



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

**T** rue worship. Truth. They tell us that the postmodern generation has little interest in truth. For that matter, they often even question that there is such a thing as objective truth.

Pontius Pilate might have fit in well in our day. His question resonates with this generation: "What is truth?" That skepticism, that relativistic take on everything, presents a real dilemma for the evangelist, the proclaimer of good-news-gospel. Gospel is all about truth.

Remember the interchange between Jesus and that unlikely theologian at the well in Samaria? That's when Jesus spoke those words featured on our graphic: "True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth."

Many in our day spend much time in development of worship styles and worship teams and worship leading. I like innovation and new things and fresh eyes to see a text or a character. But when it comes to worship, to joining our heart to the Creator and blending our spirits together in a common voice and mind—that's all of the heart.

Jesus saw that in this hardened and, I think, cynical woman. He shocked her with His taking the initiative in conversation. He amazed her with His insight into the details of her own personal life. He probed the depth of her thinking with His answers.

But I don't think Jesus just saw her as an opportunity to engage in a little banter or to stretch His intellectual legs.

Jesus saw her heart. He revealed to her,

as to few others, His identity as the Messiah who was to come. Her heart drew His own to her.

Today, we'll be looking at a familiar and what seems to be a simple text from Jesus on prayer. Ask. Seek. Knock.

But it's easy to poke holes in the surface level interpretation. What about those who don't ask and yet still receive? What about those who do ask yet go away empty handed? What about believers with broken hearts and lost loved ones?

Jesus isn't presenting God as a cosmic slot machine or a bell boy ready to answer our every whim. What He is challenging us to see is that prayer is a heart-link between the Father and His children. It is a growing, living relationship that sees through apparent inconsistencies and shallow mocking.

The men and women of God who pray are precious to the soul of God and His Son. The community and communion of prayer are those of whom the world is not worthy. They see the unseen. They understand by the special manifestation of the Spirit to those who obey. They are the people of the darkness of the closet and the light of God.

Those who learn to pray, to really pray, are the mighty in the land. They are those who are learning what it means to worship in spirit and in truth.

*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. 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:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>

Username: wcfamily

Password: 6302312062

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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 . . . . .	Jay Hearn
Scripture Reading & Prayer. . . . .	Jay Hearn
Kids Connection . . . . .	Jon Miller
Praise Songs . . . . .	Jon Miller
#200   Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts	
#47     Holy, Holy, Holy	
#145   All Hail the Power of Jesus Name	
#374   There Is a Fountain	
Communion Message . . . . .	Rick Root
Communion	
Contribution and Prayer Card Collection	
Sermon . . . . .	Chuck Miller
Invitation Song . . . . .	Jon Miller
#903   There is Power in the Blood	
Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer . . . . .	Bob Voigts
Closing Song . . . . .	Jon Miller
#650   Send the Light	

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 5 . . . . .	Winter Ann Massie, Cyndi Perez
December 6 . . . . .	Donnie Lemley
December 8 . . . . .	John Pedersen
December 9 . . . . .	Mike & Lisa Henkel (anv.)
December 11 . . . . .	Alec Boyd, Bobbie Whitman

## Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . . .	Community Groups
December 7 . . . . .	Ladies Bible Class
December 9 . . . . .	Teen Parent Connection
December 10 . . . . .	Men's Prayer Breakfast
December 11 . . . . .	MIS Breakfast with Santa
December 11 . . . . .	Ladies Christmas Brunch
December 11 . . . . .	Teen Christmas Party
December 12 . . . . .	Holiday Dinner
December 13 . . . . .	Living Room Café
December 15 . . . . .	Seniors Breakfast
December 22 . . . . .	Living Room Café

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . .	46
Sunday Morning Worship . . . . .	91
Contribution . . . . .	\$2,742.00

Nursery Workers . . . . . Betsy Jett, Jamie Miller

Collection Counters . . . . . Scott Drumheller, Rick Root

## In Our Prayers...

**Don Lemley** has pneumonia and is recuperating at home.

**Bobbie Miller** has pneumonia and is in CDH (4220B).

**Kay Schrader** has been moved to DuPage Convalescent Center on County Farm Road in Wheaton. Visitors are very much appreciated!

**Chester Sitler** was in the hospital last weekend with a serious viral infection. He has been recuperating at home since Tuesday.

**Cleta Watson** fell while walking their dog a couple of weeks ago. She suffered a severe hip fracture and had surgery. She is at St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin in their Rehabilitation Center, but should be going home this week.

### 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

Jim & Julie Chavez

Dachielle – Blake Mullins’s friend

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

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

## Teen Parent Connection

**Volunteers are needed** to assist with the Teen Parent Connection meetings held here on Thursday evenings. We support each of TPC’s meetings as we provide, serve and clean up a well-balanced meal for 15-20 people and provide assistance with child-care. **Please sign up in the foyer to provide all or part of a meal or to assist with child-care.** TPC educates teen parents on the responsibilities of pregnancy and helps teen parents develop parenting skills. Molly Mullins has been coordinating our volunteers for the past year. **We are looking for someone to take over for her beginning in January.** See Chuck or Sally if you feel called to meet this need.

## November Food Pantry Report

Number of families served . . . . .	42
Number of children served . . . . .	85
Number of adults served . . . . .	97
Total number of people served . . . . .	182



## Sermon on the Mount Series

Our series of lessons on the Sermon on the Mount has five more installments. If you would like to see videos of any of the series, please let Chuck know.

Come Join Us For The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 11, 2010  
8:30 to 11:00 AM  
at the Methodist Church  
643 E. Washington  
West Chicago

Proceeds benefit:

**\$3 for Children** (12 and under)  
**\$6 for Adults**  
**\$15 for a Family**  
(2 adults, children from one generation, 12 & under)

**Pictures with Santa will be \$5**  
Tickets can be purchased at the door  
or by calling 231-0231

Proceeds benefit: MOMS IN SCHOOLS. A state licensed 501c (3) child-care center for teen parents offering an enriched childcare environment for children (ages 6 weeks-3 years) of students at any area high school. www.facebook.org/momsinschools

## TODAY!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet today! The elders want to encourage everyone to get involved in their Community Group. Objectives?

- **Get to know** your neighbors – those members who live the closest to you!
- **Keep up-to-date** on church activities, as well as, activities in which the youth of your group are involved.
- **Invite** your friends. What a great way to introduce them to your church family and to Jesus!

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. – Galatians 6:2*

## Shults-Lewis Items Due TODAY!

Christmas gifts and our commodity item (canned vegetables) are due today! Gerald Frump from Shults-Lewis is planning to be here tomorrow or Tuesday to pick up the items. Please follow these instructions for labeling the gifts. 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. Thank you so much for your donations!



### Food Pantry!

**Item of the month** – Donate hats, gloves and hot chocolate mix for the pantry. All sizes and styles of hats and gloves are appreciated!

## Christmas Brunch & Cookie Exchange

Ladies, you are invited to Frances Shearer's home next **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. Indicate on the sign-up sheet if you would like to car-pool. "Car-poolers" will meet at the church building at 8:30 a.m.



## Holiday Dinner

Our Annual Holiday Dinner will be immediately following morning worship next **Sunday, December 12, in the fellowship room.** A sign-up sheet for side dishes is in the foyer. Every family should bring a dessert. Meat and drinks will be provided. Everyone's help to clean up is greatly appreciated!

# TEENS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- December 11** Christmas Party @ Robinson's 7:00 p.m. Bring a "white elephant" gift to exchange. Girls a sweet treat and guys a salty snack.
- 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

## Youth Ministry

### EDUCATION:

- **We still need someone** to teach the 0-4 classroom on Wednesday night. Please see Cindy ASAP.
- **Substitutes are needed for every class!**
- **Teacher Workshop:** Please 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.

## Living Room Cafe

We are serving at the Living Room Café twice in December – the 13th and the 22nd. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to go. These are both great opportunities to serve! See Julie Dean with questions.

**December 13:** This second Monday of the month is our regular scheduled time to serve. We'll leave the church building around 2:30 p.m. We'll be taking the home-made scarves that day, too!

**December 22:** There will be two different groups heading down to the Café on this day. At 2:30 a group will head down to help set up. At 5:30 those who will help serve and greet will go. Teens are encouraged to attend!

