



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

One of the experiences which was familiar history to the Jews of Jesus' day was that of being in the desert without water. They remembered the time at Rephidim when their ancestors were angry with Moses because they were thirsty.

God told Moses to strike the rock there, and when he did so, great streams of water flowed out for all the people to drink.

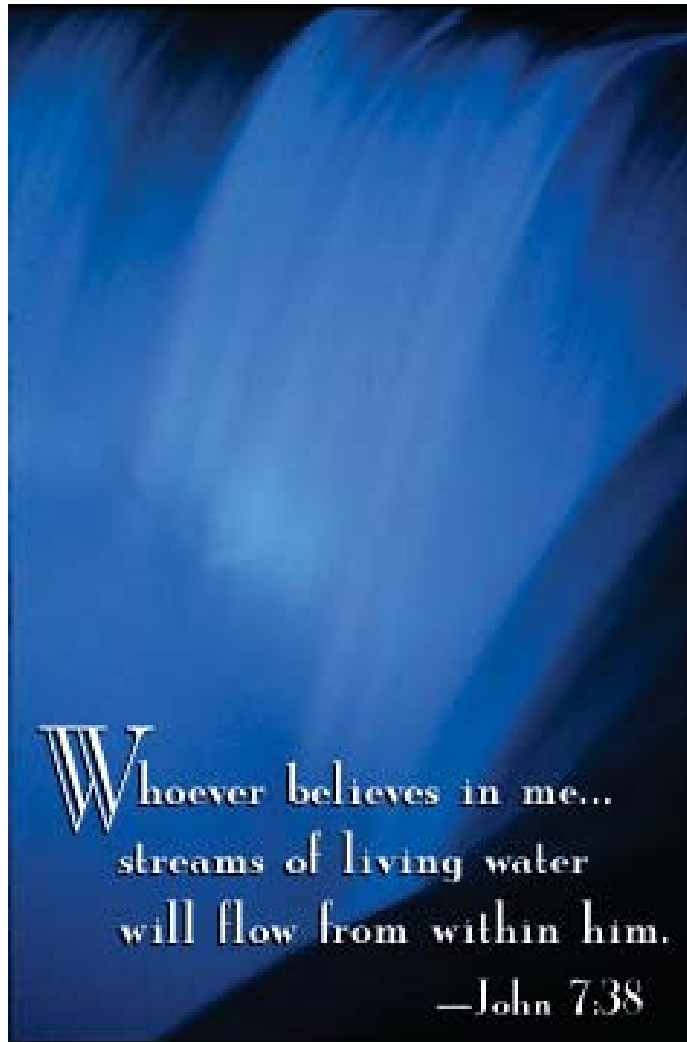
During the Feast of Tabernacles, each day there was a ritual in which a priest filled a gold pitcher from the Gihon Spring and returned to the altar to pour out the water. While this happened, the choir sang "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." **Isaiah 12:3**

Here at last, the souls of the nation were in position to be forever satisfied with water which would refresh them from within. Jesus saw the urgency, and the irony, of their looking to the ritual of the feast rather than to the Redeemer among them for their soul satisfaction.

How His heart was broken at their blindness and stubbornness. Even while He was teaching among them, the crowd was infiltrated by soldiers from the Sanhedrin who were there to arrest Him.

But they couldn't. And they didn't really know why. All they could say to their masters was "no man ever spoke like this man." Not a good response so far as the movers and shakers were concerned.

Yet the power and promise of Jesus' words flow out to us just as forcefully as on that day in the temple: "He who believes in me... out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water."



Those rivers of living water have been nourishing and nurturing the Lord's vineyard since Pentecost. The Holy Spirit has come among us and He brings us love, understanding of scripture, promptings to minister to one another, wisdom and a host of other rich blessings. We are often dulled by the Enemy to ignore the source of these rich blessings. But the Spirit's patient love for us endures even our indifference.

I am grateful for those many saints who have blessed my life through the streams of living water which have flowed through them. Not only were their lives enriched by the stream, but its power flowed out to bless me as well. Let us serve as channels of that endless stream of grace to those

whom God brings into our lives.

*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:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>

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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. . . . . Brian Gifford

John 4:10-14 . . . . . Donnie Lemley

Praise Songs . . . . . Jon Miller

#71 As the Deer

#117 God is the Fountain Whence

#226 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

John 7:37-39 . . . . . Donnie Lemley

#389 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (v. 1-2)

#374 There is a Fountain

Communion Message. . . . . Don Brewster

#383 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion Served

Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller

#909 There's a Fountain Free

Prayer Cards . . . . . Bob Voigts

Closing Song . . . . . Jon Miller

#390 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (v. 1-2)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 23 . . . . . Sylvia Perez, Mark Ross

October 26 . . . . . Caitlin Mullins

## Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . . . 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/

November 3 . . . . . Meal Box Distribution

November 3 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection

November 4 . . . . . Mens Prayer Breakfast

November 6 . . . . . Community Groups

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class. . . . . 38

Sunday Morning Worship. . . . . 63

Wednesday Evening Bible Class. . . . . 23

Contribution. . . . . \$2,613.25

Nursery Workers . . . . . Bev Day, Carrie Drumheller

Collection Counters . . . . . Mike Henkel, Jeff Ieler

## In Our Prayers...

**Kenneth Beamon, a neighbor of Dana Howard's**, passed away. Pray for his wife, Edith and their son, Kenny.

**Heaven, Chris Czernik's daughter**, had surgery to remove a non-cancerous large mass in her abdomen.

**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 with an infection. She also suffers with diabetes.

**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.

**Sandy Root, Rick's mother**, is having gall bladder surgery tomorrow – her fourth surgery this year.

**Bob Voigts** started chemotherapy treatments.

**J'Ray Woodard, Henry Phillip's foster son and a former RCC camper**, had surgery 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 Duke – Bobbie Whitman's sister

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

Myrna Levake

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

## Honduras Flooding

Mission Lazarus, has teams in the hardest hit regions of southern Honduras where rain has fallen all week. The Mission Lazarus teams are busy distributing emergency food supplies to isolated areas mainly rice, beans, and clean water. They report nearly 7,000 acres of sugar cane have been lost due to the flooding, 31,000 homes have been severely affected and 80% of the town of Monjaras is under water. The flooding stretched from San Marcos de Colon in the mountains to the coastal towns of Marcovia and Monjaras. Small streams in the mountain town of San Marcos de Colon have turned into raging torrents wiping away everything in their path. The only paved road from Tegucigalpa south has been completely destroyed by major landslides, thus isolating the most affected areas. Mission Lazarus is appealing for emergency aid to continue to buy food supplies and for medical teams to provide medical care. Cameron Hartsell reports "I feel helpless, there is so much need and we have such limited resources at this point. We need the US to respond and to respond quickly." Donate online at [www.missionlazarus.org](http://www.missionlazarus.org).

## 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. Let Pat Brewster know if you would like 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 is available in the foyer. Deadline: November 13



Connection Point is scheduled for this afternoon at Cardinal Drive Church of Christ from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Let Brian Gifford know if you would like to go. The Cardinal Drive teens are planning a great worship time, games and other fun activities!

A blog has been created for our teens – <http://wcteens.wordpress.com>. Log on and contribute your thoughts.

Please check your information on the Teen Directory sheet in the Teen Room. An e-mail was sent to each of you this week and a couple were undeliverable. The Teen Directory will be compiled and distributed to our youth leaders, the elders and deacons and each teen this week.

**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.