



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Occupy protesters are full of anger and bitterness. But their frustration is not in the inequality of income or the unfairness of the economic system of our nation. They think it is, but those who have some understanding of the wisdom of God would point to other causes.

The wealthy are miserable if, like the rich fool of **Luke 12**, they only store up wealth to have more. When God blesses His people with wealth, good things happen. They are like a great tree which provides shelter and food for many. Paul instructed those who are rich to be sure to share with the poor and in so doing to lay up treasures in heaven.

When a nation sees a wealthy class that does not demonstrate the love and compassion of God it's no wonder they feel bitterness and resentment.

Unfortunately, utopian schemes and government attempts to create a perfect fairness have never worked, and they cannot.

Then there is the problem of the protesters. Proverbs reminds us that "when a man's folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the Lord." (**Prov. 19:3**) Now, I don't mean to suggest that all the

protesters are foolish, but their approach is. The man who is taught by God sees each day's food and shelter as blessing. Because we do not know the secrets of contentment taught by the Holy Spirit, we are tempted to frustration and to comparing ourselves to others.

I like Bill Gothard's definition of contentment: "Realizing that I already have all I need for my present happiness."

The lifestyle clues of the protest movement suggest that they have not been blessed with the legacy of deep faith and of gratitude.

Scripture makes it clear that the rich have always oppressed the poor. I think that will always be the

case. But when the poor feel rich, like the poor woman who put all her living into the treasury of the temple (**Luke 21**), they are in position to see God do powerful deeds for their care and provision.

Elijah trusted in God and ravens brought him daily food

during days of famine brought about by the sins of the nation.

These really are the "Days of Elijah" for those who put their trust in Elijah's God. Pray for our nation that God would convict the rich to bless their neighbors, and that He would convict us all to be grateful, humble, and kind.



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.

Order of Worship

Welcome, Scripture & Prayer *Curt Robinson*

Kids Connection. *Brian Gifford*

Praise Songs *Jay Hearn*

#63 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

#122 *The Love of God*

#539 *Higher Ground*

#548 *Lily of the Valley*

#478 *Nearer, Still Nearer*

Communion Message *Paul Mullins*

Communion Served

Sermon *Chuck Miller*

#867 *To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way*

Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*

Closing Song *Jay Hearn*

#744 *God's Family*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 13 Lily Ieler, Kelie Wheeler

November 14 Araya Urso

November 17 Joanne Johnson

November 19 Tim Boyd, Harper Day

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups

November 14 Living Room Café

November 15 Ladies Class

November 16 Seniors Breakfast

November 17 Teen Parent Connection

November 18-19 Purity Retreat

November 20 Community Groups

November 24 Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27 Praise Sunday!

November 29 Ladies Class

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 34

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 25

Contribution \$3,128.50

Nursery Workers Sandy Boyd, Kim Sitler

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Paul Mullins

In Our Prayers...

Herman Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's brother, is doing much better.

Bill Clark, Josephine Haggerton's nephew from Fort Worth, Texas, is in remission from leukemia. He is doing very well right now!

Joyce Eakins is having problems with back/hip pain. She is seeing a doctor this week.

Lisa Gleason, Dana's sister, sprained her arm.

Josephine Haggerton is doing well. She has arthritis in her hips, but her back isn't giving her any problems.

Pat Johnson, Dana's aunt, is home from the hospital and is doing better.

Chuck Miller has a follow up PSA test on Thursday.

The family of Margaret Mott.

Chester Sitler hasn't been feeling well.

Stacy Smith (wife of Jason "Yogi"), is HIV+ after a needle stick (she is a nurse).

Bob Voigts started chemotherapy treatments.

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 & Bobby 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, Bobby Miller's brother in law
Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents
Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

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 Headtko – 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

Senior Citizens Breakfast

The Seniors Breakfast is this **Wednesday, November 16, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Colonial Restaurant on the corner of Route 64 and Tyler Road. Hope to see you there!



Young Ladies! Next weekend, Friday and Saturday, November 18-19, is our Purity Retreat. Please let Lynette or Sally know **TODAY** if you and your friends plan to attend, even if it for only part of the time. You are definitely welcome to attend just Friday or Saturday. **Give your registration form to one of them asap!** Any questions? See Lynette or Sally! Friends from North Park & Freeport Churches of Christ are joining us!



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

We need someone to prepare the meal for Teen Parent Connection this Thursday, November 17. Please see Sally if you can help! 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, serve or donate money for a meal** for approximately 15 people, see Sally.

Bible Class Teachers

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to teach this rotation. **A couple of our teachers will be traveling over the holidays. Please let Cindy know if you can substitute.** 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.

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. There will be **no class on Tuesday, November 22**, the week of Thanksgiving.

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.



Package for Klinton

The next care package for Klinton Wheeler will be sent the week after Thanksgiving. **Please bring Christmas related items – candy, movies, etc.** A list of non-Christmas 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.



Shults-Lewis Gifts

The Shults-Lewis Christmas gift wish list is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Sign up for the item you will donate. Purchase the item, wrap it and place a tag on the gift. The tag should include the name of the person receiving the gift and the name of the person who is giving the gift. Also attach a post-it note that tells what is in the package. **The gifts are due to the building by Wednesday, November 30.**

Christmas Cookie Exchange

The ladies are invited to a Christmas Cookie Exchange at Francis Shearer's home on Saturday, December 10.



Holiday Dinner

Our Annual Holiday Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 11, immediately following morning worship.

Living Room Café

Monday, November 14, is our regular scheduled day to go serve at the Living Room Café in downtown Chicago. The group leaves the church building around 2:30 p.m. and returns around 8:30 p.m. See Julie Dean or Chuck Miller if you plan to go. **December offers several ways to serve at the Café!**

1. Our regular scheduled day to serve is Monday, December 12.
2. We are helping serve at their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 21. We would like the teens to go to assist little kids and the elderly with their food at the buffet.
3. Gifts for you to donate to be taken down for the Christmas Party on December 21: handmade scarves, gift cards for Walgreens, Target, or Walmart for no more than \$10 or gently-used boots.

