



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

Volume 40, Issue 44 • November 9, 2008

## A Preacher's Perspective

**H**ave you become one who delights in the Word of God? It's not a development which is universal among Christians. Some struggle to find a way to relate to scripture. Those who encounter translations which are greatly different from our modern way of thinking and communicating can have a challenge even more daunting.

Some just do not handle well the challenge of reading. Visual problems and even certain kinds of disabilities make reading a chore for many, though others find it very enjoyable.

The blessing of engaging the Word of God through the Bible is one we should view with a deeply grateful heart.

A study of the history of our English Bible includes stories of men who died to help us have the great privilege of reading scripture. Experts in language have spent thousands of hours pouring over manuscript fragments and comparing the great documents which are the sources of our Bible. God has used men and women of every kind in the process of preserving for us this ancient treasure.

At some point, our spirits need to consider the miraculous idea of God choosing to communicate with

His people through the written word. Whether we can read it for ourselves or whether we hear it spoken or read, the Word is a powerful instrument in partnership with the very Holy Spirit to teach us the heart and mind of God.

**Psalm 19** celebrates the beauty and wonder of Scripture. **Psalm 119** is the Bible's longest chapter, and its grand theme is also the wondrous word of God. I love this expression from **Psalm 119:96, 97** "I have seen an end to all perfection but Thy

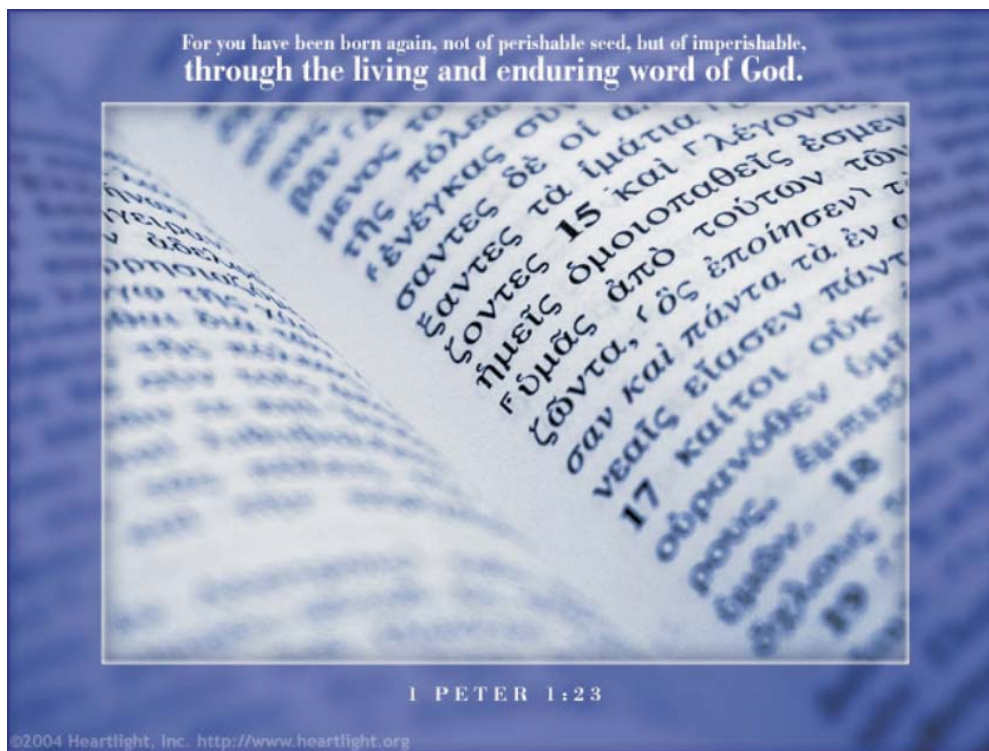
commandment is exceeding broad. O how love I thy law; it is my meditation all the day."

We in America have homes with many copies, probably, of the word of God. There are still places in the world where owning a copy of the Bible could bring persecution or even prosecution.

If you have not developed a personal love affair with the Word, give it another try. You may find one of the oral forms of intake suits you best. Some who cannot physically read enjoy listening to the Bible, and it is available on tapes, CDs, and even on your iPod.

But whether you study it deeply, or are just beginning to get the hang of it, know that the Word of God is a marvelous treasure which blesses those who consider well one of God's great gifts to us.

**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.  
 (The Sunday Morning Worship is interpreted for the deaf.)  
 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**  
**Chuck Miller**

**Bob Jett**  
**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



350 East James Avenue  
 West Chicago, Illinois 60185  
 (630) 231-2062  
[wcfamily@wcfamily.org](mailto:wcfamily@wcfamily.org)  
[www.wcfamily.org](http://www.wcfamily.org)

## This Morning...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. 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 - Kyle Wheeler
- Singing
- Prayer - John Johnson
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Paul Mercer

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- November 10 . . . . . Doris Biancalana
- November 12 . . . . . Melissa Doggett
- November 13 . . . . . Lily Ieler, Kelie Wheeler

## Dates to Remember

- November 9 . . . . . Sunday Night Light/Teens
- November 13 . . . . . Preachers Breakfast
- November 14-15 . . . . . Purity Retreat
- November 16 . . . . . Small Groups
- November 19 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast
- November 23 . . . . . Sarah's Wedding Shower
- November 23 . . . . . Sunday Night Light/Teens
- November 27 . . . . . Thanksgiving
- November 29 . . . . . Jake & Sarah's Wedding
- December 7 . . . . . Shults-Lewis Items Due
- December 7 . . . . . Small Groups
- December 13 . . . . . Moms In School Breakfast
- December 13 . . . . . Franciscan Court Bake Sale
- December 14 . . . . . Holiday Dinner
- December 31 . . . . . New Year's Eve Lock-In/Teens

## Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 56
- Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 100
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 35
- Contribution . . . . . \$4,232.00

## In Our Prayers...

Pray for everyone involved in the **Purity Retreat** next weekend, the leaders, the presenters and the girls.

**Sylvia Atten, Dana Howard's friend**, is going through training for a new job.

**Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother**, had a triple bypass and his aorta valve repaired several weeks ago. He is back in the hospital with an infection. He is having a very difficult time.

**Ron Chavez, Jim's uncle**, passed away last week.

**Thanksgiving** for three awards given to **Julie Chavez** last week, including Advocate of the Year.

**John Day** had knee replacement surgery. He got home from the hospital last Sunday evening.

**Joyce Eakins** went into the hospital on Friday for a procedure.

**Joe Engler, the 24-year-old son of the Hearn's friends**, fell 25 feet from a scaffolding on Wednesday. He has broken bones in both feet, his arm and back.

**Judy Phipps, Marion Lake's sister**, needs a new place to live – close to public transportation, close to her job and big enough for her and her three sons.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey

Don & Irene Barnes – Lynette Root's uncle & aunt

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly – Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

Leona Boston – Lynette Root's aunt

Jim Brannon – Pat Brewster's brother-in-law

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

John Day

Lisa DeVaney – Marie Hayes's daughter

Al Dorsey and his son Doug

Chad Englebach – Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson – a former member from Montana

Sarah Hayden & family – Maria Zeisler's relative

Marie Hayes

Mary Henkel – Mike's mother

Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister

Sandy Jones – Marie Hayes's daughter

Amy Kalupski – sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend

Joe, Star and Sky Kuhnle – Chuck & Bobbye's foster son

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett – the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley,

Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett – Joan's son

Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's niece

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and

the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts cousins

### Mothers-to-be:

Missy Day

Amanda Grandlienard – former member

Jamie Holtin – Joe & Terrie's daughter

Jenn Kirts – Joe & Terrie's daughter-in-law

Shannon (Pedersen) Manny

Jennifer (Doggett) Piehl

Shelley Prosser – Joan Lockett's daughter

### Armed forces:

Joseph Amato – Bob & Betsy Jett's son-in-law is in the Illinois Air Force National Guard. He has been deployed to Afghanistan for 60 days.

Chris & Jennifer Roberts – Cathleen Longfellow's sister & brother-in-law are in Iraq, they have a 1-year-old daughter. They will be moving to Germany very soon and will be there 3 years.

Shane – the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Nathan & Angie Stilwell – Bridgette Fordyce's brother & sister-in-law went to Japan with the Air Force for 3 years with their two small children

Klinton Wheeler is in Army basic training – his info:

Pvt. Klinton Wheeler

BCO2154 In, Rn 254

8775 Albanese Drive

Fort Benning, GA 31905-4931

### Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown –

Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria

Makinde Olufemi – Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

## A Note from Klinton Wheeler

Dear Church Family,

I hope you all are doing well. I miss being at church with you all. Thank you for all of your prayers.

Things are going well. Training is pretty tough, but I feel that I'm growing up a lot. I feel my relationship with God has become stronger.

Keep on praying. I'll be home soon.

Thanks again for the prayers – *Klinton*

## Small Group Fellowships

**The next Small Group Fellowship is November 16!**

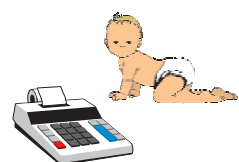
Remember there is NO evening worship on Small Group Sundays. There is a small group that meets at the building Sunday evenings at 5:30. Questions, see Don, Cliff or Bob V.

## Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Marianne Stirrup

## Collection Counters

Justin Avey, Jeff Ieler



## Wedding Celebration!

There will be a wedding shower luncheon for Sarah Miller on Sunday, November 23, at 12:45 p.m. at Joan Avey's home. Hostesses are: Joan Avey, Nancy Doggett and Betsy Jett. Sarah is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

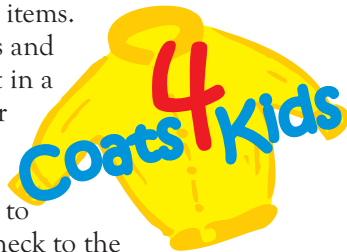


You are all invited to the wedding of Jake Tincher and Sarah Miller on Saturday, November 29. The ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. at Blanchard Alliance Church in Wheaton. The reception will be immediately following at the Danada House. Come celebrate with them and PLEASE RSVP TODAY.

## Coats 4 Kids

Melissa Massie has started a project to distribute coats, hats, gloves and boots to needy children through local elementary schools - Coats 4 Kids. The goal is for the coats to be delivered by the beginning of November. The schools are requesting new items.

1. **Purchase** a coat, hat, gloves and boots for a child. Enclose it in a bag and label it with gender and size. Place it in a box located in the foyer.
2. **Give a monetary donation** to Melissa Massie or write a check to the church and write "Coats 4 Kids" in the memo line.



## Shults-Lewis Donations

There is a Christmas Wish List posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for kids at Shults-Lewis. Please sign-up for the item you will purchase. Wrap the gift and attach a Christmas gift card writing the person's name it is for and that it is from you. Also, attach a post-it note that includes what is in the gift. **Please have the gifts to the building by Sunday, December 7.** See Joan Avey with any questions.

The commodity items for this year are cleaning supplies. The Sunday morning Bible classes are assigned the following items. The class that brings the most of their item will win donuts for their class. **Have your items to the building by Sunday, December 7.**

Adults - auditorium: Toilet bowl cleaner  
 Adults - foyer: Bathroom cleaner  
 Teens: Cascade dishwasher detergent  
 4th - 6th graders: Glass cleaner  
 1st - 3rd graders: Dishwashing liquid  
 Nursery - Preschool - Kindergarten: Paper towels



## Youth & Family News

**TEENS:** There's a Sunday Night, Light TONIGHT after evening services at Jon & Jamie's. Our guest speaker is Benny Nowell who runs an organization for homeless teens in Boulder, Colorado. Bring \$3 for food.

## Moms In School Breakfast with Santa

The 10th Annual Moms In School Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 13, from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist and Congregational Church, 643 East Washington Street - West Chicago (west of Walgreens). Tickets are \$3 for Children (12 and under); \$6 for Adults; and \$15 for a Family. Pictures with Santa are \$5.00. If you would like more information about Moms In School go to [www.firstumcucc.org/momsinschool.htm](http://www.firstumcucc.org/momsinschool.htm).

## Franciscan Court Bake Sale

Franciscan Court is a supportive living residence for senior citizens located at the corner of Route 59 and North Avenue. The residence is owned by our former members, Zack & Rene Caulkins. Chuck leads a Bible study there each Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. **They are having a bake sale on Saturday, December 13,** to raise money for their entertainment fund. If you would like to **donate some home-made baked goods**, please see Sally.

## Sleep Out Saturday

