



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

**W**inter gates, glistening with an icy shell, are more decoration than barrier. Their function is more to delight than to deter.

So what about those gates in the New Jerusalem?

Each gate is to be a single pearl. And those twelve gates will never close.

Their wide-open position speaks only of welcome. There will be no danger. No enemy to keep out. No candidate for entry will come unworthy.

These will be friendly gates, for decoration, all pearl-shiny.

Gates to swing on and lean on and to touch. To observe the beautiful translucent light and to run fingers over the smooth pearly surface.

These are gates of grace and symbols of perfect security. And inside, there will be forever-joy.

No more dying, no sadness, no regrets. There will be no unkind looks or words or actions. Inclusion will be the special happiness of all the citizens of that kingdom.

Tears will all be wiped away. The gentle hand which will sooth our cheeks is the hand of God. He will whisper a new name to us, I think. A special name

known only to God and to me.

The joy of life in the city is beyond imagining. Music like we have never thought possible. And each of us will take our place in the great celestial choir which sings of the worthiness of the Lamb.

Earth's engineers and artists and media magicians will stand in awe at the wonders of the God who created the nebulae which fill the heavens.

Peals of thunder, and spectacular lightnings will punctuate the clouds. There will be no night at all. Light will flow from the throne of God and from the precious Lamb.

Of course, we love the river. Clear as crystal,

flowing from the throne of God. The tree of life will grow on both sides of the river, and the leaves of that tree are for the healing of the nations.

Can you see the stream? Can you just barely imagine the swelling sound and feel your own voice, tuned to a power and pitch which would be the

envy of any operatic performer of our day?

And these thoughts speak nothing of the core of all its joys: to be the familiar friend of the Lamb of God who loves us so much and who has gone to prepare that glory for each one who puts trust in His mighty name.



*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:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>  
 Username: wcfamily  
 Password: 6302312062  
 Click "SINGLE" tab  
 Allow any Active X controls

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 . . . . . *Brian Gifford*  
 Praise Songs . . . . . *Tim Boyd*  
     #1018      *Joy to the World*  
                   *That's Why We Praise Him*  
     #484      *You Are My All in All*  
                   *Jesus, Jesus*  
 Communion Message . . . . . *Bob Voigts*  
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection  
 Sermon . . . . . *Chuck Miller*  
     #147      *I Stand Amazed*  
                   *Every Time I Kneel to Pray*  
 Prayer Cards . . . . . *Bob Voigts*  
     #1001      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 3 . . . . . Shannon Gifford  
 December 4 . . . . . Kay Schrader  
 December 5 . . . . . Winter Ann Massie, Cyndi Perez  
 December 6 . . . . . Donnie Lemley  
 December 8 . . . . . John Pedersen

## Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . . . 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 9 . . . . . Teen Christmas Party  
 December 10 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection

## Records You Helped Make

Contribution . . . . . \$3,026.25

## Nursery Workers

Carrie Drumheller, Kelly Ieler



## Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root





## In Our Prayers...

Continue to pray for the leadership of our church and the process of appointing additional elders and deacons.

**Bob & Phyllis Cissne, Cindy Drumheller's parents,** need prayers. Her father is suffering with dementia and her mother has MRSA.

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,** was found on Thursday, as well as one of her children that was missing. They are both OK, but there are no details while the police and FBI are still investigating the reason for her disappearance. Julie and her family are very grateful for our prayers. Please continue to pray for this situation.

**Ken Gill, Josephine Haggerton's father-in-law,** had surgery to remove a tumor in his bladder. It was malignant, so he will start chemotherapy soon.

**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.

**Bobbye Miller** was admitted to CDH on Friday night with pancreatitis. She is in room 274.

**Henry Phillips, the youth minister at Rockford Church of Christ and a long-time friend from RCC,** has stage 2 liver disease. They are grateful 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  
 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 4-6 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 Headtke – 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!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet **TODAY**. "...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. – Acts 2:46-47



West Chicago Community Groups

## Happy Birthday!

This week Kay Schrader celebrates her 96th birthday. She loves to read. Let's honor her by sending her notes and cards. Her address is:

Kay Schrader  
DuPage Convalescent Center  
400 North County Farm Road  
Wheaton, IL 60187-2517



## Christmas Concerts

Our friend, Jason Thomson, is a member of the Naperville Municipal Band. Their Christmas Concert is this afternoon 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.

## 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.



## World Bible School

World Bible School has a website where you can volunteer to be a WBS teacher for a student online or via the

traditional postal mail. You can volunteer to teach even one student. If you are interested, go to the links to log-in or register.

Log-in at [www.worldbibleschool.org/login](http://www.worldbibleschool.org/login)

Register at [www.worldbibleschool.net/register](http://www.worldbibleschool.net/register)

Remember the story of how Doka came to know Jesus through a World Bible School pamphlet!

# A GATHERING of the Jesus Freaks

Winterfest 2013 is February 15-17. Early-bird registration ends TODAY! Sign up outside of the teen room. If you *think* you might go, please sign up!

The Gifford's are hosting a **Teen Christmas Party next Sunday, December 9, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Dinner will be provided. Bring a "white elephant" gift for a gift exchange.

**The New Year's Eve Lock-In** will be held from Sunday, December 30, at 8:00 p.m. until Monday, December 31, at 8:00 a.m. at North Park Church of Christ in Rockford. Bring \$20 for laser tag!

## Christmas Cookie Exchange

The ladies are invited to a **Christmas Cookie Exchange** at Francis Shearer's home next **Saturday, December 8, at 10:00 a.m.** Bring three dozen cookies. Please sign up in the foyer and indicate if you would like to carpool.



## Holiday Dinner

Our **Annual Holiday Dinner** is next **Sunday, December 9**, immediately following morning worship. Meat and drinks will be provided. A sign-up for side dishes is posted in the foyer. Each family brings a dessert! *Plan to join us for this festive time!*

## Shults-Lewis

Shults-Lewis will be here later this week to pick up all of the following items.

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.

Shults-Lewis Christmas gifts should be gift-wrapped and have a tag attached. 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.

