



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. **Psalms 103:1-5 (RSV)**

Please forgive my self-focus in today's article. I am so completely grateful for the results of my PSA test (0.01 for those of you who follow such things) following my prostate cancer surgery. I must confess that I have not been very confident in a good result. What I have been hopeful in is the power of your prayers. My children and friends, my church family, have all prayed for a result which would be encouraging.

God has answered those prayers and I feel a great burden lifted. As the psalmists' words suggest, I feel renewed like an eagle.

I have stated to my family that I do not know how to be grateful in a way which is adequate. It seems that God's grace in this is beyond anything that I could

deserve.

Neither am I unmindful that every day, godly men and women receive word which is not encouraging. I had just a small taste of that when I initially got the cancer verdict. Hezekiah received the word from God to set his house in order and prepare to die. Hezekiah begged God earnestly and was given another 15 years to live.

The ultimate questions of the length of our life or of our physical condition are beyond medicine and our own control. Some are blessed with good health and long life who seem to have no spiritual foundation. Others, who are men and women of faith, suffer every day in bodies which betray the beauty and power of their souls.



Still, we turn to God, the God who knows the number of the hairs of our head, when we are in pain, when we face scary diagnoses, when we are in fear for someone we love.

We cannot claim a right to healing, but we have a right to cry out to God. We cannot be certain our

“thorn in the flesh” will be removed, but we can be certain that our Father grieves with us and will give us grace to deal with whatever suffering we have to endure.

So again, thank you my friends for your faithful prayers. I am committed to more faithfulness in my own prayers for you.

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:

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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 *Rick Root*

#719 *Love One Another*

#448 *The Greatest Commandment*

#810 *Listen to Our Hearts*

#364 *Come Share the Lord*

Communion Message. *John Pedersen*

Communion Served

Sermon *Chuck Miller*

#453 *Love Lifted Me*

Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*

Closing Song *Tim Boyd*

#470 *Victory in Jesus*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 22 Josephine Haggerton

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups

November 24 Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27 Praise Sunday!

November 29. Ladies Class

December 1 Food Pantry Delivery

December 1 Teen Parent Connection

December 2 Mens Prayer Breakfast

December 4. Community Groups

December 4 Shults-Lewis Items Due

December 6. Ladies Class

December 8. Teen Parent Connection

December 9 Mens Prayer Breakfast

December 11 Holiday Dinner

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class. 48

Wednesday Evening Bible Class. 21

Contribution. \$2,590.75

Nursery Workers Joan Avey, Shelby Root

Collection Counters . . . Justin Avey, Paul Mullins

In Our Prayers...

Joyce Eakins is having problems with back/hip pain.

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

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

Roger Melling, the father of Lynette Root's friend, has leukemia.

Chuck Miller had a follow up PSA test with a great result.

Chester Sitler was admitted to Delnor Hospital on Friday night with kidney stone problems. Room 322.

Stacy Smith (wife of Jason "Yogi"), had an HIV+ test after a needle stick (she is a nurse). This week she had another HIV test and it was negative. Praise God!

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 & Bobbye 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, Bobbye 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 Headtke – 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

Congratulations!

We are proud to announce that **Kileen Wheeler** will be graduating from Oklahoma Christian University on December 16, 2011. Her address is: 1829 NW 145th, Edmond, OK 73013. Congratulations!



Purity Retreat 2011



Christmas!

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



West Chicago Community Groups

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?" **Please note:** next Sunday, November 27, is Praise Sunday!

Teen Parent Connection

If you are willing to prepare, serve or donate money for a meal for approximately 15 people, see Sally.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rachel Hearn for her induction into the National Honor Society.



Bible Class Teachers

A couple of our teachers will be traveling over the holidays. Please let Cindy know if you can substitute. This Wednesday, 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 this Tuesday, November 22.

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. Please have your coats to the building by Sunday, December 4.



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. 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!

Living Room Café

December offers several ways to serve at the Living Room 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.

