



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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**T**herefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'uel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

<sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that E'phraim departed from Judah -- the king of Assyria."

**Isaiah 7:14-17 (RSV)**

King Ahaz was given an amazing opportunity. He was invited to ask of God a sign to verify Isaiah's prophecy. It could have been anything, "as deep as sheol or as high as heaven." Ahaz turned down the offer.

We aren't sure just why, but I believe it was because he was irreligious and didn't have reverence for God or His prophet.

But God gave him a sign anyway. It was one of

those "double" prophecies. It had an immediate meaning during the time of Ahaz, but it is known to us for its eternal significance in predicting the birth of the Messiah. Neither Ahaz nor Isaiah could fathom the importance of those words: "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son...."

We understand more than they because we have

the benefit of 2000 years of Christ-blessing. We have seen Him come, and we have seen His power and impact in the lives of men.

At least some have. Some still are like Ahaz. They just don't want to talk about it or to give serious consideration to the one called

"Immanuel."

We rejoice, because God has chosen to dwell with us. The march of the Magi, the fellowship of the disciples, the resurrection power which broke forth on the world--all these have spoken to the spirits of those blessed to believe the gospel of this Christ of prophecy.

He has come!

Let earth receive her King, while there is still time.



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.

### Order of Worship

Welcome, Scripture & Prayer . . . . . Ian Voigts

Kids Connection. . . . . Brian Gifford

Praise Songs . . . . . Jon Miller

#1018 Joy to the World

#3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

#47 Holy, Holy, Holy

#145 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#318 O Sacred Head

Communion. . . . . Tim Boyd

Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller

#903 There's Power in the Blood

Prayer Cards . . . . . Bob Voigts

Closing Song . . . . . Jon Miller

#997 O Come all Ye Faithful (1st stanza)

## 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

TODAY . . . . . Shults-Lewis Items Due

December 6 . . . . . Ladies Class

December 8 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection

December 9 . . . . . Mens Prayer Breakfast

December 10 . . . . . Ladies Christmas Cookie Exchange

December 11 . . . . . Holiday Dinner

December 12 . . . . . Living Room Café

December 13 . . . . . Ladies Class

December 15 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection

December 16 . . . . . Mens Prayer Breakfast

December 18 . . . . . Community Groups

December 21 . . . . . Living Room Café Christmas Party

December 25 . . . . . Christmas Brunch & Worship

Contribution . . . . . \$1,771.25

Nursery Workers . . . . . Carrie Drumheller, Becky Pedersen

Collection Counters . . . . . Jeff Ieler, Rick Root

## In Our Prayers...

**John Giovanni**, a friend of Lynette Root's brother, has a brain tumor. He will be undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, but the doctors are not giving him much hope.

**Chester Sitler** is still in Delnor Hospital with kidney stone problems. He has several complications, but is continuing to recuperate.

**Chuck Miller** received a good report from his PSA test, but he will still have radiation beginning in January.

**Bob Voigts** started chemotherapy treatments.

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

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

John Day

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey – Al's son

Joyce Duke – Bobbie Whitman's sister

Joyce Eakins's siblings

Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew

Lisa Gleason – Dana Howard's sister

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

Myrna Levake

Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett – Joan's son

Chuck & Bobbye Miller

Joan Mullins – Paul's mother

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and

the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff

J.D. Potts – the father of Cyndi Perez

Scott Robinson – Curt's brother

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins

Bob Stiger, Bobbye Miller's brother in law

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents

Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Nana Dukeman – Marion Lake's niece

Shannon Manny – John & Becky Pedersen's daughter

Jamie Miller

Christina Voigts



Winterfest is February 17-19 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Please sign up outside the teen room if you plan to go. See Brian Gifford if you have any questions.

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

Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Klinton Wheeler – Afghanistan

Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti

Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers

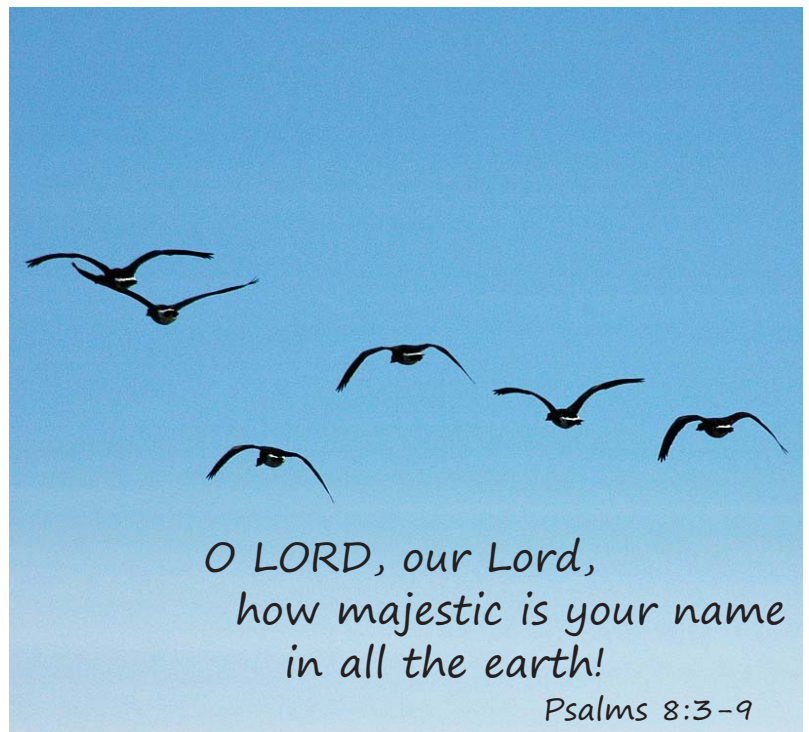
Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - W. Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria



## Today!

The Community Groups led by Dewayne Smith and Don Brewster are visiting **Kay Schrader** this afternoon at 1:30 at the DuPage Convalescent Center to celebrate her birthday. Jay Hearn will lead some singing and cake and coffee will be served. Everyone is welcome!



West Chicago Community Groups

## Campbell Soup Labels

Bring Campbell Soup Labels and place them in the box in the foyer. Be sure to include the UPC. They will be sent to Shults-Lewis. This is an on-going project, like the printer cartridges.



## Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection is having a small Christmas party at their meeting this Thursday evening. Chuck will be taking portraits and we will be serving a traditional Christmas dinner. **If you can help Chuck and Don serve that evening, please let Sally know.** Meals are needed beginning in January. If you are willing to prepare and/or serve a meal or donate money for a meal for approximately 15 people, see Sally.

## Bible Class Teachers

Wednesday, December 28th, we will have a congregation devotional with no classes. For your information, a 2012 sign-up sheet to teach the Wednesday evening 0-4 aged class will be distributed this week.

## Coat Drive

**TODAY is the last day to donate coats** to assist World Relief refugees. Emily Gray says the newly arriving refugees get to the Chicago-area either without a coat or with one that is inadequate for a Chicago winter. All sizes are needed, for young and old alike. Coats can be gently used or new. A box is available in the foyer.



## Families in Need

There are two families from the community that are requesting Christmas gifts. Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer. The items should be at the church building by Sunday, December 18. Items do not need to be wrapped!

# Christmas!

## Package for Klinton

This is the last day to donate Christmas items for Klinton Wheeler's package. The next package will be delivered in January. If you would like to make a cash donation, the shipping is around \$12 for each package that is sent.



## Shults-Lewis Gifts

Shults-Lewis will be here next Saturday, December 10. Please have all commodity items (hygiene products – shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, etc.) to the church building by then. Donations for their milk/meat/ fresh fruits & veggies bill are also appreciated, as well as, change cans, Campbell soup labels and printer cartridges.

## Christmas Cookie Exchange

The ladies are invited to a Christmas Cookie Exchange Brunch at Francis Shearer's home next Saturday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to go and if you would like to car-pool. Christmas ornaments that were made to benefit Shults-Lewis will also be available to purchase.

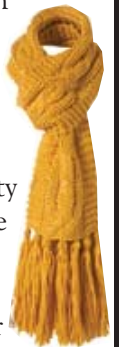


## Holiday Dinner

Our Annual Holiday Dinner is next Sunday, December 11, immediately following morning worship. Meat and drinks will be provided. A sign-up for side dishes is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Each family should bring a dessert!

## Living Room Café

1. Our regular day to serve is Monday, 12/12.
2. We are helping serve at their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 21. We would like the teens to go to assist little kids and the elderly with their food at the buffet.
3. Gifts for you to donate to be taken down for the Christmas Party on December 21: handmade scarves, gift cards for Walgreens, Target, or Walmart for no more than \$10 or gently-used boots.



## Christmas Day Schedule

On Christmas Day we will meet at 9:00 a.m. for a potluck brunch in place of Bible classes. There will be a food sign-up sheet in the foyer. Worship will begin at 10:30.

