



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Did you ever want something so badly it just preoccupied your mind. Then, when you got it, your interest faded quickly (maybe before the payments were finished)? It's because sometimes we are fickle. When our hearts are true and our desires are tempered by wisdom, we can enjoy a treasure for a lifetime. More importantly, we delight in relationships for a lifetime. In fact, they grow sweeter and richer with age.

This is one of the great contrasts between superficial, carnal emotions, and those emotions which flow from genuine character and values which get their shape from the Father. When our hearts imitate His we experience the blessing of steadfast love.

Israel's love for God was typically very fickle. In **Hosea 6:4**, God accuses them: "Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears." Jesus' parable of the soils identifies the seed in rocky soil that springs up quickly, but it has no root and fails when trials and persecutions come.

God wants a love, a relationship which endures every trial. At the pinnacle of the beatitudes is the blessing for those who endure: "Blessed are those who

are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you." **Matthew 5:10-12 (RSV)**

God's love is that which never fails. It is a love which is as dependable as the rising of the sun. It is "new every morning." God is unable to abandon or forsake the bride of His heart. He will never choose

another over His beloved.

In the minds of the young of this generation, there are too few stories of love which never fades. We need to turn to God to discover the rich blessing of fadeless love.

We have many saints whose lives demonstrate the joy of life-

long marriage and family commitment. We thank those whose marriages of 40, 50 and even 60 years demonstrate the power of love which never fails. Thank you, Father, for your unending love!

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning." **Lam. 3:22-23**

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, Announcements & Prayer *Dewayne Smith*

Kids Connection. *Brian Gifford*

Praise Songs *Jay Hearn*

#3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

#19 Come, Thou Almighty King

#51 Father of Mercies

#139 In Heavenly Love Abiding

#336 There Is a Gate

Communion Message *John Johnson*

Prayers & Pass emblems

Sermon *Chuck Miller*

#935 Sinners Jesus Will Receive

Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*

#976 I Shall Not Be Moved

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 13 Cory Dean

February 14. Kim Sitler

February 16. Terri Bray

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups

February 13 Living Room Café

February 14 Ladies Class

February 15 Seniors Breakfast

February 16-19. Winterfest

February 16 Teen Parent Connection

February 17. Mens Prayer Breakfast

February 19 Community Groups

February 21 Ladies Class

February 23 Teen Parent Connection

February 24. Mens Prayer Breakfast

February 26 Praise Sunday!

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$4,695.50

Nursery Workers

Joan Avey, Theresa Lemley



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Paul Mullins



In Our Prayers...

Phyllis Cissne, Cindy Drumheller's mother, fell again just after returning home. No bones were broken, but she is very sore from the fall and stiff from resting.

Obadiah Doka and his family in Nigeria are very fearful of the violence happening in northern Nigeria. The Christians have been warned to move out of northern Nigeria by a Islamic group. Pray for their safety and the continuation of his ministry. A newsletter is posted on the bulletin board.

Joyce Eakins is still fighting a sinus infection.

Josephine Haggerton is home from the rehab center. She will have physical therapy at home.

Charlie Hearn is suffering with a stress fracture in one of his vertebrae. He will start physical therapy in a couple of weeks, but is unable to run track this year.

John Mark Lango, the son of former members, Keith & Kim Lango, is having kidney problems, which is leading to breathing issues. He is around ten years old.

Don Lemley has a broken tibia and damage to his knee from a fall.

Chuck Miller will start radiation in February.

J.D. Potts, Cyndi Perez' father has moved to our area this weekend. Pray for a good transition.

Rose Stirrup, Kelly Ieler's mother, has melanoma on her lung and will have surgery in March to remove that part of the lung. She also is having tests on the area behind her prosthetic eye. Please check page 4 for her address.

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

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

Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson's mother

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

Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff

J.D. Potts – the father of Cyndi Perez

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

Moms-to-Be:

Lauren Avey – Justin & Joan's daughter-in-law

Nana Dukeman – Marion Lake's niece

Shannon Gifford

Jamie Miller

Christina Voigts

Armed forces:

Joe Amato – Bob & Betsy Jett's son-in-law is in Afghanistan until the middle of March.

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

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

Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti

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

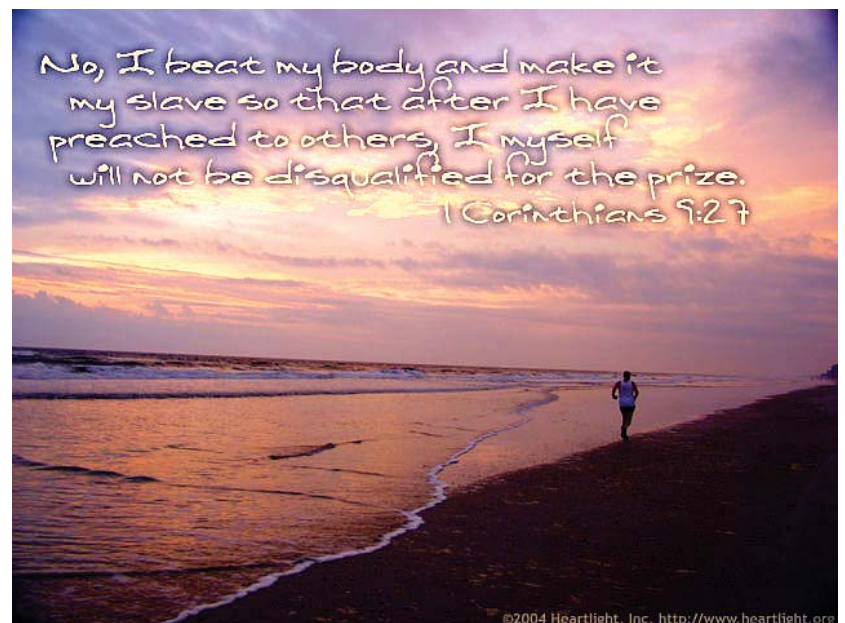
Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria



Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet **TODAY**. Please see Chuck or Don if you do not know the group in which you and your family belong. "...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. – Acts 2:46-47



Living Room Café

We will serve at the Living Room Café tomorrow, **Monday, February 13**. We leave from the church building around 2:30 p.m. and usually return around 8:30 p.m. Please see Julie Dean or Chuck Miller if you are interested in going or have questions.

VBS Meeting

A Vacation Bible School meeting is scheduled for anyone who would like to discuss options for this year's theme and dates. It will be this **Wednesday, February 15**, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship room (before Bible class). You are welcome to bring your dinner, if it is more convenient for you. See **Cindy Drumheller** if you plan to attend.

Card Ministry

Rose Stirrup, Kelly Ieler's mother, has cancer again. Check her prayer update on page 3. Please note: postage to Canada is 85¢. Her address is:

1025 Richmond Road, Apt. 705
Ottawa, ON Canada
K2B8G8

Dewayne Smith has cards for the men to send to the **Chicago Bears** football player, **Johnny Knox**, who graduated from Abilene Christian University. If you would like to assist making homemade cards to be used for this project, please see Sally.

Bible Class Teachers

Please **sign up** to teach the Wednesday evening 0-4 aged class. A sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Also, please contact Cindy at cdrum202@comcast.net if you would like to be included on the substitute teacher list.

Bookmarks

"Who I Am in Christ" bookmarks are available in the foyer. They include "Who You Are in the Family of God in West Chicago" on the back.



WINTERFEST is only a couple of days away!
Please Note: give your medical consent form to Brian Gifford as soon as possible. Don't forget to **check your information packet** that was e-mailed to you recently for itinerary, packing tips and general information. Plans are to **meet at the building on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. to pack the van, have a time of prayer and then leave around 3:00 p.m.** We will stay in Lexington that night and then continue to Gatlinburg on Friday morning. A hike is scheduled during the weekend, so please bring appropriate clothing. Hopefully, this will give us more time to unite as a group and enjoy time in God's awesome creation...the Smoky Mountains!



City of Children Mission Trip

Please contact Kenn Watson as soon as possible if you are interested in going on the **City of Children mission trip that is scheduled for June 9-15**. The \$400 airfare to Ensenada, Mexico is due by the end of February. Sixty-six people have already signed up for the 70 spots available. Frances Shearer and Thelma Griffin are planning to go from our congregation. Contact Kenn directly at hydrakenn@gmail.com or by calling 630-776-0694.

Immigration Ministry

Bobby Lawson from the Park Forest Church of Christ and Ricardo Barrera from the Elgin Church of Christ were featured in the recent issue of **The Christian Chronicle**. Read the article at www.christianchronicle.org.

Ladies Bible Class

The Tuesday morning Ladies Class started a new course of study this past week, **Light My Path Ministries, God's People and Their Callings**, by Debbie McAfee. Contact Pat Brewster if you would like to join the class. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship room.