



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

A sunny fall afternoon with families having fun. Hot dogs on a stick and marshmallows crusted between graham crackers and chocolate. The simplicity of times like these are burned forever into the memories of children. They will tell how “we *always* used to cook hotdogs and have all these booths....” It seems to them as if such times define the ordinary.

As adults, we tend to forget the simple pleasures of family good times. We may more likely remember the hectic schedule and how tired we were after all the cleanup. Mom having to push dad to come along. How hard it is to get people to sign up. But the children have the better view. Just memories of joy.

I'm personally thankful for the planners. The ones who remember those memories of the youth and know how important it is to create new

memories for each generation. They are the ones who persevere, and schedule and re-schedule and decorate and clean up.

Without their dedication, life could be pretty plain vanilla, but they are the inspiration for the snapshots and the smiles and the really good hot dogs.

Much of my life I've been more of a curmudgeon. A mutterer and a foot-dragger. But how often I have

discovered, in spite of my dullness of vision, the happy simplicity of painted faces and silly things like musical chairs and digging for worms. Materialistic obsession and lives filled with too many events and too much to do try to rob the joy of life's simplicity.



Yesterday, as I watched families around the fire pit, I thought about what a true “fellowship of the ring” we have. No hobbits or quests or fantastical creatures, just autumn crispness, glorious color of the leaves, and people secure in a loving relationship with one another and with their Creator.

We are so bound in a circle of love with all the saints of the earth.

We are securely included in the fraternity of the innocent, those whose joy it is to sing praise to the Great King. The Enemy tries to blind us to the power of simple goodness and of joy in being together.

Remember, the most lasting images in our hearts of happy times come from those days of

our earliest memories, of times full of laughter, smiles and the smell of a campfire and burning leaves.

I challenge you all, and I want to commit myself as well, to memories of golden days, and to the responsibility those memories bring to re-create them for a new generation who need to have lots of “we *always* used to....” memories.



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.

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 - Cary Gray
- Announcements - Rick Root
- Singing
- Prayer - Scott Drumheller
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Bob Jett

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- October 30 Tristan Link
- November 2 Julia Doggett, Tammy Ross
- November 3 Julie Chavez, Rachel Hearn

Dates to Remember

- October 28 Sunday Night Light/Teens
- November 1 Food Pantry Delivery
- November 3 Elder/Deacon Meeting
- 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
- November 21 Seniors Breakfast
- November 22 Thanksgiving!
- November 25 Sunday Night Light/Teens
- November 29-December 2 Teens Visit Harding
- November 30 Family Night

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 85
- Sunday Morning Worship 116
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 56
- Contribution \$12,779.58

In Our Prayers...

Loss of loved ones:

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

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

Christy Baumgartner, a young Christian sister who had a serious rare and often deadly aneurism on Saturday.

Laura Lee Froemming, Don Brewster's niece, passed away unexpectedly last week from a heart attack.

Additions:

Taylor Baum, a young girl from Shelby Root's school, is struggling with leukemia. Please see article on page 4.

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.

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 & Bobbye'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 Sitrler

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 - due in a couple of weeks

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

Bev Livermore, Becky Pedersen

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. **Please give any donation to Cliff TODAY.** If you would like more information about Loose Change to Loosen Chains, read the book, *Be the Change*, by Zach Hunter or go to www.lc2lc.org.



Taylor Baum

Taylor Baum is a 10 year old girl who has leukemia that attends Shelby Root's school. She is unable to take any more treatments and she is not expected to go into remission. Their family is being treated to a trip to Florida by the Make a Wish Foundation. Their bills and expenses are mounting and Taylor's mother is a single mom. We are collecting money to assist their family. You may give your donation to **Bobbie Miller** or **Lynette Root** by **Wednesday, October 31.**

Directories & Photographs

New directories are available in the foyer! If you need your photograph taken or would like an updated photograph for the display in the foyer, please see Paul or Jon Mercer. They are set-up in the foyer to take photographs today. *Don't forget to SMILE!*

Small Groups

If you are new to our church family or are visiting and would like to join a small group, please see Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts. The same groups will continue with the following dates: November 4 & 18. **There is NO evening service on Small Group Sundays.**



Shults-Lewis Christmas Gifts

We are giving Christmas gifts to Shults-Lewis again this year! There is a "wish list" on the bulletin board in the foyer. Place your name by the gift you will purchase and gift wrap. If you'd prefer, Joan Avey is accepting cash donations and will do the shopping. Please have the gifts to the building by Sunday, November 25.

Food Pantry Delivery

The truck from the Northern Illinois Food Bank will be here this **Thursday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m.** with our pantry delivery. We need volunteers to assist carrying the boxes of food down to the pantry, unloading the boxes and stocking the shelves. Come join us!

Daylight Savings Time Ends

On Sunday, November 4, daylight savings time ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

Youth & Family News

TEENS: There is a **Sunday Night Light TONIGHT** after evening worship. J.J. Chavez is leading our devotional.

Katie Tinney from York College will be in town on **Saturday night, November 10**, and is taking our youth group bowling. Mark your calendars, details will be available next Sunday.

Plan to be a part of the **Chicago Celebration on Sunday afternoon, November 11.** There will be a break-out session for teens from all the area congregations during this awesome worship time.

We're having a **MONDAY Night Light on Monday, November 12** at the Plummer's.

PARENTS: If you'd like to host a Sunday Night Light, please let Cliff know.

COLLEGE VISITS: Cliff is planning a trip to Harding University for Bison Daze November 29 to December 2 (Thursday - Sunday). A schedule and registration forms are available from Cliff. Cost is \$40 plus meals on the road. A trip to Oklahoma Christian for their Spring Visit is scheduled for February 28 to March 2.

HEADS-UP: Winterfest is February 14-17, 2008.

**Sunday,
November 11th!**

Tinley Park
Convention Center
Tinley Park, Illinois

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



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.

There is a "sign-up" sheet in the foyer - place a check in the appropriate box!

