



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Bobbye and I are in Missouri with Tim, Jon and Sarah. Thanks to Don for speaking today.

We are so grateful for the blessings which God has provided for us through you. Paul's words to the Philippian Christians are so fitting: "I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." **Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)**

I often reflect upon the amazing blessings I have know with you and through you.

The greatest of the blessings is our partnership in the word of God. So many of you have helped me grow in insight and understanding as you have shared your ideas and your lives. You have always encouraged me in looking deeply into the word and into our life in the Spirit. I have often told you of my father's gift to me in his belief that there is no greater honor than for God's people to listen to you as you try to preach and understand His word. Amen.

A close second to that blessing is that of being accepted and loved by you. You have been with us through times of great joy and great trials. That is how we come to know one another. You have literally relieved the burden of our souls when we were in despair. All our good times and happy memories form a montage of blessing which is always with us. I think of how much I have learned during our time together and it makes me very grateful for you patience as I

continue to struggle to know more perfectly God's word and will.

Our children have grown up, married, had babies and have been shaped by your lives and their relationships with you. You have become a powerful part of all our vision of what it means to be Christian family.

I think these are challenging times for believers to rethink and reconsider the foundations which define us as God's people. I am grateful for your eager desire to enter into that process and to grow together in the Spirit's leading.

We are so grateful for your shared love for Rockford Christian Camp. I cannot imagine my life apart from Christian camping. The ongoing

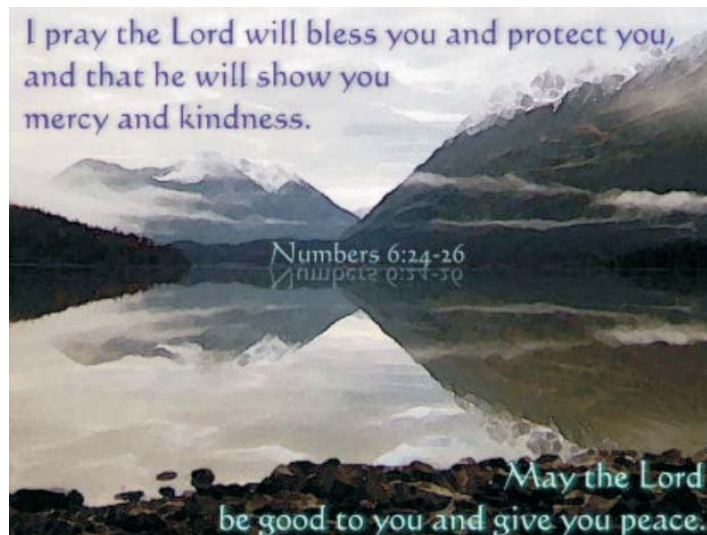
commitment of our young people and all of you who work together with us in that ministry are a powerful blessing and encouragement to our lives.

I like the words of that song we sing: "For all that you've done I will thank you, for all that you're going to do...." I like to imagine all that He's going to do with and through you. That's been the story so far!

Your lives have been a part of ours in this place longer than we have ever been anywhere else. How patient you've been as I have repeated my old stories and applications again and again. But you are the biggest chapter in my life anthology. I just don't want to treat you like "stories," and merely use you as illustrations (though I could).

We are truly thankful for you before God, from our hearts.

Chuck & Bobbye 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
- Kids Connection
- Praise Songs Rick Root
 - #719 Love One Another
 - #448 The Greatest Commands
 - #810 Listen to Our Hearts
 - #364 Come, Share the Lord
- Communion Message Dewayne Smith
- Communion
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon Chuck Miller
- Invitation Song Rick Root
 - #453 Love Lifted Me
- Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts
- Closing Song Rick Root
 - #470 Victory in Jesus

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- November 28 Bobbye Miller
- November 28 Don & Theresa Lemley (anv.)
- November 29 Justin & Joan Avey (anv.)
- December 3 Shannon Gifford
- December 4 Kay Schrader

Dates to Remember

- TODAY 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
- Sunday Morning Worship
- Contribution \$3,350.50
- Orphan Sunday \$30.00
- Shults-Lewis Utilities \$1,388.00

- Nursery Workers Lynette & Shelby Root
- Collection Counters Jeff Ieler, Paul Mullins

In Our Prayers...

Herman Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's brother, was back in the hospital. At this point, they have decided he cannot withstand surgery.

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

Ken Lake is the brother of Pat and Marion Lake. His son, Danny, age 24, died suddenly last week 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 last week. She suffered a severe hip fracture and had surgery a week ago Saturday. She may not be able to put weight on it for six weeks. She is at St. Joseph Rehabilitation Center in Elgin.

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.

Thank You!

All of the Ladies of the West Chicago Church of Christ

Oh, how we thank you for the beautiful wedding shower you blessed us with. We received such wonderful gifts to adorn our new home; the house looks lovely.

I thank each one of you personally for thinking of us. Thank you for your generosity and loving hearts. I pray God blesses each one of you as you all continue to grow in Him. Thank you again, God bless you all!

Michael & Nana

Food Pantry Delivery

Our food pantry delivery is this Thursday, December 2, and we need volunteers to help stock the shelves. We will begin working at 10:00 a.m. and are usually finished at 11!



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. These lessons will continue when Chuck returns next Sunday.

TODAY – Praise Sunday!

- 4:30 – Leadership Meeting
6:00 – Singing and Finger-food
and Dessert Fellowship

Food Pantry!

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



- 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.
- 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.

Shults-Lewis Wish List

- 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 next Sunday, December 5.
- Our commodity item is canned vegetables.** Have items to the building no later than next Sunday, December 5.

Christmas Brunch & Cookie Exchange

Ladies, you are invited to Frances Shearer’s home **Saturday, December 11, at 9:30 a.m.** for a Christmas Brunch. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend. Bring with you three dozen Christmas cookies from the same recipe for an exchange. We’ll also plan to make plates of cookies for some of our senior citizens and neighbors. Several of us can meet at the building and drive together. Indicate on the sign-up sheet if you would like to carpool.



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.

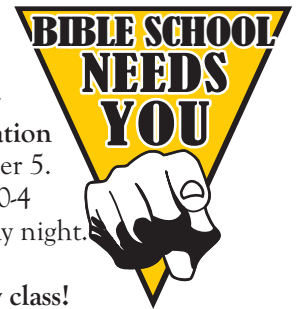
TEENS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 11	Christmas Party @ Robinson’s (Probably 7:00 p.m.!)
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 next Sunday, 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

A Ladies Bible Class will be held at the church building on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Books on Joshua are available in the foyer and cost \$13 a piece. Please pay Sherry Watson.



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.