



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Comfort. What a priceless treasure is comfort to our souls. It comes in many forms.

Sometimes, comfort is a cozy room on a blustery day. If there's a fireplace, good coffee and a book, even better. If there's someone to share life with, better yet.

Our physical bodies need comfort. Those who struggle with chronic pain know how precious are moments without aching or agony. Even when we are just fatigued, exhausted from work and stress, our bodies cry out for comfort.

On the cross, Jesus' body felt the accumulative assaults of sleeplessness, abuse, torture, and the stresses of humiliation, betrayal, and mockery. That pain was part of His great love-gift to us.

But heart comfort may be even more vital to our survival. Studies of young babies found that simply being untouched is enough to cause death to newborns. They must have human contact. Sadly, even abusive contact gives better hope for survival than no contact at all. Children who are touch-deprived have a greater tendency for violent and aggressive behavior. If we knew, like God does, of the millions of children who lie hungry in their beds with no one to love, to hold, and to comfort them, I think our hearts would break.

God depends on our hands and hearts to reach out to those in need. "Who is my neighbor?" asked the theologian. The answer was the story of the Good Samaritan. Summary: any time your sense of compassion sees someone in pain or distress, God calls on us to mobilize to provide comfort and care.

Recently, we have felt the heart burden of dear friends who have lost loved ones in death. Our spirits respond with a need to comfort. We feel a yearning in our hearts to bless the Jinkerson family, and now to comfort and bless Joanne Johnson in the loss of her mother. Our prayers, our spirits, and our hearts are full of longing to comfort.



In the massive storm on the east coast, we hear the cries of our neighbors, and we need to respond with comfort. I am so grateful that the Disaster Relief ministry which we heard about recently is on the ground in Hoboken, NJ, giving food, clothing, and assistance in Jesus' name and on our behalf.

You may want to consider special financial support to help in their efforts. (www.disasterassistancecoc.com) You can send a check to Disaster Assistance Mission/402 Center Way St./Lake Jackson, TX 77566.

How blessed we are to be comforted. How blessed to be able to offer comfort.

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:

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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.

Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays *Dewayne Smith*
 Kids Connection. *Jon Miller*
 Praise Songs *Tim Boyd*
 #134 *The Lord's My Shepherd*
 #533 *I Am a Sheep*
 #126 *The Lord My Shepherd Is*
 #823 *Lead Me Gently Home, Father*
 Communion Message. *Tom Doggett*
 #366 *By Christ Redeemed*
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection
 Sermon *Chuck Miller*
 #336 *There is a Gate*
 Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 #755 *God Be With You*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 7 Bob Voigts

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups
 November 5 Teen Parent Connection
 November 6 Tuesday Ladies Class
 November 7 Wednesday Bible Class
 November 9 Mens Prayer & Pancakes
 November 10 Work Day
 November 11 Community Groups
 November 12 Living Room Café
 November 12 Teen Parent Connection
 November 13 Tuesday Ladies Class
 November 14 Wednesday Bible Class
 November 16 Mens Prayer & Pancakes
 November 19 Teen Parent Connection
 November 21 Seniors Breakfast
 November 22 Happy Thanksgiving!

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$3,048.90

Nursery Workers

Maryssa Dean, Betsy Jett

Collection Counters

Paul Mullins, Mike Henkel



In Our Prayers...

Chris Czernik is doing better, but is still suffering with back pain. She is back working her two jobs, plus babysitting her grandchildren.

Continue to pray for Doka and his family and friends. Their situation in northern Nigeria is quite dire with the constant threat of violence and lack of food. A drip-irrigation project is in the works and it will need funding. Please see Chuck if you are interested in actually going to Nigeria to help with this effort.

Linda Barr Fellenbaum, Julie Dean's niece, has been missing since October 21. The police believe something serious has happened to her. They are holding a massive search for her today in Romeoville.

Sue Lake, Marion's sister-in-law, needs a liver transplant. If you have type O blood, between the ages of 21 and 50 and in excellent health, see Marion if you are willing to give a portion of your liver.

Anne Librande, Joanne Johnson's mother, passed away last Sunday.

Henry Phillips, the youth minister at Rockford Church of Christ and a long-time friend from RCC, has been diagnosed with liver disease. He is waiting for results from the biopsy he had this week.

Frances Shearer had an angiogram on Tuesday. They put in another stent and she will be recuperating for a couple more days.

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
 Nancy Brewster
 Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller's parents
 John Day
 Al Dorsey
 Doug Dorsey – Al's son
 Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew
 Rachel Goodman (Jinkerson)
 Josephine Haggerton
 Cliff Holladay – a friend of the Miller's
 Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister
 Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins
 Pat Johnson – Dana Howard's aunt
 John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 Jack Lockett – father of Charlie,

Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett – Joan's son

Joan Mullins – Paul's mother

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew & the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff

Scott Robinson – Curt's brother

Kay Schrader

Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents

Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Bridgett Fordyce – former member

Eryn Tribble – former member

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew, Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Kristen Hauser – a friend of the Avey's, Afghanistan

Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti

Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers

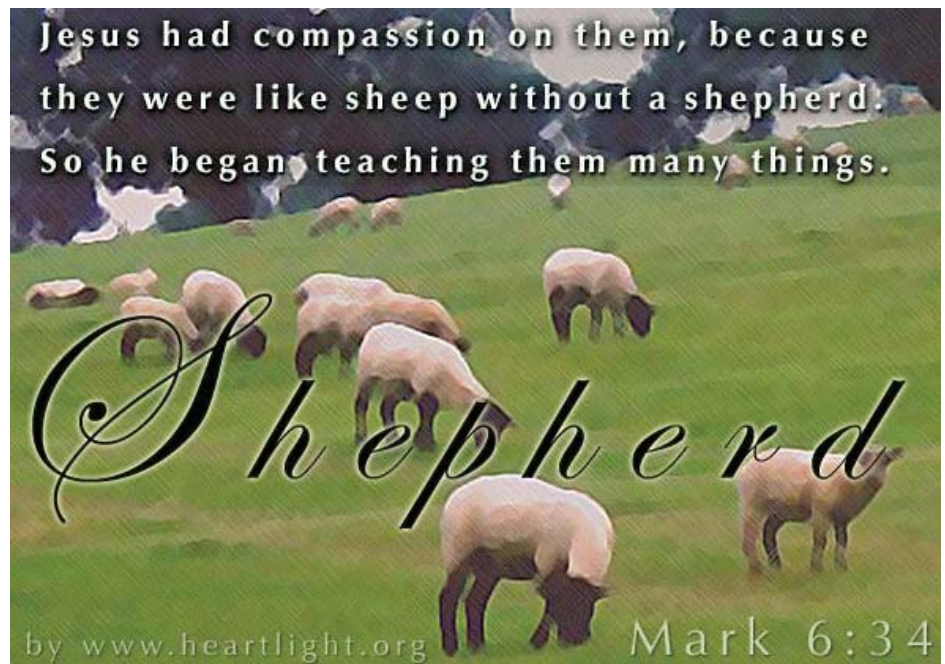
Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria



Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet TODAY. "...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. – Acts 2:46-47



West Chicago Community Groups

Meat Drive

We need meat for our food pantry – ground beef, chicken, pork, bacon, sausage, hot dogs, etc. in 1 to 4 lb. packages. The pantry will be open before worship the next several weeks for your donation. Put the meat directly into either freezer. See Sally if you would like to make arrangements to bring the meat during the week. Cash is welcome, too! Write "meat" in your check's memo line.



Work Day!

We are going to have a work day at the building next Saturday, November 10, in the morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The purpose of this is to insure that we can take care of a number of maintenance tasks in and around the building. We really want this to be a time to work together and fellowship with one another. We need to have as many people as possible to come out and make this a really productive time. Please dress in work clothes. We have tasks for the inside of the building as well as tasks to be accomplished outside around the building and in the yard. Thank you all in advance for your help in getting this accomplished.

Shults-Lewis Commodity

This year we are collecting pineapple and snacks for the Shults-Lewis Commodity Drive.

Cash donations are also welcome for their meat, milk and produce bill. They will be here the week of December 2 to pick them up.

Look for the Shults-Lewis Christmas gift wish list which will be posted next week! Gifts will be due the last Sunday of November after Thanksgiving.

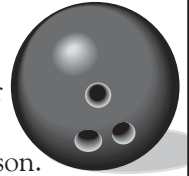


It's Twins!

Chris Czernik's daughter, Elizabeth, gave birth to twin boys on Tuesday, October 30. Lynn James was 4 lbs., 11 oz., 18" long and Miles Robert was 5 lbs., 6 oz., 19" long. Her due date was the beginning of December, but they are all doing just great. Congratulations!



There will be A Gathering of the Jesus Freaks at Brian & Shannon's home on Sunday, November 11, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. Dinner and drinks will be provided. After dinner the group will head to Funway for bowling, which will cost \$10 for each person.



Follow Me!

"Every disciple, when properly trained will be like the Teacher."

Luke 6:40

Bible Class Teachers

Our next rotation for Sunday morning Bible Class teachers begins today. Please consider teaching this session to give some of our other teachers a break. Contact Cindy Drumheller if you are interested.