



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

It's the time of year for the fading of the flowers. The trees explode with one last expression of glory and splendor, and then they prepare for the cold night of winter.

The God of the seasons has once again displayed His artistry, His wisdom, and His provision for all mankind. We have learned to adapt, to wrap ourselves around the times and seasons ordained by the Father.

We fill the winter with times of celebration and we await the coming of a new season of soft winds, warm days, and new life. But for now, it is good to feel the briskness in the air, to get out familiar coats and corduroy, and to look in the closet for the gloves and scarves. In this

time of the falling of the leaves, it is good to remind ourselves of the things which are eternal.

Isaiah reminds us that in this time of the fading flowers, we should remember the timelessness of the Word of God. What a rock of security and a fortress of strength is the truth and the certainty of God's Word. Jesus addressed this in the Sermon on the Mount: "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished." **Matthew 5:18**

Here, Jesus is talking specifically about the Law.

But the Word of God is greater than just the Law, though that was an important part of it. The richest meaning of the Word of God may be thought of as that "Logos" idea from John 1. Jesus, Himself, is called the Word, the Logos. And the text tells how that Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

It stretches our minds to try to comprehend the interconnections between Word, flesh, and Deity. This "word of God" is not like other words we have known. It was that word that in the beginning said, "let there

be light, and there was light."

Think about that. To speak with the force of creation.

Or, consider the statement from **Hebrews**: "[Jesus] reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power..." **Hebrews 1:3** Just what could that mean, to "uphold the



universe by his word of power?"

In these days of a science which serves whatever economy funds its work, in these post-modern days of truth as relative, depending on what it is that "is" means, it gives power, stability and peace to our souls to be anchored on the rock of the Word of God. We find our identity in the One who upholds the universe by His word-power.

The flowers may fade but they will return in the time ordained by the One who loves us and holds us to His heart.

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 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 Chuck Miller
 Singing Jon Miller
 #19 Come Thou Almighty King
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Curt Robinson
 #992 Can You Count the Stars?
 #808 Abide With Me
 Prayer Bob Jett
 #318 O Sacred Head
 Lord's Supper Kenn Watson
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #943 Do You Know My Jesus?
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Curt Robinson
 #71 As the Deer
 Closing Prayer John Pedersen

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 26 Caitlin Mullins
 October 30 Tristan Link

Dates to Remember

October 26 Living Room Café
 November 1 . . . Daylight Savings Time Ends (fall back)
 November 1 Small Groups
 November 5 Food Pantry Delivery
 November 7 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 November 8 Connection Point @ Naperville
 November 12 Preachers Breakfast
 November 14-15 Chicago Celebration
 November 17 Harding Dinner for Teens
 November 18 Seniors Breakfast
 November 22 Small Groups

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Bible Class 64
 Sunday Worship 102
 Contribution \$5,007.75

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Kelie Wheeler



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Steve Link



In Our Prayers...

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

Rob Carris is the youth minister at the Cardinal Drive church. **Rob's dad, Bob**, had a triple-bypass this week and is doing well.

The mother of Waseem James, a friend of Dana Howard's, passed away this week. She had been in the hospital with heart problems.

Bobbi Jameson, Rhonda Triplett's mother, had two heart attacks on Thursday. They are planning a triple or quadruple bypass tomorrow or Tuesday. Rhonda is flying to Springfield, Missouri to be with her and her family.

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother, is doing well and has a good attitude. She will be starting chemotherapy treatments in a few weeks.

Chester Sitler has been in the hospital this week due to an infection. **Phyllis** is suffering with a skin infection.

Max Sterne, the gentleman that Joyce Eakins used to take care of, passed away last week.

Gordon Wilson, a former member and deacon, passed away this week. All arrangements took place in Tennessee.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother
 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
 Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 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



*You have made known to me
 the path of life; you will fill me
 with joy in your presence,
 with eternal pleasures at your
 right hand. Psalm 16:11*

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Chili Supper at the Living Room Cafe

We're providing the meal at the Living Room Café tomorrow 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 TODAY! Those of you going to serve, we'll leave from the building at 2:30 pm.

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!



Small Group Fellowships

Upcoming dates for Small Group Fellowships 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.

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.

Food Pantry Items

We need grocery bags for the food pantry - paper or plastic. Also, would you include some food in those grocery bags? Some nice additions to our assortment of food are:

- Flour - 5 lb bag
- Sugar - 5 lb bag
- Corn meal
- Salt & Pepper
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Granola bars

Daylight Savings Time
Ends (fall back)
Next Sunday, November 1
@ 2:00 a.m.

TEENS: Our next Connection Point is next 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. For all teens and their parents, this is a great opportunity to see what several colleges have to offer in just one afternoon! Colleges in attendance: Southwestern Christian College, Rochester College, York College, Heritage Christian University, Freed-Hardeman University, Ohio Valley University, Pepperdine University, Oklahoma Christian University, Harding University and Lipscomb University. In addition, seniors who register for a special drawing could win a scholarship to attend one of these schools.

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.

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.

