



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

**I**t really just means “change.” Turn around. Give control to God. Repent.

It was the prominent first word in the first gospel sermon preached by Peter on the Day of Pentecost. “Repent,” he said, “and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”

The repentance required was of their rejection of the Christ and their cruel crucifixion of Him. It was pretty clear in their case just what repentance referred to.

Repentance is a bigger idea, I think, than just the simplicity of “about face.” It deals with the enormous human problem of self-will. Maybe a little deeper idea of repentance comes from one of my favorite texts from Paul’s writing: <sup>15</sup> “And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”

2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIV)

“No longer live for themselves....” That’s quite

a tall order for us. Selfishness is probably the best one-word definition of sin according to many thinkers. It’s just who we are from that moment we first cry after delivery from the womb.

It’s all about me

We judge and evaluate everything based on how “I” feel about it. Does the Bible make sense to me? Is this church meeting my needs? You know how I

love the celebrity expression that starts, “I just couldn’t serve a God who....” As if God is eager to conform to the media’s expectations or the consensus of the talk show panel.

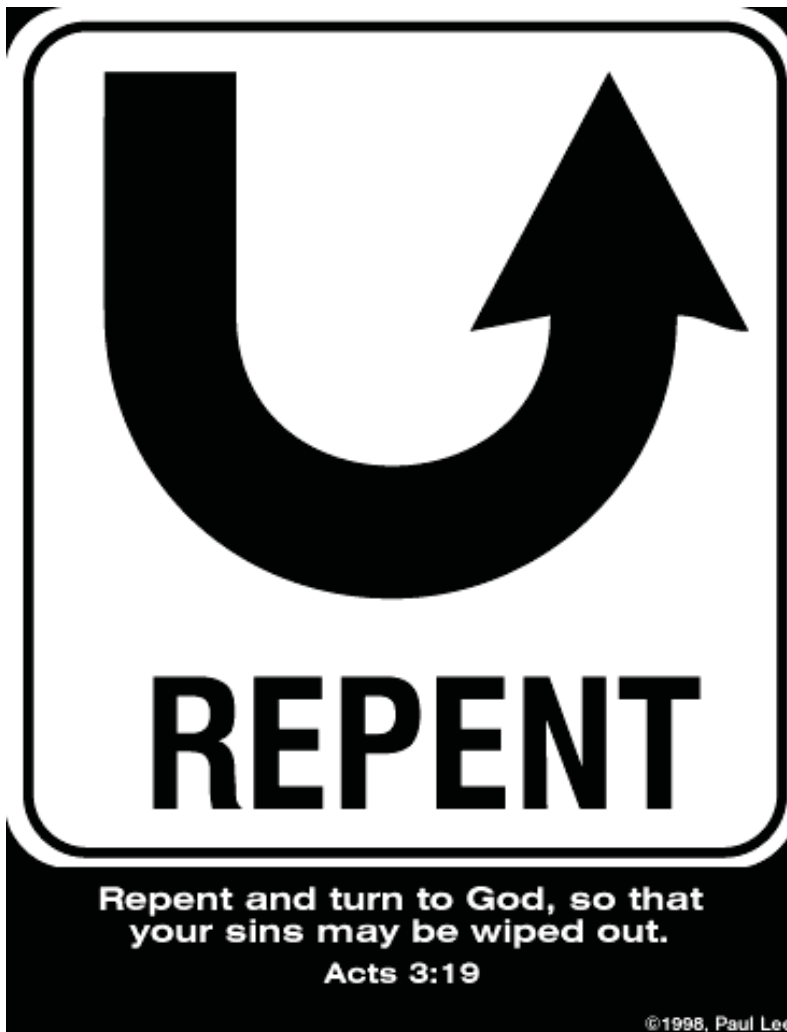
This profound passage from Paul calls us to something entirely different.

Quit living for ourselves and live for Him who died for our sake, and was raised.

Then, and only by His grace, is there a confident hope we have that one day we will be like Him, that we’ll be with Him, and that we’ll be acceptable to Him.

Are you ready for that challenge to repentance—to live no longer for yourself? I

can preach it much better than I can practice it.



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# 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:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>  
 Username: wcfamily  
 Password: 6302312062  
 Click "SINGLE" tab  
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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.

### Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays. . . . . Brian Gifford  
 Kids Connection . . . . . Bob Jett  
 Praise Songs . . . . . Rick Root  
*John 15:16,17*  
*718 We Shall Assemble*  
*490 It Is Well With My Soul*  
*290 Shine Jesus Shine*  
*1 Corinthians 3:16,17*  
*514 Redeemed*  
*601 My God And I*  
 Communion Message . . . . . Don Brewster  
*366 By Christ Redeemed*  
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection  
 Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller  
*911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life*  
 Prayer Cards . . . . . Bob Voigts  
*186 Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 2. . . . . Scott Drumheller

## Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . . . Praise Sunday!  
 January 28 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 January 29 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class  
 January 30. . . . . Wednesday Evening Bible Classes  
 February 1. . . . . Mens Prayer & Pancakes  
 February 3. . . . . Community Groups  
 February 4 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 February 5 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class  
 February 6. . . . . Wednesday Evening Bible Classes  
 February 7. . . . . Food Pantry Delivery  
 February 8. . . . . Mens Prayer & Pancakes  
 February 14-17. . . . . Winterfest

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class. . . . . 40  
 Sunday Morning Worship. . . . . 66  
 Contribution. . . . . \$4,869.26

**Nursery Workers** . . . . . Betsy Jett, Jamie Miller

## Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel



## In Our Prayers...

Continue to pray for our leadership and the process of appointing additional elders and deacons.

**Elma Abbott, a former member,** passed away this week. She has suffered with Alzheimers for quite a few years. A memorial service will be held here this week.

**Kathy, a friend of Dana Howard's,** has cancer. Also, continue to pray for **Sylvia Atten, Waseem James and her aunt, Pat Johnson.**

**Lynette Root** is having her gall bladder removed on Thursday.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother  
 Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents  
 Nancy Brewster  
 Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller's parents  
 John Day  
 Al Dorsey  
 Doug Dorsey – Al's son  
 Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew  
 Josephine Haggerton  
 Cliff Holladay – a friend of the Miller's  
 Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew  
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister  
 Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins  
 Sue Lake – Marion's sister-in-law  
 John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim  
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece  
 Don Lemley  
 Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,  
 Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen  
 Mike Lockett – Joan's son  
 Joan Mullins – Paul's mother  
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew & the son  
 of Marion Lake's cousin  
 Henry Phillips, from Rockford Church of Christ  
 Scott Robinson – Curt's brother  
 Kay Schrader  
 Phyllis Sitler  
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins  
 Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents  
 Jim Whitman  
 Bob York

### Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico  
 Obadiah Doka – Nigeria  
 Living Room Café – Chicago  
 Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti  
 Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers  
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan  
 Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago  
 Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea  
 Students of Joe Voigts – China  
 Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria



## Today is Praise Sunday!

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes  
 10:30 a.m. Worship  
 4:30 p.m. Leadership meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Worship/Singing/Finger-food/dessert fellowship

## New Directory

A current directory is posted on the bulletin board.

1. Please check your information.
2. Mark any changes needed.
3. Place an initial next to your name signifying that you have checked your info and everything is OK.

If you are new to our congregation, forms are available to have your information included in the directory. Please include your address, phone number(s), e-mail address, birthdays and anniversaries (including year) and give it to Chuck or Don.

We also need your photograph. Please see Jay, Sally or Rachel Hearn to have your photo taken.

Please note: Let's try to get this completed in the next couple of weeks! And...please don't be camera-shy!



## Teen Parent Connection

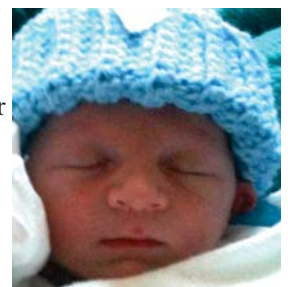
Teen Parent Connection meetings are starting again tomorrow evening. A group of 12-18 teenagers meets every Monday evening in our fellowship room and we supply and serve the meal. Please let Sally know what Monday you are available to prepare and/or serve the meal. You may give your receipts to Chuck or Don to receive reimbursement for the food you purchase. A chart of meal ideas is posted in the foyer.

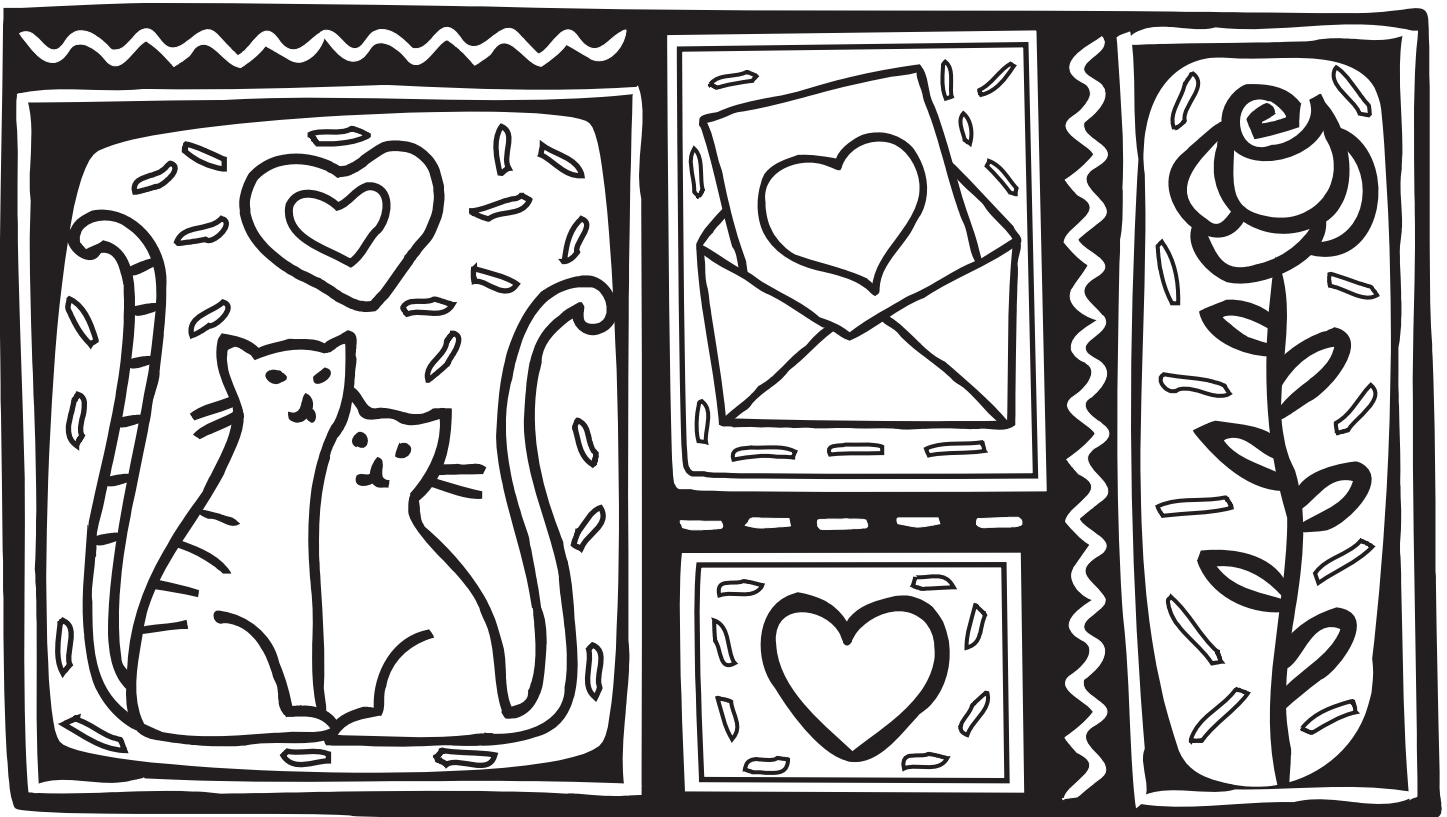
## Southern Sudan

Kelsey Drumheller is collecting funds to provide training for literacy instructors for women in Sudan. The last possible day to donate is Wednesday, February 13. Check the flyer she posted in the foyer and visit the website [www.rebuildingsouthernsudan.org](http://www.rebuildingsouthernsudan.org).

## It's a Boy!

Michael & Eryn Tribble, former members, are the proud parents of **Alister Michael**. He was born on Wednesday, January 23, weighing 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. They are all doing great, especially his big sister, Allyah. Congratulations!





## Who I Am in Christ

### I am Accepted

I am God's child. – *John 1:12*  
I am Christ's friend. – *John 15:15*  
I have been justified. – *Romans 5:1*  
I am united with the Lord,  
and I am one spirit with Him.  
– *1 Corinthians 6:17*  
I have been bought with a price.  
I belong to God.  
– *1 Corinthians 12:27*  
I am a member of Christ's Body.  
– *1 Corinthians 6:20*  
I am a saint. – *Ephesians 1:1*  
I have been adopted as God's child.  
– *Ephesians 1:5*  
I have direct access to God through  
the Holy Spirit. – *Ephesians 2:18*  
I have been redeemed and forgiven of  
all my sins. – *Colossians 1:14*  
I am complete in Christ.  
– *Colossians 2:10*

### I am Secure

I am free from condemnation.  
– *Romans 8:1, 2*  
I am assured that all things work  
together for good. – *Romans 8:28*  
I am free from any condemning charges  
against me. – *Romans 8:31-34*  
I cannot be separated from the love  
of God. – *Romans 8:35-39*  
I have been established, anointed and  
sealed by God.  
– *2 Corinthians 1:21, 22*  
I am confident that the good work God  
has begun in me will be perfected.  
– *Philippians 1:6*  
I am a citizen of heaven.  
– *Philippians 3:20*  
I am hidden with Christ in God.  
– *Colossians 3:3*  
I have not been given a spirit of fear, but  
of power, love and a sound mind.  
– *2 Timothy 1:7*  
I can find grace and mercy in time of  
need. – *Hebrews 4:16*  
I am born of God and the evil one  
cannot touch me. – *1 John 5:18*

### I am Significant

I am the salt and light of the earth.  
– *Matthew 5:13, 14*  
I am a branch of the true vine, a  
channel of His life. – *John 15:1, 5*  
I have been chosen and appointed to  
bear fruit. – *John 15:16*  
I am a personal witness of Christ.  
– *Acts 1:8*  
I am God's temple. – *1 Corinthians 3:16*  
I am a minister of reconciliation for  
God. – *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*  
I am God's coworker. – *2 Corinthians*  
*6:1 (see 1 Corinthians 3:9)*  
I am seated with Christ in the  
heavenly realm. – *Ephesians 2:6*  
I am God's workmanship.  
– *Ephesians 2:10*  
I may approach God with freedom and  
confidence. – *Ephesians 3:12*  
I can do all things through Christ who  
strengthens me. – *Philippians 4:13*