



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Collaboration! That was the point of the object lesson by Ricardo Barrera (Elgin) at the Men's Breakfast on Saturday. In this fascinating demonstration of the power of working together, Ricardo had four men sit in chairs. He then leaned each man back on the knees of his neighbor, and finally, he removed the chairs, leaving the men interwoven like a bamboo mat. Just remarkable!

The point was simple and unforgettable: God can use us together in ways that we would not dream of as individuals. The lesson was a great reminder of the principle that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Our combined strength is greater than the sum of our individual powers.

Look at the larger picture. Would you allow yourself to be arranged like that? I think if the men had known what Ricardo had in mind, they might have been reluctant to be "volunteered." Even as they were guided by him through the exercise, they probably didn't expect the chairs to be removed. I

couldn't help but think of Peter's reaction to walking on the water: "Hey, I can't do this!"

What a perfect application for an event like Chicago Celebration. Never in my 35 years in the Chicago area have I seen the continued partnerships across ethnic and racial lines which have been produced by these gatherings. Whatever the group experience is on Sunday when we all come together to worship, the year-long process of planning, praying, and fellowship may be the most valuable product.

I can imagine God looking down on us, and longing to see our hearts interwoven in love by the Holy Spirit which is binding us all together, to see us trusting one another, and leaning on Him for our strength, purpose and power.

We owe great appreciation to Patrick Odum, Charles Smith and Ricardo Barrera for providing the leadership for this year's event. We'll be leaving the

building at 1:00 p.m., so if you need a ride, meet us here. I hope you'll be able to join us this afternoon from 2:30 - 5:30 as God weaves us together in unique ways through His mighty hand. Its good to be a part of the grand design of the Mighty God from whom every family on heaven and earth takes its name.

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 Dewayne Smith
 #121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing
 Prayer Updates & Scripture. Cliff Plummer
 #791 On Bended Knee
 #770 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
 Prayer Paul Mullins
 #800 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #947 Jesus is Tenderly Calling
 #113 His Grace Reaches Me
 #366 By Christ Redeemed
 Lord's Supper Don Brewster
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Cliff Plummer
 #710 The Lord Bless You and Keep You
 Closing Prayer Dan Vantreese

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 16 J.J. Chavez
 November 17 Joanne Johnson
 November 18 Joey Chavez
 November 19 Tim Boyd, Harper Day

Dates to Remember

Today Chicago Celebration
 November 17 Harding Dinner for Teens
 November 18 Seniors Breakfast
 November 22 Small Groups
 November 26 Happy Thanksgiving!
 November 29 Sunday Night, Light

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Bible Class 55
 Sunday Worship 99
 Contribution \$3,883.00

Nursery Workers

Betsy Jett, Molly Mullins



Collection Counters

Justin Avey, Rick Root



Lost and Found

Please check the table near the restrooms and the coat rack for items that belong to you (and only you).

In Our Prayers...

Pray for everyone to have safe travels to and from Chicago Celebration today.

The people of our community who are suffering with job loss and financial issues.

The people who visit our food pantry.

The siblings of Joyce Eakins are having health issues.

Her brother, Hubert, is losing his memory. **Her sister, Eunice**, had part of her colon removed because of cancer and now needs heart bypass surgery. **Her sister, Frances**, is struggling with lyme disease.

Chris Czernik's parents are doing much better.

Joyce Duke, Bobbie Whitman's sister, had an aorta valve replaced on Tuesday. She is doing well..

Bobbi Jameson, Rhonda Triplett's mother, is recuperating at home after bypass surgery. She is doing really well.

Phyllis Sitler has been in the hospital for testing. She is back at the nursing home.

Janet Tarrant, Rick Root's aunt, has been seeing an oncologist and is waiting for test results.

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

Jackie Milam, the mother of a former member, Alyssa

Bobbie 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:

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



Saturday Celebration...



youth & family news

Welcome to Our Brunch!

This morning we are beginning our day of worship with a **potluck brunch at 9:30 a.m.** in the fellowship room. An abbreviated **worship and communion service will begin around 10:15 a.m.** This should allow members ample time to get to the afternoon's events in downtown Chicago. **Please stay and help clean up after worship.** Note: there will be **no worship this evening.**

Chicago Celebration TODAY!

Chicago Celebration is this afternoon at the **UIC Forum in downtown Chicago.** A map is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you would like a ride or have room available in your vehicle to give someone else a ride, please see Chuck as soon as possible!

Doors open 1:00 p.m.
 Worship/Singing 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
 Refreshments/Fellowship 5:30 p.m.

It's a Boy!

Jay and Lauren Avey are the proud parents of Jett Oliver. He was born on Wednesday and weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 22.5 inches long. Check out grandparents, Justin & Joan, this morning with their big smiles!



Small Group Fellowships

Upcoming Small Group Fellowship dates are: 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 meets at the church building at 5:30 p.m.

Shults-Lewis Wishes

The staff and residents at Shults-Lewis "truly appreciate the generosity and love of everyone at West Chicago Church of Christ." This year their Christmas wish list, which is located in the foyer, consists of items that all the residents can use for two of the units. You may sign up to purchase items or you may give Joan Avey a monetary donation to purchase items. A gift basket will be available in the foyer, so the items **do not** need to be wrapped. **Please have your items to the building by Sunday, December 6.**

TEENS: Harding University is hosting a dinner **this Tuesday, November 17**, at 6:00 p.m. at Uno's in Schaumburg. See Cliff if you're interested.

Those of you going to the **Family Force 5 concert** on Sunday, November 29, we'll meet at the building at 5:00 that afternoon. Please pay \$20 for your ticket if you haven't already.

Sign-up on the sheet in the downstairs class area for **WinterFest**, which is February 18-21, 2010. A \$50 deposit is due December 6th.

SENIORS: The **Seniors Breakfast** is Wednesday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m. at the Colonial Restaurant on Route 38 by Randall Road. See you there!

Thanksgiving Dinners

We recently purchased sixty Thanksgiving Meal boxes from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Almost all of these boxes have already been distributed to some of our church members and members of the community. Thank you for donations of \$600 towards this effort!

Jewel/Osco on Roosevelt Road in West Chicago is also donating their own Thanksgiving dinners to us for distribution to needy families in our community. Please stop by their store to make a cash or check donation.

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! **Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer** for items you can donate for this meal, and/or to volunteer.

Keep those scarves comin'! We'll take all of your hand-made scarves with us on the 15th!

The Living Room Cafe

We're helping with a Christmas Dinner at the Living Room Café on **Wednesday, December 23rd!** Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you'd like to help prepare or serve the meal, or help distribute gifts and clean-up.

They've asked us for donations of **new hats and warm gloves.** We'll have a bin in the foyer for your donations starting next week.

Guest Speaker Wednesday

Caesarei Marsh from the Living Room Café will be here to speak to us Wednesday evening. Everyone will meet together in the auditorium.

Holiday Dinner

Our annual Holiday Dinner will be immediately following our morning services on Sunday, December 13.