



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:3-6**

What a blessing to be in partnership with you. I love Paul's expression, "I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel..."

How amazing that God would count us worthy of partnership with Him. It makes the last part of the verse even more wonderful:

"...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Does Satan try to convince you, as he does me, that we are inadequate and that we fall completely short of all that we need to be for usefulness to God? God's very "good work" has begun in us through the power of the Holy Spirit which dwells within us. While my little part of that grand ministry of God may

not be very significant in my own eyes, nevertheless, God is able to weave it together with your efforts, and with the efforts of all the saints, to make us, together, an irresistible force to accomplish His will.

We must learn to believe, and to encourage one another to accept the truth that God uses His church, even now, to demonstrate His own manifold wisdom to the heavenly realms. **(Col. 3:10)**

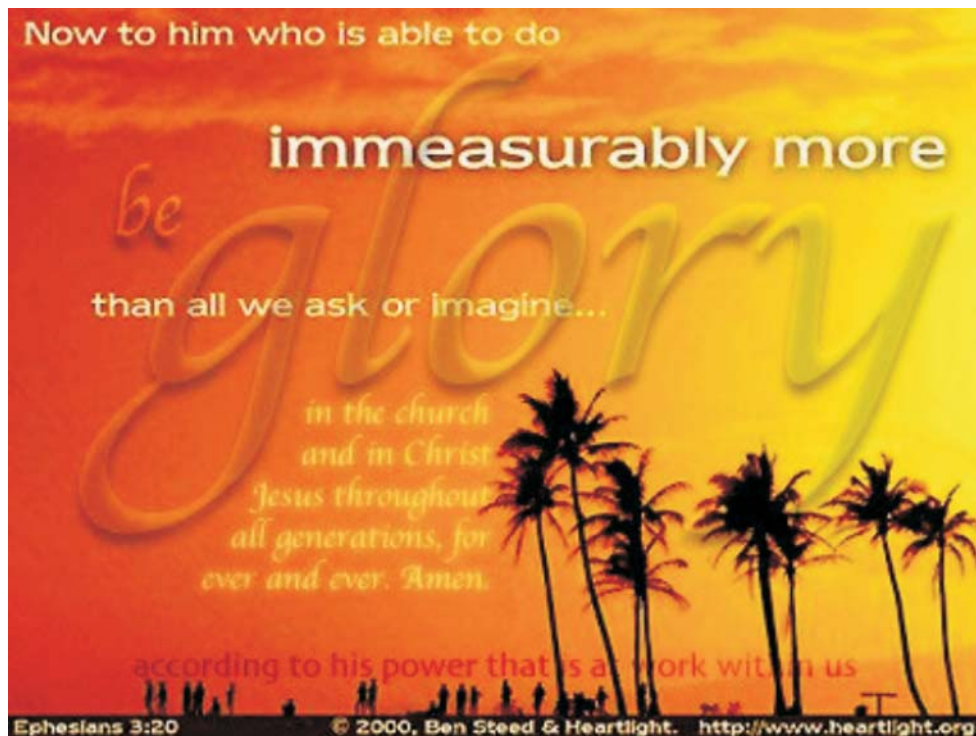
We are His glory. We are demonstrating the power of the work of Christ and are the instruments through which the earth is being sanctified for God. Through

our testimony and especially through the love we demonstrate to one another and to our neighbors, we are moving history toward its conclusion when the final pronouncement of God calls for the judgement of all mankind and the coming of the new age of the Kingdom glorified.

The gospel will have done

its work. The sheep will have heard the voice of their shepherd. The time will have come for the angels to come and with perfect skill to separate the tares from the wheat.

Our Father has counted us worthy to carry on His work to its completion. What a partnership we have in that ministry of the gospel!



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.
 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 **Bob Jett**
Chuck Miller **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 to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. 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 - Rick Root
 Announcements - Don Brewster
 Singing
 Prayer - Scott Fordyce
 Singing
 Lord's Supper
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon - Chuck Miller
 Singing
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
 Announcements
 Singing
 Closing Prayer - John Johnson

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 18 Joey Chavez
 November 19 Tim Boyd
 November 21 Allison Elkins
 November 22 Josephine Haggerton

Dates to Remember

November 18 Small Group Fellowships
 November 21 Seniors Breakfast
 November 22 Thanksgiving!
 November 25 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 November 29-December 2 Teens Visit Harding
 November 30 Family Night
 December 6 Food Pantry Delivery
 December 8 MIS Breakfast with Santa
 December 8 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 December 9 Holiday Dinner
 December 31 New Year's Eve Lock-In/Teens

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 76
 Sunday Morning Worship 126
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 57
 Contribution \$4,629.50

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

In Our Prayers...

Taylor Baum passed away early Tuesday morning. The Lord blessed her family with \$2,120 donated from our church family to help with their expenses.

J.J. Chavez is having problems with his shoulder. If physical therapy doesn't work he may need surgery.

Tim Miller has severe nerve damage in his spine at the at the L4 to L5 vertebrae, which is causing him extreme pain. They have not decided the course of treatment.

Caitlin Mullins is having problems with her shoulder and is scheduled for surgery around Christmas.

Fintan Schiltz, the infant son of Jay & Sally Hearn's neighbor, needs a heart transplant.

Mike and Beth Stiger, Bobbye Miller's nephew and his wife, had twins babies. Katie, is very small and needs to weigh 4 lbs. before she can have heart surgery.

Linda Vantreese is home from the rehabilitation center.

Alma Vinson, the grandmother of Dulane Willis who is a former member, has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She is 85 years old and the cancer is too advanced for treatments to help.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Andrea Bailey - a former member from California

Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

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

Mary Brent - Joe Kirts' sister

Nancy Brewster

Julie Chavez

Bob Czernik - Chris's husband

John Day

Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes' daughter

Al Dorsey

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Jean Gray - Linda Vantreese's sister

Elizabeth Griffin

Josephine Haggerton

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

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

Joe and Star Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son

Sue Lake - Marion's sister-in-law

Don Lemley

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

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

Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter

Steve & Melissa Massie family

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Melinda Poff - the sister of Jason Willis

Pat & Neil Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitrler

Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin

Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousin

Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend

Bob Voigts

Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother

Jim & Jamie Winner

Jeremy & Jim Whitman

Rick & Gina Zamora

Mothers-to-be:

Natalie Conner - Sally Hearn's niece

Renell Johnston - former member

Erin Livermore - Craig & Bev's daughter-in-law

Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings - Justin Avey's employee

Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law in Iraq along the Iranian border

Dustin Meritt - Justin Avey's employee

Chris & Jennifer Roberts - Cathleen Longfellow's sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16 months, they have a 1-year-old daughter

David Teel - Justin Avey's employee

John Tokarewich - the father of Sabrina Link's friend

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Dry Bones Ministry - homeless teens in Denver, CO

Juan & Roxanna Flores - Honduras

Leonardo Ken & family - Honduras

Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango - Brazil

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

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

Joe Voigts - China

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Lynette Root



Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



Small Groups

Today is Small Group Fellowships. There is NO evening service tonight. The Small Group Fellowships will not meet during December but will start again on January 6th. Also, mark your calendar with the following Small Group Fellowship dates for 2008: January 20, February 3, February 17, March 2, March 16, April 6, and April 20. On May 4th there will be a potluck with all the groups meeting together. You will remain in the same groups beginning in January.

It's a Girl!

Jeff and Kelly Ieler are the proud parents of a new baby girl, **Lily Grace Ieler**. She was born on Tuesday, November 13, and weighed 9 lbs.! Kelly and Lily are doing great! Happy siblings are Logan and Hope. *Congratulations to all!*

Shults-Lewis Christmas Gifts

We are giving Christmas gifts to Shults-Lewis again this year! There is a "wish list" on the bulletin board in the foyer. Place your name by the gift you will purchase and gift wrap. If you'd prefer, Joan Avey is accepting cash donations and will do the shopping. **Please have the gifts to the building by next Sunday, November 25.**

A separate wish list for one of the campus homes is also included on the bulletin board. They are asking for items, such as, towels, dishcloths and a DVD/VCR.

The commodity item for Shults-Lewis this year is **100% fruit juice**. You can place your donations in the foyer.

Also, you can give a special donation to Shults-Lewis for their **milk and fresh produce**. Their weekly budget for this is \$500. Give your donation to one of the elders or deacons.

Rise Up O Men of God!

The **Westside Church of Christ** in Elgin is hosting an event for men on **Saturday, December 1, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** The speakers will be Terry Atwater, Ricardo Barrera and Tim Thompson. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Dress is casual. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information. Please rsvp at tkthom@sbcglobal.net or call 847-695-1070.

Holiday Dinner!

Our annual **Holiday Dinner** will be on **Sunday, December 9**, in the fellowship room immediately following morning worship. Meat and beverages will be provided, but side dishes and desserts are potluck (please keep in mind normal holiday menu items). If you would like to help set-up or decorate, please see Joan Avey or Don Brewster. Everyone is welcome to clean-up afterward. There will no worship that evening.



Moms In School Breakfast with Santa

The **Moms In School Breakfast with Santa** is scheduled for **Saturday, December 8**, from 8:30-11:00 at the Methodist Church in West Chicago (just east of Walgreens). Tickets are \$3 for children 12 and under, \$6 for adults, and \$15 for a family, and can be purchased at the door or by calling Tammy at 630-231-0231 or e-mailing her at momsinschoolwc@yahoo.com. If you would like to help serve or work in the kitchen that morning, you can contact Tammy at the information above. Photos with Santa are \$5. *See you there!*

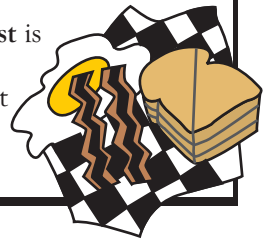
Youth & Family News

TEENS: Those of you planning to go to Harding for **Bison Daze** at the end of this month need to turn in your \$40 registration fee to Cliff by next Sunday, November 25.

Our next **Sunday Night, Light** is next Sunday, November 25.

On **Friday night, December 7**, the teens who attended Qodesh this fall are meeting at Cardinal Drive to pray for our youth groups, then heading over to Starbucks (@ Woodfield) to hang-out and visit for awhile. Those of you who didn't attend Qodesh but want to come along are welcome. See Cliff if you're interested.

SENIORS: The **Seniors Breakfast** is this Wednesday, November 21, at 10:00 a.m. at the Colonial Restaurant on Route 38 by Randall Road. Hope to see you there!



Photographs Available

We have registered on the Walgreens's website for members to log-in and order photographs of church events. Fall Fest photographs are available. Here's how it works:

1. Go to www.walgreens.com
2. Look at the top of the window under "Sign In"
3. For User Name type in: wcfamily2007
4. For Password type in: member2007
5. Click on "Go"
6. The next window to open should have "Welcome West Chicago Church of Christ" in the center.
7. Click on the "Photo" tab along the top bar.
8. Open an album and follow the directions on how to order prints or e-mail them to a friend.
 - a. You can order the whole batch or select just one.
 - b. You can choose 4 x 6, 5 x 7, etc.
 - c. You can have the prints available to pick up at your closest Walgreens or you can have the prints shipped to an address of your choice.
9. If all fails, ask Sally or Chuck!

Rochester College Dinner

Rochester College is hosting their annual dinner for friends, donors and alumni in the Chicago area on **Friday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lisle Hilton Hotel**. Autumn, an a capella singing group from the college will be performing. Tickets are complimentary, but please RSVP by November 20 at development@rc.edu or 248-218-2059.

Loose Change to Loosen Chains

We collected \$500 in loose change, which will help free one slave from bondage. Thank you for your contribution!