



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

Angel announcements must be wondrous to behold. Now, I am one who loves a good fireworks display. But I can only imagine the light show put on for the Bethlehem shepherds.

Certainly there had never been anything like it in the history of the word. I'm going to make the assumption there has never been anything like it since.

As so often happens in scripture, understatement makes the case. Just a few words suggest what might have happened. "And the glory of the Lord shone around them..." "a great company of the heavenly host appeared..."

The glory of the Lord. We're talking an event like when a pillar of fire stopped the army of Egypt at the Red Sea.

We're talking about something like what happened when Solomon dedicated the Temple and the priests couldn't even go inside. But I'm thinking the Father might have had something really special in mind to announce the birth of the Only Begotten.

This was the Father's joyful birth announcement. And His glory is so great that if we saw it unfiltered in its true expression, we would be killed because of the intensity and power of it. Those shepherds saw some show.

And then that other simple line, "a great company

of the heavenly host appeared." Remember how in "Gone with the Wind," at the burning of Atlanta, the camera slowly pulls back and the depth and scale of the devastation is shown? Remember in "Close Encounters" how the picture is slowly filled with the vastness of the space ship overshadowing the mountain?"

Those special effects tricks are nothing. The heavenly hosts filled the shepherds' sky with their

majestic glory. I

particularly like the description of this angel:

"Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars."

**Revelation 10:1**

Now, imagine a sky filled with that kind of creature

(and who can imagine what the others are like?! Those shepherds saw some glory! Good news of great joy!

This same Jesus came for our salvation, suffered death on a cross, and is coming back for us. In what glory will He come!

Celebrate all things Jesus. I look forward to seeing the angels and rising to meet Him in the air.



*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 to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. 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 - Jon Miller
- Announcements - Cliff Plummer
- Singing
- Prayer - Justin Avey
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Paul Mercer

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- December 20 . . . . . Sarah Miller
- December 21 . . . . . Wendell & Margaret Mott (anv.)
- . . . . . Kaylie Ross
- December 22 . . . . . Marie Hayes

## Dates to Remember

- December 19 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast
- December 25 . . . . . Merry Christmas!
- December 31 . . . . . New Year's Eve Lock-In/Teens
- January 6 . . . . . Small Group Fellowships
- January 7 . . . . . York College Chorus Concert
- January 13 . . . . . Chili Potluck Luncheon
- January 20 . . . . . Small Group Fellowships

## Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 67
- Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 118
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 41
- Contribution . . . . . \$4,651.49

For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.                      Psalm 139:13-14

## In Our Prayers...

**Ethan Caudle**, a nephew of Lynette Root's friend, is four years old and is having some health issues. They are waiting for test results.

**Ellen Lee Flenar**, Sally Hearn's aunt, is going home, but continues treatments for a staph infection in her knee.

**Kelly Ieler** suffered a heart attack a couple of weeks ago. She is recuperating at home.

**Kim MaGuire**, Rick Root's sister, had surgery to remove a spot on her lung. It didn't appear to be cancer, but they are waiting on test results.

**Michelle** is a young mother of two who suffered a broken neck and severed spine from a broken limb which fell on her. Please pray for her and her family.

**Tim Miller** has been told there is no treatment to help repair his nerve damage. He is to continue physical therapy. Pray that his nerves will regenerate.

**Caitlin Mullins** is having problems with her shoulder and is scheduled for surgery around Christmas.

**Fintan Schiltz**, the infant son of Jay and Sally's neighbor, is still waiting for a heart transplant.

**Margo Smetana**, the infant daughter of Steve Link's friend, has been in the hospital since the day she was born, September 17. She had a heart transplant and then open heart surgery. She has an infection which is complicated by the anti-rejection drugs she must take.

**Catherine Stiger**, the premature twin grand-niece of Chuck and Bobbye Miller, will have open heart surgery on December 20th.

**Bob Voigts** found out this week that his cancer has returned. He will begin treatments in January.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Andrea Bailey - a former member from California

Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

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

Mary Brent - Joe Kirts' sister

Nancy Brewster

Julie Chavez

Bob Czernik - Chris's husband

John Day

Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes' daughter

Al Dorsey

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Jean Gray - Linda Vantreese's sister

Elizabeth Griffin

Josephine Haggerton

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

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

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

Sue Lake - Marion's sister-in-law

Don Lemley

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

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

Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter

Steve & Melissa Massie family

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of

Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Melinda Poff - the sister of Jason Willis

Pat & Neil Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts' cousin

Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousin

Katie Stiger - Bobbye Miller's infant niece

Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend

Linda Vantreese

Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother

Jim & Jamie Winner

Jeremy & Jim Whitman

Rick & Gina Zamora

### Mothers-to-be:

Natalie Conner - Sally Hearn's niece

Renell Johnston - former member

Erin Livermore - Craig & Bev's daughter-in-law

### Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings - Justin Avey's employee

Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law in Iraq

Dustin Meritt - Justin Avey's employee

Chris & Jennifer Roberts - Cathleen Longfellow's sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16 months, they have a 1-year-old daughter

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

David Teel - Justin Avey's employee

### Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Dry Bones Ministry - homeless teens in Denver, CO

Juan & Roxanna Flores - Honduras

Leonardo Ken & family - Honduras

Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango - Brazil

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

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

Joe Voigts - China

## Nursery Workers

Sarah Miller, Caitlin Mullins

## Collection Counters

Steve Link, Paul Mullins



## York College Choir

The York College Choir will be presenting a concert here on **Monday, January 7th, at 7:00 p.m.** Invite your friends!

We will be serving them dinner Monday before the concert and we will need housing for 50 people for Monday night. Hosting a couple of the members from the choir includes serving them breakfast Tuesday morning and bringing them back to the church building by 8:30 a.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer to be a host family and/or to help with items for the dinner.

Also, Sally is putting together brown bag lunches for their trip. If you would like to help with the lunches or if you have any questions regarding the above, please see Sally.

### Women's Spiritual Disciplines Class Schedule

Date	Topic	Chapter
December 19, 2007	Submission	None
December 26, 2007	Stewardship: Time	8
January 2, 2008	Stewardship: Money	8
January 9, 2008	Simplicity	None
January 16, 2008	Evangelism	6
January 23, 2008	Perseverance in Disciplines	13

If you are interested in planning curriculum for the Wednesday evening ladies Bible class, see Joanne Johnson.

## Youth & Family News

**TEENS:** There is a **Sunday Night, Light** tonight after worship at Jon & Jamie's. Parents can pick up their teens at 9:00 p.m.

**Sign up NOW** to attend our annual **New Year's Eve Lock-In!** Make sure to bring a friend! It's \$28 per person, which includes unlimited bowling, laser tag and pizza. We'll start out at the church building at 10:30 p.m. with a devotional and bringing in the new year. At 12:15 a.m. we'll head over to Brunswick Zone. Parents can pick up their teens at Brunswick Zone at 6:00 a.m. Sign up on the sheet outside the Teen Room.

**SENIORS:** This Wednesday, December 19, at 10:00 a.m. is the **Seniors Breakfast** at the Colonial Restaurant in St. Charles on Route 38 by Randall Road. Hope to see you there!

## Small Groups

Our Small Groups program resumes on January 6th. Leaders, please pick up the book we're using from Cliff.

## 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.

