



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

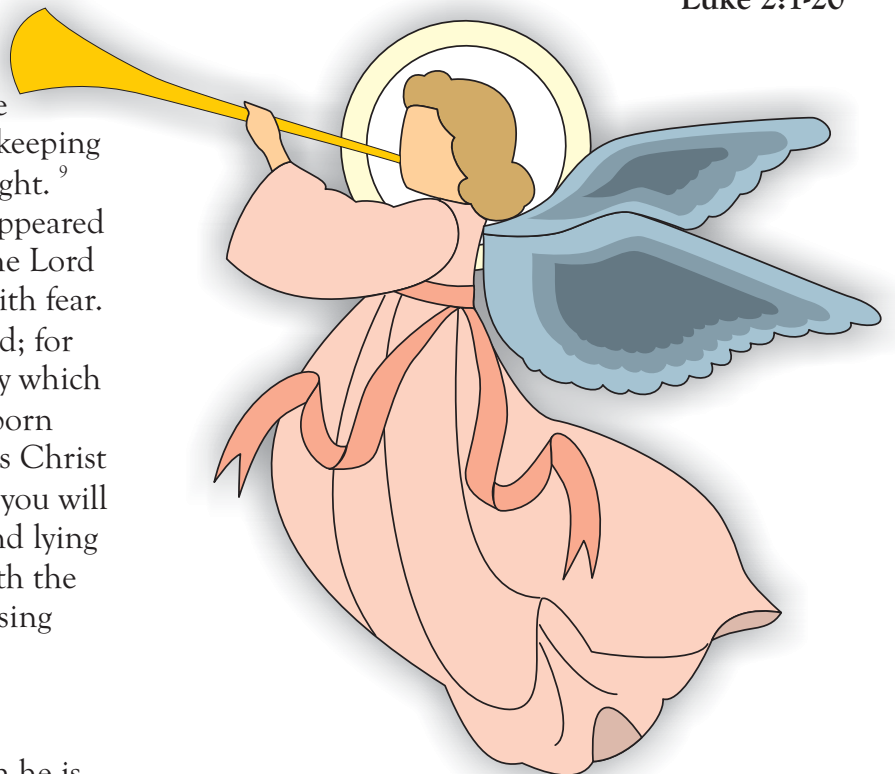
**I**n those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled.<sup>2</sup> This was the first enrollment, when Quirin'i-us was governor of Syria.<sup>3</sup> And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city.<sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,<sup>5</sup> to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.<sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered.<sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**A**nd in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.<sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.<sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;<sup>11</sup> for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.<sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

**W**hen the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."<sup>16</sup> And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.<sup>17</sup> And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child;<sup>18</sup> and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.<sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.<sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2:1-20



# 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 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 fellowship room downstairs. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and at the end of the foyer.

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 in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

We are planning a weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services. Please follow these instructions:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster                      Bob Jett  
 Chuck Miller                      Bob Voigts

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 Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)  
 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 . . . . . Chuck Miller  
 Singing . . . . . Dewayne Smith  
     #1003 Silent Night  
 Prayer Updates & Scripture . . . . . Bob Jett  
     #998 What Child is This?  
     #595 I Come to the Garden Alone  
 Prayer . . . . . Scott Drumheller  
     #1014 Jesus Loves Me!  
     #349 Ten Thousand Angels - sing all verses then chorus last  
 Lord's Supper. . . . . Jon Miller  
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection  
 Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller  
     #912 Burdens are Lifted at Calvary  
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer . . . . . Bob Voigts  
 Announcements . . . . . Bob Jett  
     #1018 Joy to the World  
 Closing Prayer. . . . . Jeff Ieler

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 21 . Hannah Bray, Kaylie Ross, Cathy Vaden  
 December 21 . . . . . Wendell & Margaret Mott (anv.)  
 December 22 . . . . . Marie Hayes  
 December 23 . . . . . Lynette Root, Pat Ronzheimer  
 December 23 . . . . . Steve & Theresa Link (anv.)  
 December 24 . . . . . Joyce Eakins

## Dates to Remember

Today. . . . . Caroling @ Franciscan Court  
 Tonight . . . . . Sunday Night, Light  
 December 22 . . . . . Mid-week Devotional  
 December 23 . . . . . Living Room Café  
 December 25 . . . . . Merry Christmas!  
 December 28 . . . . . Teen Skating  
 December 31 . . . . . New Year's Eve Lock-In  
 January 7 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery  
 January 10 . . . . . Small Groups  
 January 14 . . . . . Preachers Breakfast  
 January 17 . . . . . Chili/Soup Potluck Luncheon

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 54  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 93  
 Contribution . . . . . \$6,623.49

Nursery Workers . . . . . Joan Avey, Cleta Watson  
 Collection Counters . . . . . Jeff Ieler, Paul Mullins

## In Our Prayers...

### Loss of loves ones:

**Marina Schiltz, the 16-year-old granddaughter of Tom Schiltz,** was killed in a automobile accident last weekend. Tom is in the bluegrass band with Jay Hearn.

**Ed Stewart, a former member,** passed away last week. He would have been 93 years old this Christmas Day.

### Health and family issues:

**Brian Jones, the son-in-law of Marie Hayes,** is struggling with complications due to diabetes. He is unable to work and is trying to get disability.

**Jack Larsen, the 10-year-old son of Rick Root's employee,** had surgery this week to repair a hole in his heart. They discovered he has pulmonary hypertension, which has no cure. There are treatments and he will have major limitations on his physical activities for the rest of his life. His mother, Marcia, is very grateful for our prayers.

**J.D. Potts, Cyndi Perez's father,** is not doing well. Cyndi and Sylvia have traveled to Arkansas to visit him.

**Stacey Schnaitman, the daughter Bev Scalone who is John & Joanne Johnson's neighbor,** is struggling with several family, health and financial issues.

**Brandon Thorton** is an employee of Justin's from Tennessee. He lost his family and his home. **If you would like to give a monetary donation to help Brandon, see Justin or Cliff.**

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

John Day

Al Dorsey & his son, Doug

Joyce Eakins and her brother, Hubert and her two sisters, Eunice and Frances

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Sarah Hayden - Maria Zeisler's relative

Marie Hayes and her daughter, Sandy Jones

Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

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, the mother of a former member, Alyssa Bobbye Miller

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

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

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Jim Whitman

### Mothers-to-be:

Lizz Bartalone - Doris Biancalana's daughter

### Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew in Baghdad

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

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

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

Chris Yauch - the husband of Wendell & Margaret Mott's granddaughter, Mallory

### Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras

Students of Joe Voigts - China

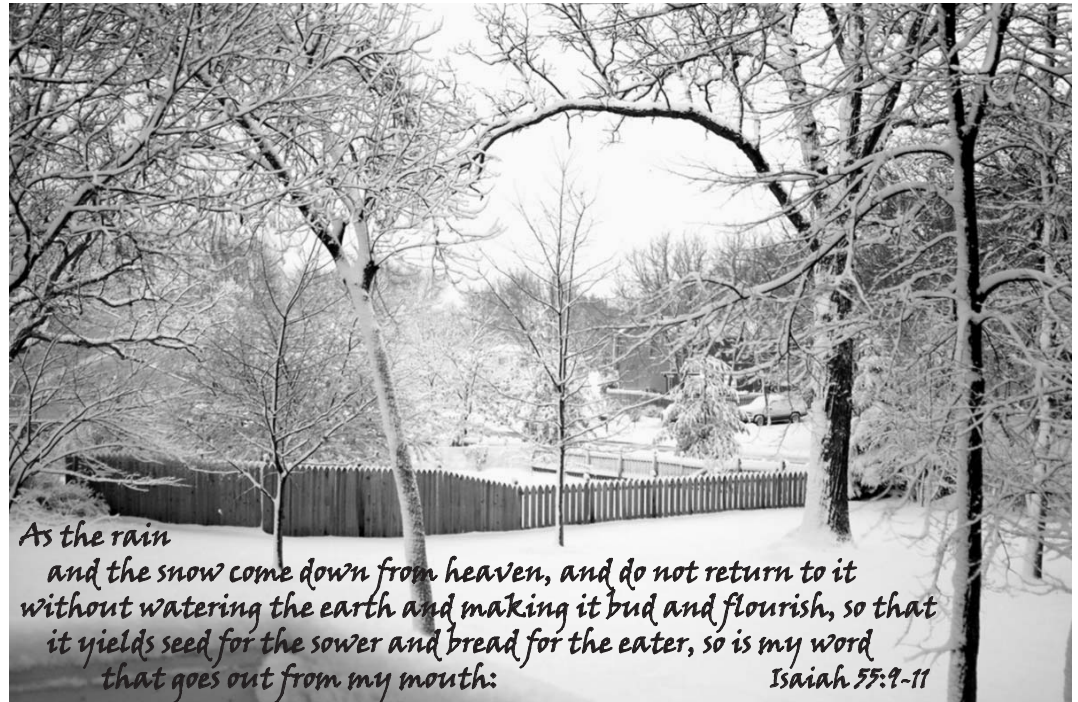
City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan



*As the rain  
and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it  
without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that  
it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word  
that goes out from my mouth: Isaiah 55:9-11*

## Franciscan Court Caroling

Join the Boyd and Hearn families Caroling at Franciscan Court TODAY at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us! We'll have a finger-food potluck in the fellowship room after worship, then head to FC to sing. Drinks will be provided!



## Teen Parent Connection

Welcome Courtney Simek from Teen Parent Connection this morning. She will be sharing briefly at the end of worship about their mission – preventing child abuse by teenage parents through education and support. Teen Parent Connection has requested the use of our building for a West Chicago teen parent group that will meet on Thursday evenings. They would appreciate meals or snacks to be provided for the meetings. Please see Cliff or Sally if you would like to help coordinate this effort or prepare food. Monetary donations are also welcome.

## Open House

You are invited to an **Open House** to celebrate **Karissa Wheeler's** 18th birthday and high school graduation on **Friday, January 8**, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Cemino's Pizza, 1630 Essington Road in Joliet. Karissa is heading to Oklahoma Christian for the spring semester. Please **RSVP** by **December 28** to [kyle.wheeler@countryfinancial.com](mailto:kyle.wheeler@countryfinancial.com).



## Small Group Fellowships

Upcoming Small Group Fellowship dates are: January 10, 24, February 7, 21, March 7, 21, and April 18. **There will be no evening worship at the building on Small Group Sundays.** The Small Group led by Dewayne Smith meets here at 5:30 p.m.

## Men's Bible Study & Coffee

Each Friday morning at 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the building there will be a **Men's Bible Study & Coffee** hosted by Bob Voigts and Kenn Watson.

## Office Closed

Sally will be out of the office this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please contact Chuck, Cliff or one of the elders or deacons directly if you need assistance.

# youth & family news

**TEENS:** At last! We have a **Sunday Night, Light TONIGHT** after evening services at the Boyd's. Parents, please contact Sandy if you can help with food. We're planning to play a game of Christmas Pictionary and Jeff Robinson is giving our devotional talk.

On Monday, December 28, the teens are going ice skating downtown at Millennium Park. The cost is about \$17 (skates and dinner). We'll meet at the building at noon (please eat lunch before we go). I need an adult chaperone or two, please let me know if you're interested.

The **New Year's Eve Teen Lock-In** is just around the corner, December 31. We'll meet at the church building at 10:30 p.m. for a time of fellowship and worship, then count-down to the New Year! The cost is \$33 for unlimited pizza, pop, bowling, laser tag and video games. **Bring a package of athletic socks to support The Night Ministry, which serves homeless adults and teens in Chicago.** Sign up on the sheet in the downstairs class area if you plan to attend. **Parents: Teens should be picked up at Brunswick Zone at 6:00 a.m.**

**WinterFest**, is Thursday through Sunday, February 18-21, 2010. The total cost for this event will be about \$100 (including your deposit), plus meals. Please give Cliff your \$50 deposit if you haven't already.



## The Living Room Café

We're serving Christmas Dinner at the Living Room Café on **Wednesday, December 23rd!** Sign up in the foyer if you'd like to volunteer. Cooks will need to leave from the building at 1:30 p.m. They are in need of **new or gently used hats and gloves.** Please place your donations in the bin in the foyer.

## Tuesday Evening Devotional

This week we will meet on **Tuesday, December 22, at 7:00 p.m. for a devotional.** This will be in place of our mid-week Bible classes that usually meet on Wednesday. This will allow those who wish, the opportunity to go to the Living Room Café on Wednesday.

