



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

Mary, of all women in the history of time, was surely the most favored by God. When Gabriel visited her with the startling news of God's plan for her, her response was an amazing song of praise and prophecy:

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me-- holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful <sup>55</sup> to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers." **Luke 1:46-55 (NIV)**

Mary could not have been more humble, demonstrating richness in the very grace which no doubt influenced God in choosing her to give human birth to His Son. Her faith, her acceptance, and her praise are all witness to her deep meditative nature,

her intelligence, and her familiarity with all things to do with her Jewish heritage and theology.

This precious young woman, perhaps only a young teenager, endured the cultural possibility of being seen as immoral. Her complete trust in the plan of God overshadowed any misgivings she might have had.

When time came to go with her husband for taxation to Bethlehem, she went, although she was almost ready to deliver her baby. She watched in wonder as the shepherds told their story of a heavenly choir.

She considered the words of Anna and Simeon in the Temple. She trembled with the news of Herod's wicked conspiracy of murder, and she trustingly

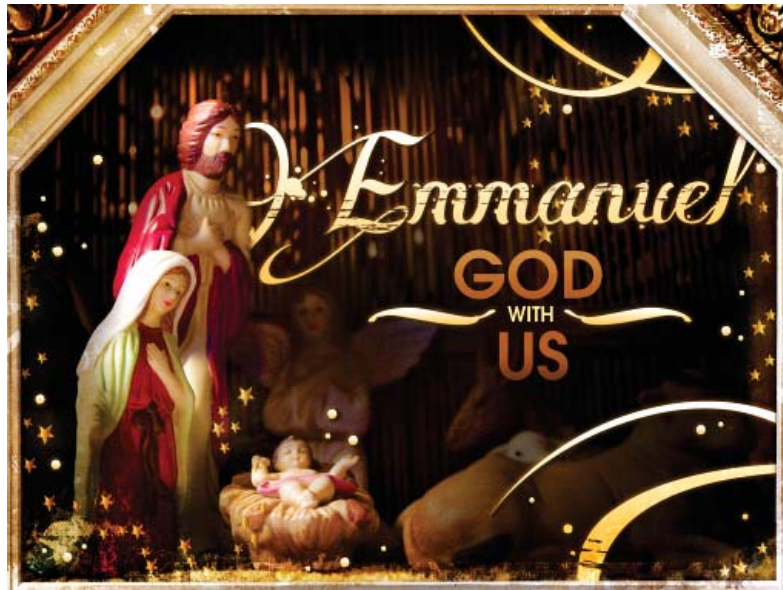
followed Joseph into Egypt, where they found safety.

In Nazareth, her new home, she watched her amazing son grow in every way. She took note after their trip to the Temple in his 12th year, of his growing vision for his earthly calling.

She delighted in the power of her son to solve a wedding crisis. She agonized as her son's words were twisted by his enemies. Her heart broke at the cross. She remained in fellowship with believers after her son's return into heaven.

The words that may best describe her mention that she treasured or pondered all these things in her heart. We thank God for raising up this blessed young woman of a profound and deeply wounded heart to be the mother of His Son and our Savior.

*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 . . . . . Tim Boyd

#997 O Come all Ye Faithful

#202 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

#996 O Little Town of Bethlehem

#1008 Angels from the Realms of Glory

#382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Communion . . . . . Bob Voigts

Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller

#496 O Listen to Our Wondrous Story

Prayer Cards . . . . . Bob Voigts

Closing Song . . . . . Tim Boyd

#1003 Silent Night, Holy Night

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 18 . . . . . Corban Gifford

December 21 Hannah Bray, Kaylie Ross, Cathy Vaden

December 23 . . . . . Lynette Root

December 24 . . . . . Joyce Eakins

## Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . . . Community Groups

December 21. . . . . Seniors Breakfast

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

December 22 . . . . . Teacher Workroom Work Day

December 23 . . . . . Mens Prayer Breakfast

December 25. . . . . Christmas Brunch & Worship

December 27. . . . . Teen Trip to Chicago

December 30. . . . . Teen Lock-In

January 3 . . . . . Ladies Class

January 5. . . . . Food Pantry Delivery

January 5. . . . . Teen Parent Connection

January 6. . . . . Mens Prayer Breakfast

January 8. . . . . Community Groups

Contribution. . . . . \$2,182.25

Nursery Workers . . . . . Betsy Jett, Shelby Root

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

## In Our Prayers...

**Wilbur Allen, Nadine McCormick's brother** passed away last weekend.

**Danny Edmonds, the preacher at Lindauer Road Church of Christ in Forrest City, Arkansas**, has colon cancer which has spread to his liver, lungs and lymph nodes. Pray also for his wife, Karen, and their two teenage daughters.

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

**Chester Sitler** has decided to not have any more dialysis treatments. He is at home under hospice care. You are welcome to visit, just call ahead.

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

**Curt Robinson's friend, Steve**, has health issues.

**Tami Urso** was at the hospital last Saturday with chest pains. The doctor said she has a fatty deposit that was inflamed and has some pneumonia. She is feeling better and is back at home.

**Bob Voigts** is taking 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

& 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

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew  
is in Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtko – 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

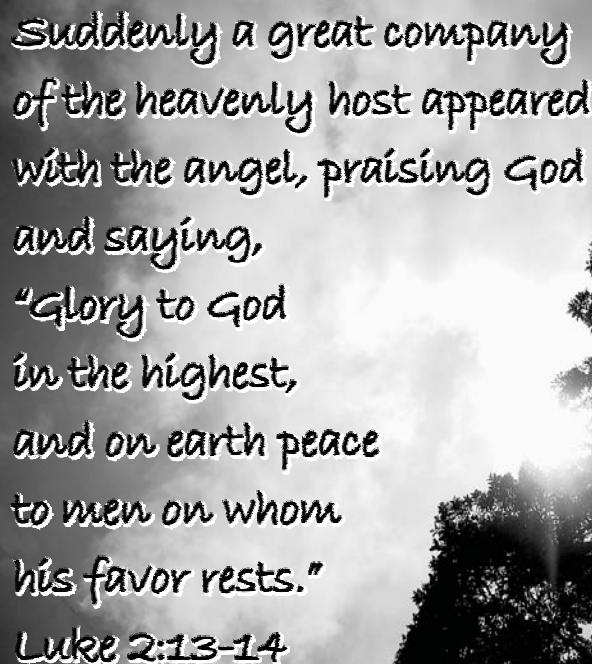
Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - W. Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria



*Suddenly a great company  
of the heavenly host appeared  
with the angel, praising God  
and saying,  
"Glory to God  
in the highest,  
and on earth peace  
to men on whom  
his favor rests."  
Luke 2:13-14*

# Christmas!



## Holiday Schedule

Today: Bible classes & Worship,  
9:30 a.m., Community Groups  
Wednesday, December 21: Bible classes @ 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 21: Living Room Café  
Christmas Party in Chicago – leave building @  
2:30 p.m. – let Chuck or Julie know if you are going  
Sunday, December 25: Christmas Brunch & Worship  
@ 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, December 28: Devotional @ 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, January 1: Bible classes & Worship, 9:30 a.m.

## Living Room Café

1. 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.
2. 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.



## Families in Need

There are two families from the community that are requesting Christmas gifts. Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer. Items do not need to be wrapped! See Sally if you have any questions.

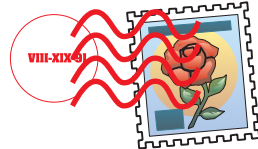
## Christmas Day!

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



Dana Howard  
West Chicago, IL 60185

Before you speak, listen.  
Before you write, think.  
Before you spend, earn.  
Before you invest, investigate.  
Before you criticize, wait.  
Before you pray, forgive.  
Before you quit, try.  
Before you retire, save.  
Before you die, give.  
– Anonymous



My friends  
at the  
West Chicago  
Church of Christ



**Teen activities over Christmas break.** Check your e-mail for more information.

- Tomorrow & Tuesday, December 19-20: District 33 Preschool is holding a Toy Drive in our fellowship room. They could use some extra hands.
- Wednesday, December 21: Living Room Café Christmas Party – plan to go to Chicago with Julie Dean and Chuck to assist the children and elderly with the buffet
- Thursday, December 22: The Teachers Workroom is being cleaned. Cindy Drumheller could use help sorting through all of the craft/teaching supplies.
- Tuesday, December 27: Sign up outside the teen room if you want to go downtown Chicago.
- Friday, December 30: Lock-in with North Park Church of Christ.

**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.

## Bible Class Teachers

Wednesday, December 28th, we will have a congregation devotional with no classes. A 2012 sign-up sheet to teach the Wednesday evening 0-4 aged class is posted on the bulletin board. Our next Bible class teacher rotation will begin on Sunday, January 1, and will go through February 19. Please contact Cindy Drumheller if you are interested in teaching or have any questions – 630-346-6923 or cdrum202@comcast.net.

## Ladies Bible Class

The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Class will not meet on December 20 and 27. It will resume on January 3.

## It's a Girl!

Julie Dean is the proud grandmother of Kianna Nicole Lucas. She was born on Thursday morning weighing 8 lbs., 7 oz. Everyone is doing great!

## Teen Parent Connection

Meals are needed the end of January. If you are willing to prepare and/or serve a meal or donate money for a meal for approximately 15 people, see Sally.