



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

All things are ready. Come to the feast! That's the way the song puts it. If God loves anything, it's a feast.

One of the most beloved pictures of heaven and our perfect fellowship with God is "Thou preparast a table before me... Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over."

So it's ok for us to look forward to this annual fellowship dinner. It's a good and spiritual thing for our ladies (and men) to labor over beautiful and delicious dishes. It's a worshipful thing to eat and to enjoy one another with a heart full of love and gratitude for God, for good food and for Christian friends. The table enjoyment we experience is a preview of the banquet of heaven.

Americans have a challenge. As we experience the bounty of a feast, we must be mindful of those who do not have abundance. In our own country, sin and selfishness and simple poverty rob many of the good things we take for granted.

Around the world, the plight of the hungry and hurting should reawaken in us a resolve to give generously to relieve hunger and sickness and basic health and nutritional deficiency.

Paul challenges virtually all Americans with this commandment: "Tell those who are rich in this world

not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone. But their trust should be in the living God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

"Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give generously to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them.

"By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may take hold of real life." 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

Today, we have a second feast to enjoy, as well. Through Jack Plummer, we have the opportunity to have Brother Ivan Tescic from Croatia with us to tell of the Kingdom work in his country. Brother Tescic was educated in this country at Lubbock Christian College and ACU. He has been a presenter at the Pepperdine Lectures and is a dedicated servant of God. He is in the Chicago area to share the blessings and needs of the gospel work in Croatia.

Chester and Kim have been hosting brother Tescic this week, and he will be visiting with the brothers at Park Forest and perhaps at other congregations, as well. Please be prayerful for him today and in his visit to our area.

Enjoy the feasts which God has richly provided for us today. Thank you for your love and generosity.



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.

Bible classes are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

Our Small Group Fellowship program takes place during the fall, winter and spring months and is on the first and third Sundays of each month and is in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
 (The Sunday Morning Worship is interpreted for the deaf.)  
 Sunday Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our elders.

**Elders:**

**Don Brewster**                      **Bob Jett**  
**Chuck Miller**                      **Bob Voigts**

**Deacons:**

**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  
**Paul Stirrup:** Stewardship & Leadership, Benevolence



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## This Morning...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Please pass them to the aisle to be picked up before the sermon. 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
- Singing - *Tim Boyd*
- Announcements - *Paul Mullins*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Cary Gray*
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - *Ivan Tesic*
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - *Bob Voigts*
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - *Chester Sitler*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 14 . . . . . Sandy Boyd  
 December 20 . . . . . Sarah (Miller) Tincher

## Dates to Remember

December 14 . . . . . Holiday Dinner  
 December 17 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast  
 December 19 . . . . . Teen Christmas Party with North Park  
 December 21 . . . . . Caroling!  
 December 22 . . . . . Teen Christmas Party  
 December 25 . . . . . Merry Christmas!  
 December 28 . . . . . Sunday Night Light/Teens  
 December 31 . . . . . New Year's Eve Lock-In/Teens  
 January 2 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 108  
 Contribution . . . . . \$3,647.00

## New Address

The new address for **Jake and Sarah Tincher** is 16854 K Trail, Perry, IA 50220. They would love to hear from you at their new home!



## In Our Prayers...

### Loss of loved ones:

**Dean Martin, a long-time friend of the Hearn family,** passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack this week. He was an elder at the Church of Christ in Ottawa, IL, Jay's home town.

**John Watson, Cleta's husband and Kenn's father,** passed away a week ago.

### Prayer needs:

**Joseph Amato, Bob & Betsy Jett's son-in-law,** is back from Afghanistan. There was much more war activity than when he was stationed there before.

**Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother,** was back in the hospital this week.

**Bobbye Miller** has pancreatitis again, but it is not as severe as before. She hopes to recuperate as an outpatient.

**Gail Cole, Lori Plummer's mother,** is suffering with some health issues.

**Marie Hayes** has been in the hospital this week.

**Rich Kern, Jackie Robinson's father,** has been

diagnosed with leukemia.

**Frances Shearer** had an angiogram this week.

**Klinton Wheeler** graduates from basic training Monday.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

Leona Boston - Lynette Root's aunt

Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law

Don & Pat Brewster

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

John Day

Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes's daughter

Al Dorsey and his son Doug

Joyce Eakins

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Marie Hayes

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Sandy Jones - Marie Hayes's daughter

Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend

Joe, Star and Sky Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett - the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley,

Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and

the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sittler

Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin

### Mothers-to-be:

Jamie Holtin - Joe & Terrie's daughter

Jenn Kirts - Joe & Terrie's daughter-in-law

Shannon (Pedersen) Manny

Cathy Miller

Jamie Miller

Jennifer (Doggett) Piehl

Shelley Prosser - Joan Lockett's daughter

### Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew is in basic training in Oklahoma

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Nathan & Angie Stilwell - Bridgette Fordyce's brother & sister-in-law went to Japan with the Air Force for 3 years with their two small children

### Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown -

Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)

Students of Joe Voigts - China

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

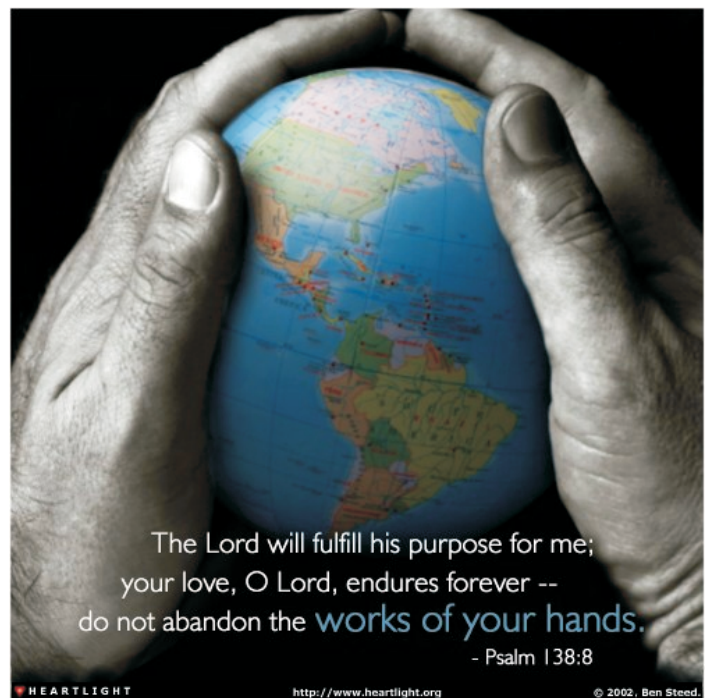
## Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Molly Mullins



## Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel



The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your love, O Lord, endures forever --  
do not abandon the **works of your hands.**

- Psalm 138:8

## Holiday Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend our **Holiday Dinner** immediately following worship this morning in our fellowship room. Please join us for this wonderful celebration with our church family! Everyone please stay after the fellowship to help clean-up!



## Caroling!

Join us next **Sunday, December 21, to go Caroling!** Dress festively and warm. See Sally with questions. The afternoon schedule follows:

- immediately following worship – finger-food potluck luncheon in the fellowship room (drinks provided)
- 1:30 – leave the church building to go to Franciscan Court, located at the corner of Rte. 59 & Rte. 64
- 2:00 – begin singing at Franciscan Court
- 2:45 – leave Franciscan Court to go to several of our seniors' homes
- 5:30 – arrive back at church building for worship



## Children's Library



We are looking for elementary Christian books to create a library for the children. If parents want to donate their used books that their kids have outgrown, they can give the books to either Joan Avey or Cindy Drumheller.

## Ladies Class

Following is a list of topics for the Wednesday evening Ladies Bible Class. Barb Voigts is leading the discussion.  
December: Daily focus on God for handling life struggles  
January: Refreshing and rejuvenation for weary women.

## Gift for Scott & Bridgette

There is a Bible in the foyer that will be sent to Scott & Bridgette Fordyce. Find your favorite verses, highlight them with the colored pencils and write your name in the margin. We will send the Bible to Scott & Bridgette in a few weeks.

## Benevolence Needs

One of the families who visits our food pantry is requesting Christmas gifts. There is a sign-up sheet/wish list on the bulletin board in the foyer. Leave the items unwrapped and have them to the building by next Sunday, December 21.

## Small Group Fellowships

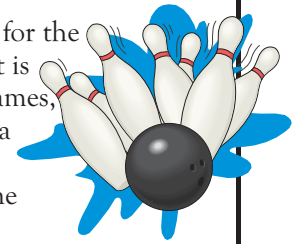
The next **Small Group Fellowship** is **January 4!** Remember there is **NO** evening worship on Small Group Sundays. A small group meets at the building Sunday evenings at 5:30. Questions, see Don, Cliff or Bob V.

## Youth & Family News

**TEENS:** We're going ice skating at Millenium Park again this year for our Christmas Party. The date is **Monday, December 22**, and we'll meet at the building at 12:15. (Eat lunch before you get here because we won't be eating until after ice skating.) We'll skate, eat dinner downtown, and see some of the Christmas decorations before heading back home. The cost is \$24, including skate rental, train and bus fares (you'll need singles). Sign-up in the downstairs classroom if you plan to go.



Sign-up on the sheet downstairs for the annual **New Years Eve Lock-In**. Cost is \$28, and includes bowling, arcade games, laser tag, pizza and drinks. We need a good 2-person team so that we can keep the "King Pin" trophy! Get some practice time in before the lock-in!

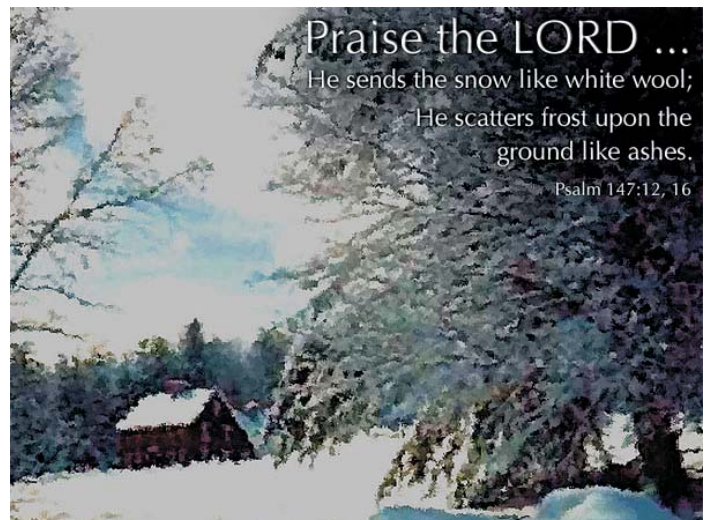


**The other Christmas Party:** We've been invited to North Park's youth group Christmas Party **this Friday, December 19**. Sign up if you plan to go. We'll meet at the building at 5:15. Bring a "gag" gift for the gift exchange (no more than \$10 value).

**PARENTS/ADULTS:** For the New Year's Eve Lock-In we're meeting at the building at 10:30 p.m. You can pick-up your exhausted son/daughter at the Brunswick Zone (corner of Gary & North Aves.) at 6:00 a.m. **Cliff needs a driver or two to transport kids from the building to the bowling center at midnight.**

I need a couple guys to **chaperone at Winterfest**, February 19-22, 2009. Are you interested? See Cliff.

**SENIORS:** The Seniors Breakfast is this Wednesday, December 17, at 10:00 a.m. at the Colonial on Route 38 by Randall Road. Hope to see you there!



Praise the LORD ...

He sends the snow like white wool;

He scatters frost upon the ground like ashes.

Psalm 147:12, 16