



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

**W**hen I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? **Psalms 8:3-4**

How I love the great beauty of the earth! Our Thanksgiving Devotional turned my mind to think of some of the images burned into my soul from great scenes of majesty, power, and inspiring, lofty heights which it has been my privilege to enjoy. The pictures on this page were from a trip Bobby and I made to Sequoia National Park. We climbed to the top of Moro Rock (about 6,700 feet at its peak), and as we stood in that thin air and drank in the handiwork of God, we worshiped His greatness.

Many of the trips we have made for the past 15 years have been because you have allowed us our pilgrimage to the Bible lectures in California. How grateful we are to you for those opportunities. So often we thank God for you as we look at these awesome scenes and as we remember the blessings you have given us to enjoy them.

Other scenes of spectacular beauty have been in Honduras, looking out from the site of the new church in Las Pitias, or the amazing valley which lies below the refuge in Las Palmas where the facilities for the children overlook a valley beyond words to describe. It is ironic that children so burdened by poverty live in the luxury of creation joy which speaks to them every



Moro Rock,  
Sequoia National Park

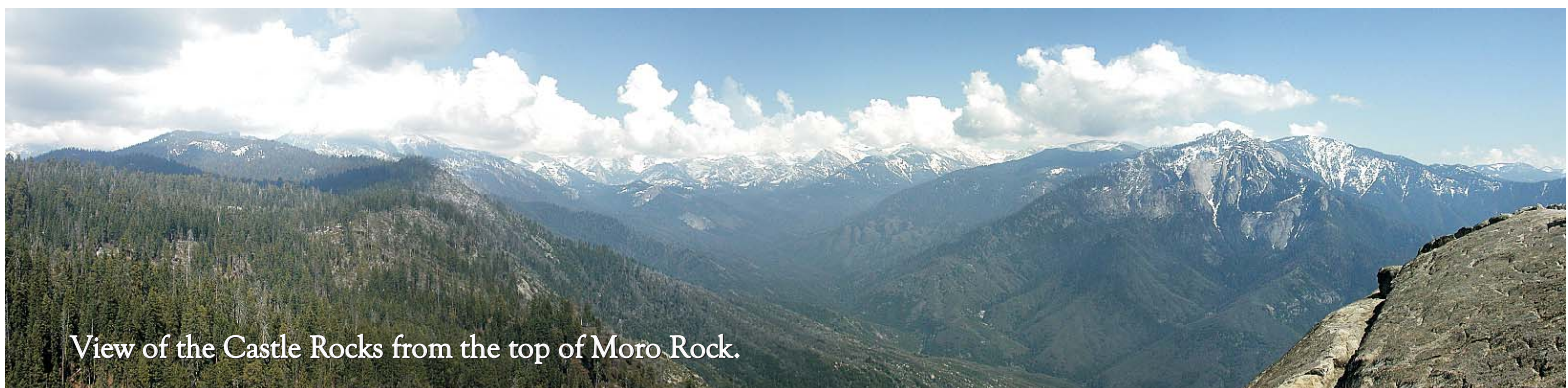
day of the love of their Father. He is the ever-living and Almighty God of us all and His sovereign grace makes all of us rich beyond expression.

It is good to take comfort in the smallness of our frame when we view the mountain tops and vast panoramas of His creation. It is good to remember that His creation was made for our pleasure and delight. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. His eyes are ever upon us and we are never away from His vigilant strength.

Lord, how we adore and extol You! How richly you have loved us and how you long for us to love one another in that same love.

Give us joy in you, O God of the mountains.

*Chuck Miller*



View of the Castle Rocks from the top of Moro Rock.

# 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 - Jay Hearn
- Announcements - Don Brewster
- Singing
- Prayer - Cary Gray
- 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 25 . . . . . Sunday Night Light/Teens
- November 29-December 2 . . . . . Teens Visit Harding
- November 30 . . . . . Family Night
- December 6 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery
- December 8 . . . . . Elder/Deacon Meeting
- December 8 . . . . . MIS Breakfast with Santa
- December 8 . . . . . Couples Night Out
- December 9 . . . . . Holiday Dinner
- December 19 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast
- December 25 . . . . . Merry Christmas!
- December 31 . . . . . New Year's Eve Lock-In/Teens

## Records You Helped Make

Contribution . . . . . \$4,223.25



## In Our Prayers...

**J.J. Chavez** had an MRI of his shoulder this week. The doctor have reported that it isn't as serious as previously thought. Physical therapy should take of the problem.

**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.

### 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  
 Fintan Schiltz  
 Kay Schrader  
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler  
 Bruce Snyder – Bob Voigts cousin  
 Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousin  
 Katie Stiger – Bobbye Miller's infant niece  
 Ollie Taylor – the niece of Lynette Root's friend  
 Linda Vantreese

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

Betsy Jett, Bridgette Fordyce



## Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



### Women's Spiritual Disciplines Class Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Chapter</i>
November 28, 2007	Evangelism	6
December 5, 2007	Learning	12
December 12, 2007	Service	7
December 19, 2007	Submission	None
December 26, 2007	Stewardship: Time	8
January 2, 2008	Stewardship: Money	8
January 9, 2008	Simplicity	None
January 16, 2008	Perseverance in Disciplines	13

## 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 TODAY.**

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 next **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. Please sign up in the foyer for the side dishes you will bring. Each family should also bring a dessert. If you would like to help set-up or decorate, please see Joan Avey or Don Brewster. Everyone is welcome to clean-up. There will be no worship that evening.

## Moms In School Breakfast with Santa

The **Moms In School Breakfast with Santa** is **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 e-mailing Tammy at momsinschoolwc@yahoo.com or calling her at 630-231-0231. 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!



## Rochester College Dinner

Rochester College is hosting their annual dinner for friends, donors and alumni in the Chicago area this 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. Please see Chuck if you are interested in going.

## 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. We'll leave from the building at 9:00 a.m., this Thursday.

There is a **Sunday Night, Light TONIGHT** after evening services.

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.

## Couples Night Out

A couples night out is planned for **Saturday, December 8th.** We're going to see the ComedySportz improv show at Pheasant Run in St. Charles. Tickets are \$22 each, and the show starts at 9:00 pm. (Maybe we can meet for dinner together before the show?) Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. See Cliff or Lori if you have any questions.

## 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](http://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!

## Small Groups

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.