



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Provision. That's the meaning of the compound name of God which we call "Jehovah Jireh." Do you remember this dramatic story? It's found in **Genesis 22**.

God had given Abraham and Sarah a son, Isaac, after many years, much doubt, and some foolish efforts to help God along with His plans. But at last the son had come. He was the delight of the souls of his parents, and he had grown to be a young man.

Then, God gave what must have been the greatest test to Abraham we could imagine. He told him to go and offer that beloved son of the promise as a sacrifice to God.

It's just not in our ability to comprehend what must have taken place in the soul of this proven friend of God as he considered this request, this outrageous request.

Whatever wrestlings went on in his spirit we are not told. We aren't given even a hint of hesitation on the part of Abraham. He just prepared for the trip to this destiny with death. And he left.

As they arrived at the place told them by God, the son, Isaac, noticed the lack of a lamb for an offering. He asked his father about it. He had seen his father worship many times, and he knew that it virtually always required a lamb for the offering.

He had no idea of the irony of his question about

the sacrificial lamb. His father's only response was, "God will provide for himself a lamb."

This heart connection, this understanding between God and Abraham is something to behold. What we see is that Abraham was completely at home in the fellowship of God and that his trust in the Deity was absolute.

He just didn't have any doubt.

The rest of the story is probably familiar to you. Abraham went so far as to bind the young man and

raise the knife to take his life. Only then, when God could see the complete willingness of His servant to follow through on this awful command, only then did God intervene and provide in a thicket a ram suitable for the sacrifice.

And that is why Abraham named that place Jehovah Jireh—the Lord will provide.

It was a place he could never forget. It was a place which brought Isaac into a special and possibly

frightening partnership with the God of his father. God was sometimes known, after that, as the Fear of Isaac.

Isaac got to see something which all mankind would long for. He got to see a lamb take his place on the altar. But neither he nor his father could begin to comprehend the broken heart of God when, all those years later, God did let the death-blow come to His own precious Son.

How amazingly, how abundantly God provides.



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 - *Dewayne Smith*
- Announcements - *Kyle Wheeler*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Justin Avey*
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - *Chuck Miller*
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - *Bob Voigts*
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - *Jeff Ieler*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- November 25 Ed & Betty Stewart (anv.)
- November 28 Bobbye Miller
- Don & Theresa Lemley (anv.)
- November 29 Justin & Joan Avey (anv.)

Dates to Remember

- November 23 Sarah's Wedding Shower
- November 23 Sunday Night Light/Teens
- November 27 Thanksgiving
- November 29 Jake & Sarah's Wedding
- December 4 Food Pantry Delivery
- December 4-7 Harding Trip for Teens
- 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 127
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 33
- Contribution \$10,090.12

Happy Thanksgiving!

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 last 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.

Thelma Griffin has not felt well after her trip and spent some time in the hospital.

Marie Hayes is still recuperating from a lung infection.

Becky Prather, Jake Tincher's aunt, passed away unexpectedly this week.

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

Joyce Eakins

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:

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

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Lynette Root

Collection Counters

Justin Avey, Jeff Ieler



Small Group Fellowships

The next Small Group Fellowship is December 7!

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. If you have any questions or would still like to join a group, see Don, Cliff or Bob V.

Teacher Needed

We need a teacher for the Preschool - Kindergarten class on Sunday mornings beginning December 7. Please see Cliff or Curt if you are interested.

It's a Boy!

Jason & Missy are the proud parents of Harper John Day. He was born on Wednesday morning, November 19, weighing 9 lbs. 6 oz. and 20 inches long. Extra large smiles can be found on grandparents, Justin & Joan Avey and John & Bev Day, not to mention big brother, Royal! Congratulations!

Wedding Celebration!

There is a wedding shower luncheon for **Sarah Miller** this afternoon at 12:45 p.m. at Joan Avey's home. Hostesses are: Joan Avey, Nancy Doggett and Betsy Jett.



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 - collection boxes are located in the foyer. 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

Also, don't forget to bring in your change cans or you may make a donation to their "electronic change can" by going to their website - www.shultslewis.org - and clicking on the "Support," then "Financial" tabs.

Used printer cartridges are also a great way to assist Shults-Lewis. Bring in any used printer cartridges and place them at the end of the foyer.

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 owned by our former members, Zack & Rene Caulkins. They are having a bake sale on **Saturday, December 13, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** to raise money for their entertainment fund. If you would like to donate some home-made baked goods, please see Sally.

Children's Library

We are looking for elementary Christian books to create a library for the children. If parents want to donate their used books that their kids have outgrown, they can give the books to either Joan Avey or Cindy Drumheller.



Youth & Family News

TEENS: Tonight there is a **Sunday Night, Light** here at the church building. Bring \$3 for food. Carson is leading our devotional.

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. (limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors.)

LOOKING AHEAD:

December 20 or 22 Teen's Christmas Party

December 31 New Year's Eve Lock-In

February 19-22, 2009 Winterfest



Holiday Dinner

Our annual **Holiday Dinner** is **Sunday, December 14.** Be sure to join us for this wonderful celebration with our church family! Ham and turkey will be provided. *Please sign-up in the foyer to bring side dishes, condiments, breads or desserts.*

Caroling

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 21, to go caroling.** Plans will probably include eating lunch after worship, caroling at Franciscan Court, and then visiting shut-ins and some of our seniors.



Clothing Need

There's a family who were victims of the hurricane in Florida who have recently relocated to West Chicago. They need size 6 boys clothes.

We also need the following items: For twins, girls' shoe size 2-wide (need sneakers and snow boots); One girls' winter coat, size 7-8.

We need one pair of boys' boots size 7, one boys' coat size 14.

If you can help, see Cliff or Sally.

Ladies Class

This Wednesday evening, November 26, the men's and ladies' classes will be combined. Following is a list of topics for the Wednesday evening Ladies Bible Class in the coming months. Barb Voigts will be leading the discussion.

December: Daily focus on God for handling life struggles
January: Refreshing and rejuvenation for weary women.

Rochester College Dinner

Rochester College is hosting their annual dinner for friends, donors and alumni in the Chicago area Tuesday, December 2, at the Lisle Hilton Hotel. **Please see Chuck, Cliff or Kyle TODAY** if you are interested in going.