup
Rhonda Triplett
Kyle & Kelie Wheeler

**denotes leader*

Group 5

The families of:

John & Bev Day
Peter Drumheller
* Scott & Bridgette Fordyce
Ryan Heather
Dana Howard
Joe & Terrie Kirts
Paul & Michelle Kuharich
Marion & Nana Lake

**denotes leader*

Group 6

The families of:

Doris Biancalana
Scott & Carrie Drumheller
Cary & Emily Gray
Josephine Haggerton
Steve & Theresa Link
Jon & Jamie Miller
Sarah Miller

* Cliff & Lori Plummer

**denotes leader*

Small Group Dates this Fall:

Oct. 21

Nov. 4

Nov. 18

Group 7

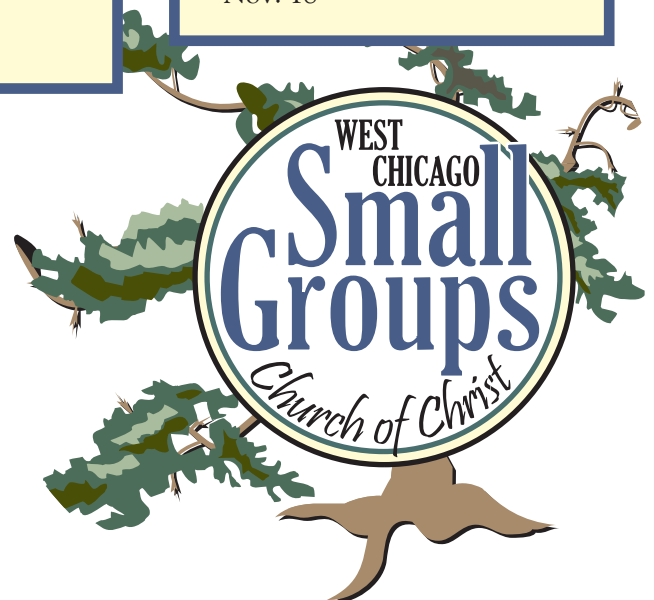
The families of:

Joan & Charlie Lockett
Mike Mathews
Paul & Molly Mullins
John & Becky Pedersen
* Curt & Jackie Robinson
Frances Schearer

**denotes leader*

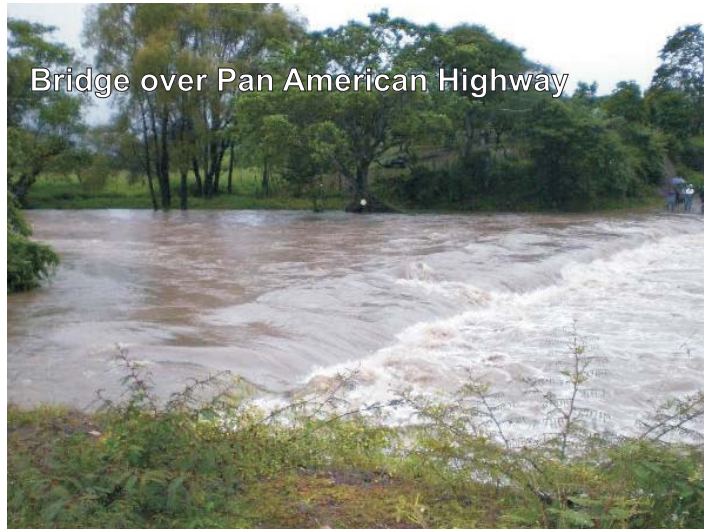
This group is meeting on Sunday evenings.

If you would like to participate in the Small Groups program or if you have any questions, please contact Don Brewster, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts.



Special Report: Flooding in Choluteca area since October 13th.

Torrential rains in the Choluteca area have inflicted massive damages to homes and to the infrastructure of the area. Mission Lazarus has been at the forefront of relief efforts to Christians and to communities in the area, receiving great appreciation and recognition from the national media. Filthy waters have created terrible fungal infections on the feet of children.



Bridge over Pan American Highway



Children's feet are infected by fungus from contaminated flood waters...



Mission Lazarus team brings relief to Christians in the area.

Mission Lazarus has proposed a budget to help provide food for the next three months and to rebuild homes for 50 families totaling over \$229,000. This relief effort creates another powerful opportunity to teach through compassion. Their relief efforts led them to a community which watched as three of their children drowned when their boat capsized. A baby 11 months old miraculously stayed in the boat and was rescued. They need our help!