



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

Can you imagine the excitement among the angels? They were challenged with a whole new relationship with the One who had created them. They had known Him since eternity as Sovereign Lord, and now, they were assigned duty to this infant. The guardian angels of the children would have been familiar with this role. Jesus tells us later that they always see the Father's face. But now, to serve Him as a baby must have been a whole new concept for them.

The glory work of angels was another area of a challenge to new heights. The birth of this baby, the hope of all

mankind, must be presented with such amazing majesty as would be fitting for such a once-in-eternity kind of moment. The catch was, only some ignominious shepherds on a Judean hillside would get to take in this sky-filling display of God's first ever birthday announcement for His only begotten. Those shepherds got an eyefilling extravaganza of angelic exuberance.

The whole idea of glory was being turned upside

down.

The One who was being presented for angelic adoration there in the stable-room-only section of Bethlehem had to leave His own glory behind. As the majestic hymn puts it so well, "Mild, he lays his glory by...."

It had to be so so the world could survive His coming. It had to be so so that His ministry would appeal to the spirits of men in just the right way.

When His glory would break out just a little, as in a sea-calming or dead-raising, the disciples could hardly comprehend who He was or how to deal with Him.

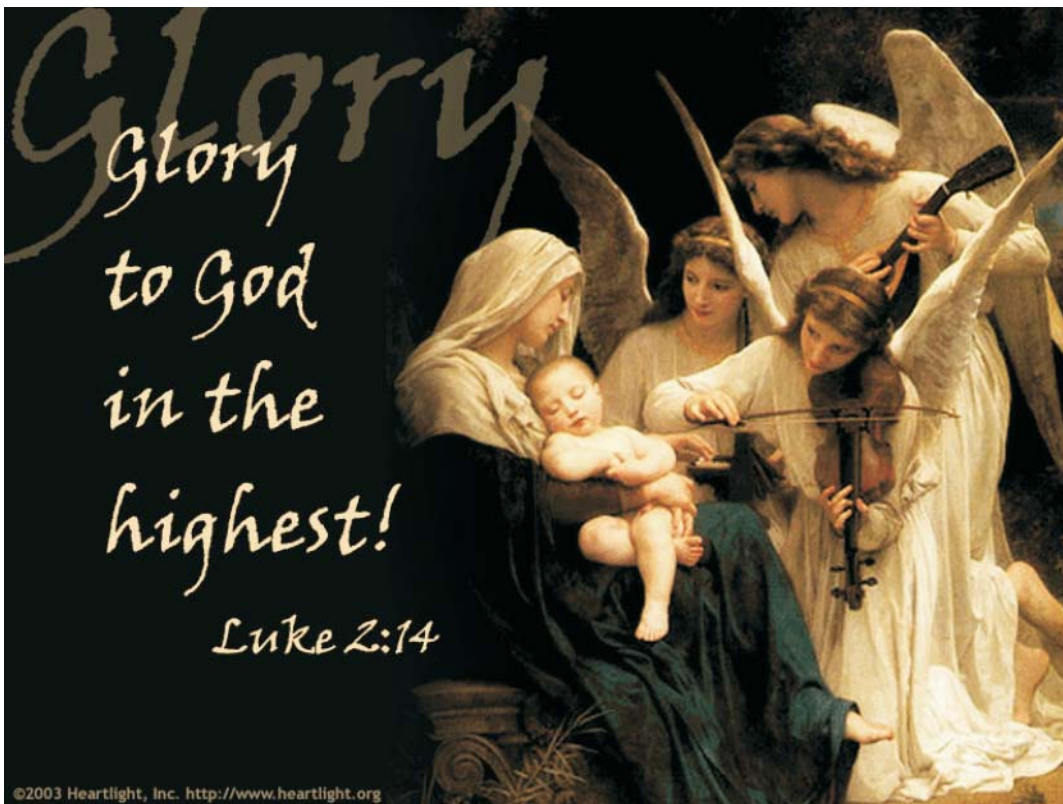
"We have seen His glory, the glory as of the only begotten Son of the Father," John would write. "He was full of

grace and truth."

We are the latter day celebrants of that Judean spectacle. We imagine it and look forward to blending our voices in the grand chorus of His coming.

And we have come to know His glory in our souls as the Holy Spirit blesses us with His daily fellowship within us. We join the angelic hosts in proclaiming, "Glory to God in the Highest."

*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 - Jon Miller
- Announcements - Paul Mullins
- Singing
- Prayer - Bob Jett
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - J.J. Chavez

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- December 21 . . . . . Hannah Bray, Kaylie Ross
- December 21 . . . . . Wendell & Margaret Mott (anv.)
- December 22 . . . . . Marie Hayes
- December 23 . . . . . Pat Ronzheimer, Lynette Root
- December 23 . . . . . Steve & Theresa Link (anv.)
- December 24 . . . . . Joyce Eakins
- December 25 . . . . . Ed Stewart

## Dates to Remember

- 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
- January 4 . . . . . Small Groups
- January 7 . . . . . Harding Chorus at Cardinal Drive
- January 11 . . . . . Chili Luncheon Fellowship
- January 25 . . . . . Connection Point/Teens
- February 19-22 . . . . . Winterfest/Teens

## Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 126
- Contribution . . . . . \$3,764.99

## In Our Prayers...

**Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother,** is improving and is hoping to be released from the hospital before Christmas.

**Jim Chavez** has been in the hospital this week. He has been diagnosed with Bells Palsy.

**Jackson Mearse** is the new baby of **Adam Mearse** and his wife. He was born this past week and is having some breathing problems. Remember him in prayers. Adam is the Naperville Youth and Family Minister.

**Bobbye Miller** is recuperating from pancreatitis.

**Marie Hayes** is home from the hospital.

**Dorothy Hentch, Nana Lake's grandmother,** passed away this week.

**Ivan Tesic,** our guest speaker last Sunday, suffered a ruptured appendix. He is in the hospital in Olympia Fields and will remain in the U.S. for another two weeks before he will be able to return to Croatia.

### 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

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

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

Rich Kern - Jackie Robinson's father has leukemia

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 Sitler

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, Kim Sitler



## Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel



*You did not choose me,  
but I chose you and appointed you  
to go and bear fruit -  
fruit that will last.  
Then the Father  
will give you  
whatever you ask in  
my name.  
This is  
my command:  
Love each other.  
John 15:16-17*

## Caroling!

Join us this afternoon to go **Caroling!** You can join us for the whole afternoon or for a part of the afternoon. See Jay or Sally with any questions.

- immediately after worship – finger-food potluck luncheon in the fellowship room, drinks provided
- 1:30 – leave the church building to go to Franciscan Court, at the corner of Rte. 59 & Rte. 64
- 2:00 – sing at Franciscan Court
- 2:45 – leave Franciscan Court to go to several of our seniors' homes
- 5:30 – arrive back at church building for hot chocolate and 6:00 worship



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



## Directories

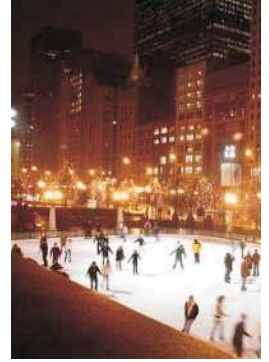
New directories will be published in January. Please give any changes of address or phone number to Chuck, Cliff or Sally as soon as possible. You may also e-mail changes to [wcfamily@wcfamily.org](mailto:wcfamily@wcfamily.org).

## Moms In School Shop & Share

Shop & Share slips for Moms In School are available in the foyer. Shop at any Jewel/Osco on December 29 - 30 and give the cashier the slip and 5% of your purchase will benefit Moms In School.

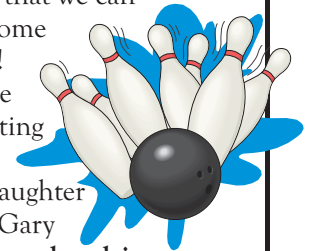
## Youth & Family News

**TEENS:** Tomorrow we're going **ice skating at Millennium Park** for our Christmas Party. 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 Year's 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!

**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.

## Harding University Chorus

The Harding University Chorus is offering a free concert on Wednesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cardinal Drive Church of Christ in Rolling Meadows.

## Food Pantry Delivery

Please note that the food pantry delivery for January will be on Friday instead of Thursday because of the holiday. The Northern Illinois Food Bank will deliver on **Friday, January 2**. Volunteers are always welcome to help carry boxes downstairs and stock the shelves. We will begin working at 10:00 a.m. Teens – this is a great way to volunteer some time while on a break from school!

## Thank You

*We want to thank our church family for all the love we felt when John left us for a better place. Even though you did not know him personally, we felt so much love and caring for him it made him leaving us easier.*

Cleta, Kenn, Sherry  
& Emily Watson