



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Gray November clouds spit snow. Winds have a sharp edge and the farmer who has been diligent, who has gathered his crops, is ready for the season of storm and lowering skies. The animals are in the shelter of barns with hay for the winter.

But those who have been foolish, who have delayed their preparations, work desperately and in vain to make up for sloth and procrastination. The season of judgment has come and all are judged alike by their readiness.

Jesus looked at the fields of harvest in His own day and grieved that so few were available for the work. Not many laborers mean grain left in the field. Poverty and hunger will follow.

We have been in a time of thinking about leaders. How

important it is

to have good men and women to point the way and set the example. But without willing hands to gather the plenty, to bring the harvest into the barns, all the leadership in the world is in vain.

One of the great secrets to the success of Nehemiah, whom we studied a couple of weeks ago, was the mind of the people: "So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together to half its height. For the people

had a mind to work." *Nehemiah 4:6 (RSV)* The *Proverbs* offer this insight: "In a multitude of people is the glory of a king, but without people a prince is ruined." *Proverbs 14:28 (RSV)*

A healthy church must have good leadership. In fact, as Evertt Huffard noted in his discussion at Pepperdine, "a church cannot grow beyond its leaders." We might even be tempted to say that one of the ways of defining great leaders is that they inspire the people to follow them.

Moses, however, faced grumbling and complaints from the people, though Moses' leadership was excellent.

Korah rose up in rebellion and many followed him to their destruction.

In *Ezekiel 34*, God has a word for the sheep as well as the shepherds. The shepherds will be judged, but the sheep will be judged, as well. How we treat one another, and how we respond to the call of our



leaders is of critical importance.

For a church to be strong in the Lord, leaders have to have the hearts of shepherds and the courage to lay down their lives for the sheep.

Sheep have to listen to the voice of the Shepherd and follow where He is calling through those men He has given authority. Only when leaders lead and the people have a mind to work can the vision of God be realized as He would have it.

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.

Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays *Curt Robinson*
 Kids Connection. *Jon Miller*
 Praise Songs *Rick Root*
 #624 *Seeking the Lost*
 #635 *Freely, Freely*
 #543 *Wonderful Words of Life*
 #533 *I am a Sheep*
 #366 *By Christ Redeemed*
 Communion Message *John Johnson*
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection
 Sermon *Chuck Miller*
 #907 *Hark, the Gentle Voice of Jesus Calleth*
 Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 #655 *Poured Out Like Wine*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 28 Bobbye Miller
 November 28 Don & Theresa Lemley (anv.)
 November 29 Justin & Joan Avey (anv.)

Dates to Remember

TODAY 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
 December 10 Living Room Café
 December 10. Teen Parent Connection

Records You Helped Make

Contribution. \$3,327.50

Nursery Workers

Joan Avey, Jamie Miller



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.

Jarrold & Ally Brown are just home from **Equatorial Guinea**. 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. They are relieved that there is no cancer.

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
 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 Sitler

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

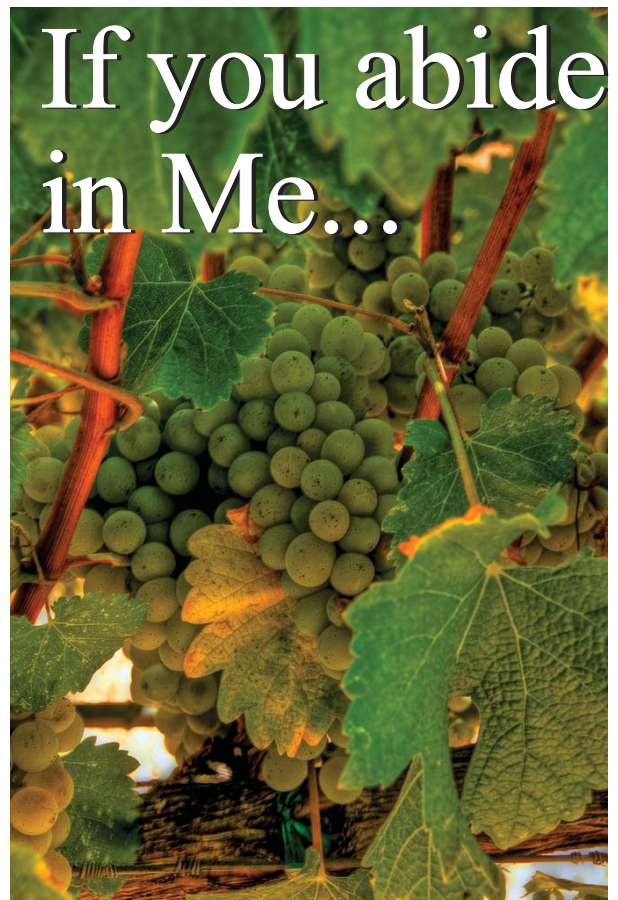
Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria





Today is Praise Sunday!

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Leadership meeting

6:00 p.m. Worship/Singing/Finger-food/dessert fellowship

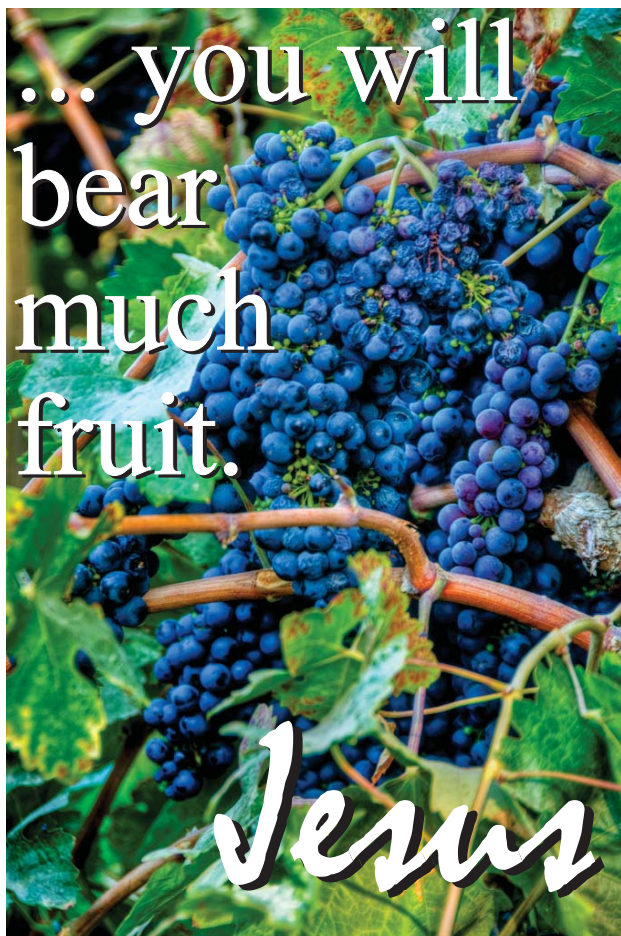
New Directory

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.

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.



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 as soon as possible.*

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!*

