



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

About the only flowers left unfaded by this time of year are those in the displays at the supermarket, or maybe a few hardy chrysanthemums. Most of those beautiful friends have retreated for the winter. Of course, with our modern greenhouses and climate creating systems, we can enjoy the flowers year round, but Isaiah's words still carry a clear meaning. The word of God is eternal, like nothing else in all creation.

God is the designer who mandated the dying season and the new birth of spring. But His amazing word radiates a glory which grows more spectacular as it is seasoned by time and challenged by skeptics. Its detractors and enemies come and go, but it stands firm.

One of the great enemies of Christian faith during the 19th century was an orator named Robert Ingersoll. He was called "The Great Agnostic." Recently, American humanists have been once again mounting attacks on Christian faith. In one tv spot I saw, a woman quotes Ingersoll in criticism of the biblical idea of marriage roles in which men are to be the spiritual leaders in the family. She quotes Ingersoll as calling for a concept of marriage which is completely equal and democratic. My interest was not in the issue of marriage roles, but in her quoting Ingersoll.

It struck me as interesting because my father often told a story about Robert Ingersoll. Ingersoll loved his

brother, Ebon, very deeply, and when Ebon died, he was called on to deliver a funeral oration. His words on that occasion are well remembered. This is what Robert Ingersoll said:

"We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word; but in the night of death hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing."



"The rustle of a wing." How said to stand at a graveside and have no deeper comfort than an imaginary grasping at an unfamiliar hope.

Those whose lives are built solidly on the Rock of Ages, and whose souls are filled with the familiar words of God from scripture have no need for the rustling wings of angels. They have a clear vision of legions

of angels sent to do the bidding of Almighty God in bringing protection and comfort to His saints.

Robert Ingersoll is gone. Humanists of our day scour his words for inspiration in the sad quest for agnostic eloquence. What a tragic misuse of time and intellectual energy.

Jesus said plainly, "heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." How blessed are those who know the Word. "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." **Romans 15:4**

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. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

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

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 (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 Kyle Wheeler
Scripture Reading & Prayer Kyle Wheeler
Praise Songs Jay Hearn

#162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#176 Lamb of God

#412 Jesus Hold my Hand

#390 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

#335 In Memory of the Savior's Love

Communion Message Dewayne Smith

Communion

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Jay Hearn

#902 Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Jay Hearn

#446 Hear O Israel

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 22 Josephine Haggerton

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups
November 23 Ladies Bible Class
November 25 Happy Thanksgiving!
November 26 Men's Prayer Breakfast
November 28 Praise Sunday!
November 30 Ladies Bible Class
December 2 Food Pantry Delivery
December 2 Teen Parent Connection
December 3 Men's Prayer Breakfast
December 5 Community Groups
December 7 Ladies Bible Class
December 11 Teen Christmas Party
December 12 Holiday Dinner
December 13 Living Room Café
December 22 Living Room Café

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 56
Sunday Morning Worship 89
Wednesday Evening Bible Class 30
Contribution \$4,523.06
Orphan Sunday \$985.00

Nursery Workers Bev Day, Molly Mullins

Collection Counters Jeff Ieler, Paul Mullins

In Our Prayers...

Herman Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's brother, was back in the hospital. They are still trying to decide whether he should have surgery for his broken hip.

Dachielle is a 12-year-old friend of Blake Mullins who is very despondent. Blake asks for a mighty prayer effort for her.

Jeremy King, age 27, fell from a hunting stand and was killed last week. He has two young children and they are expecting another. He was a close friend of Chris Shields of the Naperville church.

Ken Lake is the brother of Pat and Marion Lake. His son, Danny, age 24, died suddenly on Saturday while playing football with friends. It was probably a heart attack. Ken attends the Park Forest congregation. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are offered to Ken, Marion, Pat and their whole family.

Kay Schrader has been moved to DuPage Convalescent Center on County Farm Road in Wheaton. Visitors are very much appreciated!

Cleta Watson fell while walking their dog on Thursday. She suffered a severe hip fracture and had surgery on Saturday. She may not be able to put weight on it for six weeks.

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
 John Day
 Joyce Duke – Bobbie Whitman's sister
 Joyce Eakins's brother, Hubert
 Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew
 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
 Don Lemley
 Myrna Levake
 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, Alyssa's mother
 Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's cousin
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Helen Plummer – Joan Avey and Cliff's mother
 J.D. Potts – the father of Cyndi Perez
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts's cousins
 Joe Stone – a friend from Rockford Christian Camp

Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Lisa Rentschler & Katie Weishaar – Sally's nieces

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

Toby Logsdon – Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is in Afghanistan

Shane – the son of LeAnn Sexton, friend of Lori

Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missionaries:

Mission Lazarus – Honduras

Students of Joe Voigts – China

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

RCC Cabin Keeper's Foundation

We want to encourage you to enroll in the **Rockford Christian Camp Cabin Keeper's Foundation**. Join Lenny the Locust in standing shoulder to shoulder with others to make a small monthly contribution to RCC. Enrollment forms are available in the foyer or you can enroll online. If you can help, please see Don or Chuck.



Sermon on the Mount Series

Our series of lessons on the Sermon on the Mount has seven more installments, all from Matthew 7. If you would like to see videos of any of the series, please let Chuck know and he will point you to the web location.

Today's lesson looks at "Judge not that you not be judged."

Shults-Lewis Utilities & More!

Today we will take up a special contribution to assist Shults-Lewis with their heating bill. Last year's total heating bill was over \$65,000. A couple of other ways to assist the kids:

1. **Christmas gift list** – sign up for the item(s) you will purchase. Wrap and attach a label with who it is “to” and “from,” then attach a Post-It note that includes what the item is in the package. Please have gifts to the building no later than Sunday, December 5.
2. **Our commodity item is canned vegetables.** Have items to the building no later than Sunday, December 5.

TODAY!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet today! The elders want to encourage everyone to get involved in their Community Group. Objectives?

- **Get to know** your neighbors – those members who live the closest to you!
- **Keep up-to-date** on church activities, as well as, activities in which the youth of your group are involved.
- **Invite** your friends. What a great way to introduce them to your church family and to Jesus!

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. – Acts 2:42

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. – Galatians 6:2



Food Pantry!

Food item of the month – Holiday Treat Gift Bags. It would be great to have a total of 30 gift bags by December 1. Examples are in the foyer. Here are two options.

1. **Gift bags with a recipe attached.** 1) Choose a gift bag. 2) Purchase the “dry ingredients.” 3) Place the items into the gift bag. 4) Return the filled gift bag to the table in the foyer.
2. **Gift bags without a recipe attached.** 1) Attach a simple recipe. 2) Purchase the items that do not need refrigeration. 3) Place the items into the gift bag. 4) Return the filled gift bag to the table.



Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection educates teen parents on the realities and responsibilities of teenage pregnancy and helps them develop parenting skills and self-sufficiency. The elders are allowing TPC to meet in our fellowship room through June 2011. **We support** each of their meetings as we provide, serve and clean up a well-balanced meal for 15-20 people and provide assistance with child-care. **If you can help, please see Molly Mullins as soon as possible. Also, beginning in January we are looking for someone to organize these meals in place of Molly.** See Chuck or Sally if you feel called to meet this important need.

TEENS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 11	Christmas Party @ Robinson's
December 31	Lock-in – church building (Invite your friends!)
January 16	Gathering of the Jesus Freaks at the Doggett's
February 18-20	Winterfest in Gatlinburg
February 27	Gathering of the Jesus Freaks at the Boyd's

Youth Ministry

EDUCATION:

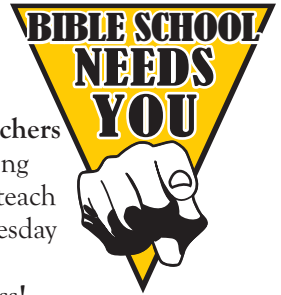
- We have two more openings for teachers in our next 9-week rotation beginning December 5. Persons are needed to teach the 0-4 and K-5 classroom on Wednesday night. Please see Cindy ASAP.
- **Substitutes are needed for every class!**
- **Teacher Workshop:** Let Cindy Drumheller know if you are interested in attending a Teacher Workshop. She is willing to lead it during your Community Group.

EDUCATION WISHING TREE:

In the hallway downstairs you will find our “Wishing Tree.” Each leaf contains the picture and price of an item. To donate, write your name on the leaf and give Sally the appropriate funds and the item will be ordered. You may also take the leaf and purchase the item yourself. Give the item and the leaf to Sally. Questions? Well, see Sally!

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Please see Sandy Boyd if you are interested in hosting a teen event – devotional, outing or service project.



Tuesday Ladies Class

The Ladies Class meets Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. Let Sherry Watson know if you plan to attend. The book is \$13 and available in the foyer.



Kids Club!

The Kids Club is on break over the holidays. It will begin again in January 2011.

Living Room Cafe

We are serving at the Living Room Café twice in December – the 13th and the 22nd. Also, 40 handmade scarves are needed to give as gifts on the 13th. If you have any questions, please see Julie Dean.