



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

According to Josephus, the Feast of Tabernacles was the greatest and most spiritual of the feast days. *The Bible Knowledge Commentary* gives us this picture of the feast:

"The Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated with certain festival rituals. One was a solemn procession each day from the temple to the Gihon Spring. A

priest filled a gold pitcher with water while the choir sang **Isaiah 12:3**. Then they returned to the altar and poured out the water. This ritual reminded them of the water from the rock during the wilderness wanderings."

(**Num. 20:8-11; Ps. 78:15-16**) – Bible Knowledge Commentary

After watching the observation of this ritual for the whole feast, Jesus stood up on the last day, and said: "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." **John 7:37-39**

We were reminded of this text last week in connection with our communion. I thought of it again in the context of the Purity Retreat, just completed

this weekend.

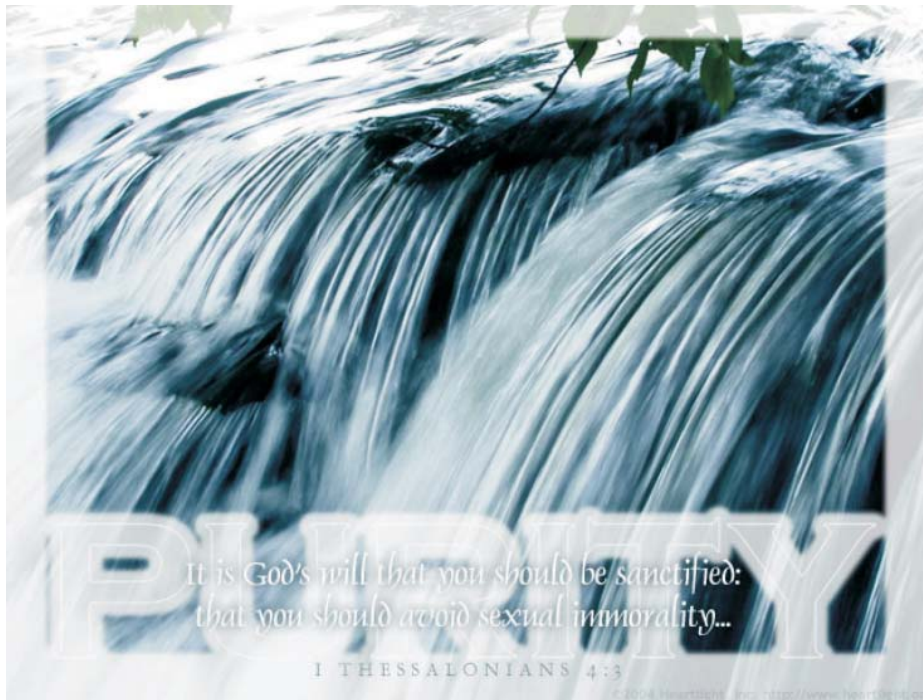
I believe that the most important basis for our commitment to purity should be our hunger for the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's presence in our souls, His comfort and His communication with us, and His empowering of our lives in answered prayer and providential blessings is the richest resource of our spiritual lives. Think about Paul's statements about this in his prayer for the Ephesians: ... "[I pray that] he

may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man... [and that you] may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now to him who by the power

at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen." **Ephesians 3:14-21**

Jesus wants us to experience the flowing of the Spirit's power from within us. Only when our spirits are pure can we know in the fullest the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit of God in us as we "drink" of Him.



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



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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 - Cary Gray
- Announcements - Kyle Wheeler
- Singing
- Prayer - Paul Stirrup
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Steve Link

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- November 16 J.J. Chavez
- November 17 Joanne Johnson
- November 18 Joey Chavez
- November 19 Tim Boyd
- November 22 Josephine Haggerton

Dates to Remember

- 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 68
- Sunday Morning Worship 121
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 31
- Contribution \$4,426.44

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, had a triple bypass and his aorta valve repaired several weeks ago. He is still in the hospital struggling with several issues.

Don Brewster fell from a ladder on Saturday. He has a cracked pelvis and lots of bruises and scrapes. He is home from the hospital but may have a lot of pain.

Joyce Eakins went into the hospital a week ago 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 had and back. Joe has gone through two surgeries this week, one for his back and another for his feet and hand. He is doing very and should experience a complete recovery.

Marie Hayes has been in the hospital this week.

Klinton Wheeler was in the hospital, but he is out now and has moved into his advanced training.

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

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

Jamie Holtin - Joe & Terrie's daughter

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

Shannon (Pedersen) Manny

Cathy Miller

Jamie Miller

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

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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

Small Group Fellowships

Today is Small Group Fellowships! 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, Lynette Root



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.



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.**

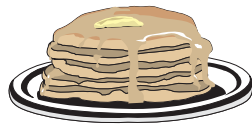
- Adults - auditorium: Toilet bowl cleaner
- Adults - foyer: Bathroom cleaner
- Teens: Cascade dishwasher detergent
- 4th - 6th graders: Glass cleaner
- 1st - 3rd graders: Dishwashing liquid
- Nursery - Preschool - Kindergarten: Paper towels



It's a Boy!

Wes & Amanda Grandlienard, former members, are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Caleb Ray. He was born two weeks ago on Sunday, November 2, at 2:46 p.m. and he weighed 8 lb., 4 oz. They are grateful for our prayers. Jordan is the proud, big sister! Congratulations!

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.

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.**

Youth & Family News

TEENS: There's a college visit scheduled for December 4-7 to Harding University. We'll leave Thursday morning and get back Sunday night. The cost is \$40 plus meals on the road. Please talk to Cliff today if you're interested in going. (College trips are limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors.)

Our next **Sunday Night, Light** is next Sunday, November 23, at Jon & Jamie's. Bring \$3 for food.

LOOKING AHEAD:

December 20 or 22 Teen's Christmas Party

December 31 New Year's Eve Lock-In

February 19-22, 2009 Winterfest

SENIORS: It's that time again! The Seniors' Breakfast is this Wednesday, November 19 (always the third Wednesday of each month), at 10:00 a.m. at the Colonial Restaurant on Route 38 by Randall Road. Hope to see you there!

Clothing Need

There's a family who were victims of the hurricane in Florida earlier this fall who have recently been relocated to West Chicago. They're in need of size 6 boys clothes. If you can help please see Cliff or Sally.

