



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

What a blessing to be thankful, and how extra blessed we are to be able to express our gratitude together.

It is impossible to harbor bitter thoughts and to fall into pride and contention when our hearts are filled with gratitude. We have noted frequently that the best single-word formula for happiness is gratitude. Perhaps the best explanation for the extraordinary power of gratitude is its companion virtue, humility.

Satan works very hard to tempt us to a feeling of discontent. He constantly reminds us of what we don't have and how much better life would be if only we had that one extra.... Well, you get the point.

This is a good place to remind us of a wonderful definition of contentment: "Contentment is recognizing that I already have everything I need for my present happiness."

I want to wish you a particularly joyful week of contentment, humility and gratitude. We will need such spiritual fortification to withstand the assault of consumerism and materialism which will rush down in

gale force advertising campaigns beginning with "Black Friday" (which is becoming "Black Thursday").

How important it is to be firmly committed to gratitude and contentment in order not to be swept away by seasonal insanity.

On Wednesday night, we had a truly remarkable experience. Many of you joined in a fast on Tuesday which we completed with a meal together on Wednesday night.

Following the meal, we had a short time of worship and then finished with a time of prayer with a specific focus on addition of new leadership.

Thanks to Jon for preparing a great meal, and thanks to everyone who came to participate. Having a good attendance was very encouraging.

We are confident the Lord is already answering our prayers and is moving in the hearts of our brothers and sisters to provide us with wisdom in selection of new leadership.

Be praying continually for the blessings God is preparing for us as we seek to bless our world as a community of His people.



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 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:

<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 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.

Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays *Curt Robinson*
 Kids Connection *Daniel Triplett*
 Praise Songs *Jay Hearn*

#390	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>
#457	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>
#876	<i>Where He Leads Me I Will Follow</i>
#749	<i>The Battle Belongs to the Lord</i>
#335	<i>In Memory of the Savior's Love</i>

Communion Message *Bob Voigts*
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection
 Sermon *Chuck Miller*

#904	<i>Have You Been to Jesus?</i>
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Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*

#647	<i>Soldiers of Christ, Arise</i>
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 19 Tim Boyd, Harper Day
 November 22 Josephine Haggerton

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups
 November 19. Teen Parent Connection
 November 21 Seniors Breakfast
 November 22 Happy Thanksgiving!
 November 25 Praise Sunday!
 December 2. Community Groups
 December 3. Teen Parent Connection
 December 4. Tuesday Ladies Class
 December 5 Wednesday Evening Bible Class
 December 6 Food Pantry Delivery
 December 7 Men's Prayer & Pancakes
 December 8 Cookie Exchange
 December 9 Holiday Dinner

Records You Helped Make

Contribution. \$2,352.70

Nursery Workers

Shelby Root, Kim Sitler



Collection Counters

Paul Mullins, Mike Henkel



In Our Prayers...

Continue to pray for the leadership of our church and the process of appointing additional elders and deacons.

Herman Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's brother, is doing better. The family is working to get Skype set up so Herman and Josephine can see and talk to each other.

Jarrold & Ally Brown are in Equatorial Guinea. Pray for their safety and the out-pouring of the gospel. See the short update that Jarrod posted on Facebook below.

Continue to pray for **Doka and his family and friends**. A current newsletter is posted in the foyer.

Linda Barr Fellenbaum, Julie Dean's niece, has been missing since October 21. The police believe something serious has happened to her.

Ken Gill, Josephine Haggerton's father-in-law, had surgery to remove a tumor in his bladder.

Pat Johnson, Dana Howard's aunt, is suffering with several health issues.

Sue Lake, Marion's sister-in-law, needs a liver transplant. If you have type O blood, between the ages of 21 and 50 and in excellent health, see Marion if you are willing to give a portion of your liver.

Henry Phillips, the youth minister at Rockford Church of Christ and a long-time friend from RCC, has stage 2 liver disease.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother
 Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents
 Nancy Brewster
 Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller's parents
 John Day
 Al Dorsey
 Doug Dorsey – Al's son
 Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew
 Rachel Goodman (Jinkerson)
 Josephine Haggerton
 Cliff Holladay – a friend of the Miller's
 Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister
 Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins
 John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett – Joan's son
 Joan Mullins – Paul's mother
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew & the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff
 Scott Robinson – Curt's brother

Kay Schrader
 Phyllis Sitrler
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins
 Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents
 Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Bridgett Fordyce – a former member, due in about 6-8 weeks
 Eryn Tribble – former member

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew, Afghanistan
 Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew
 Kristen Hauser – a friend of the Avey's, Afghanistan
 Jacob Headtko – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
 Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico
 Obadiah Doka – Nigeria
 Living Room Café – Chicago
 Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti
 Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan
 Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago
 Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea
 Students of Joe Voigts – China
 Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

Jarrold & Ally Brown Update

It's 6:30 p.m. on Friday, in Equatorial Guinea. We arrived last night about 5:00 p.m. It was obvious why most travelers come here. When we got off of the plane, there were a total of two women on it, one being Ally, the rest were foreign oil field workers. The preacher, Leonardo, met us inside customs – very joyful man with a huge smile and a great laugh. He's only about 31. We checked into the hotel, only a few blocks from the airport and we spent the next few hours getting to know each other.

Leonardo showed us around Malabo, the capital city a bit, and then we went to the church building. They meet on the second floor of a very nice and new office building. The owner, a Christian business man from Ghana, has given a large space for the church to use. Here we met with other church leaders and members.

The church members here are overwhelmed that Ally and I have come to be with them. This church is only four years old and it is the only church of Christ in the entire country. Ally and I are the first Americans who've ever come here to encourage them, worship with them, and to have the opportunity to share the Good News in their language, Spanish! Ally and I are humbled that somehow we were the ones chosen to come.

Blessings – Jarrod

Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet **TODAY**. "...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. – Acts 2:46-47



New Directory

We are working on a new directory. If you have moved, changed your phone number or e-mail address, please let Sally know. Also, if you would like to be included in the directory, write down your address, phone number(s), e-mail address, birthdays and anniversaries (including year) and give it to Chuck or Don.

No Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Ladies Class will not meet this week, November 20. Our next meeting is November 27.

Senior Citizens Breakfast

The Senior Citizens Breakfast is this **Wednesday, November 21**, at the Colonial Restaurant at the corner of Main Street and South Tyler Road at 10:00 a.m.

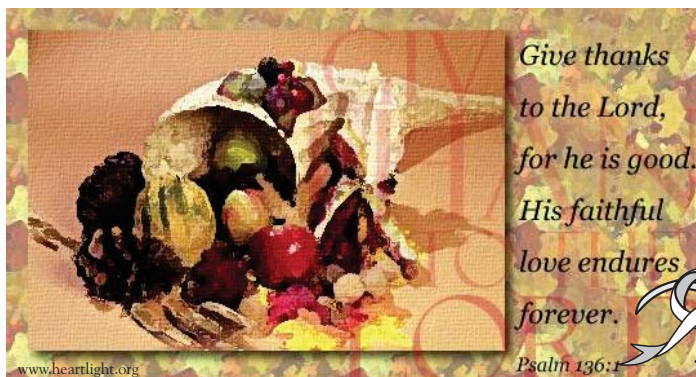
Christmas Concerts

Our friend, Jason Thomson, is a member of the Naperville Municipal Band. Their Christmas Concert is on Sunday, December 2, at 3:00 p.m. at Wentz Hall at North Central College in Naperville. The concert is free.

Charlie Hearn is in the Wind Ensemble at St. Charles East High School. Their Holiday Concert is on Thursday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. This concert is also free. Please let Sally know if you plan to attend.

Church Office Closed

Sally is on vacation this week. If you need any assistance, please contact Chuck at 630-669-3012 or Don at 630-231-3936. Thank you!



Winterfest 2013 is February 15-17. Early-bird registration ends on December 2. A sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway outside of the teen room. If you *think* you might go, please sign up!

Shults-Lewis

This year we are collecting pineapple and snacks for the Shults-Lewis Commodity Drive. Cash donations are also welcome for their meat, milk and produce bill.

Printer cartridges, Campbell Soup labels and Box Tops are also being collected. Place cartridges at the end of the foyer. Place soup labels and Box Tops in the containers located on the table by the membership directory.

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. Please note: under the sign-up sheet are photos of some of the requested items. *The gifts are due to the building by Sunday, November 25.*

Shults-Lewis will be here the week of December 2 to pick up all of these items.

Christmas Cookie Exchange

The ladies are invited to a **Christmas Cookie Exchange** at Francis Shearer's home on **Saturday, December 8**, in the morning. Please sign up in the foyer.

Holiday Dinner

Our **Annual Holiday Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, December 9**, immediately following morning worship. Meat and drinks will be provided. A sign-up for side dishes will be posted on the bulletin board soon. Each family brings a dessert! *Plan to join us for this festive time!*

