



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

Don't you just love love? We talked about love on Saturday. We loved our sweet Elizabeth Griffin and we celebrated the love we shared with her and the love she left for us to remember and cherish.

And, on Saturday, Chris Czernik's daughter Leanna was married to Sean DeMarre, and that special wedding-day love was a joy and a delight.

Young and fresh and beautiful and new.  
Old and gracious and deep and rich.

In the wedding ceremony, we remind each other that the perfect love described in I Corinthians 13 is God's love, more perfect than we can really exhibit. It calls us to attain it, and it comforts us when we fall short. But it is just out of reach except by faith and by having it imputed to us by our God.

What an amazing thing that we should be invited to participate in the perfect love of God. It was the perfect love which died for us when we were still sinners. It was the perfect love which left the glory of heaven and emptied itself to redeem us from this "fearful, fallen place."

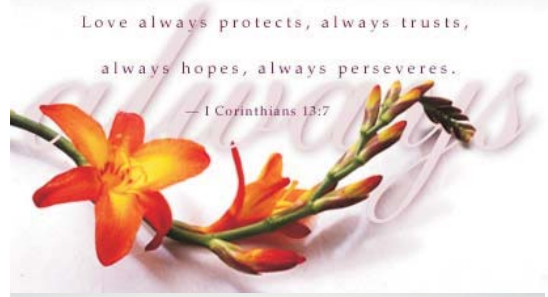
And the perfect love of God is the love which gives us confidence in the reality of our newly prepared mansion in company with our Savior and King and in fellowship with the saints of all the ages.

Love is to be the principle currency of the Kingdom. Love is to be the governing law of our realm and the binding arbiter in every decision. I like the way Paul expressed it in his letter to the Colossians: "And above all, put on love which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Examine your heart and consider whether there are locks there, locks which may interfere with the giving or receiving of love. If so, ask the Holy Spirit to give you freedom to love others and to receive the love which God has "lavished upon us" in Christ Jesus.

Love never fails.

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 to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. 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 - Rick Root
- Announcements - Bob Jett
- Singing
- Prayer - Kyle Wheeler
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Mike Mathews

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- August 31 . . . . . Missy Day
- September 1 . . . . . Scott Fordyce
- September 1 . . . . . Chuck & Bobbye Miller (anv.)
- September 3 . . . . . Jason & Missy Day (anv.)

## Dates to Remember

- August 29-31 . . . . . RCC Teen Retreat
- September 4 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery
- September 5 . . . . . Scott Fordyce Open House
- September 6 . . . . . Elder/Deacon Meeting
- September 7 . . . . . Teen Connection Point & Newbie Day
- September 10 . . . . . Quilting
- September 12 . . . . . Shults-Lewis Golf Outing
- September 13 . . . . . Quilting
- September 14 . . . . . Teen Parent Meeting
- September 17 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast
- September 20 . . . . . Shults-Lewis Annual Day
- September 21 . . . . . Small Group Kick-Off Potluck
- September 24 . . . . . See You At The Pole/Teens
- September 25-27 . . . . . Qodesh Teen Leadership Retreat
- October 1 . . . . . Magi Boxes Due
- October 25-26 . . . . . Chicago Celebration

## Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 113
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 57
- Contribution . . . . . \$4,889.81

## In Our Prayers...

### Passing of loved ones:

**Leslie Evans, a friend and colleague of Julie Chavez,** passed away unexpectedly Wednesday night in her sleep. Please pray for her husband, her two college-age sons and her extended family and friends.

**Elizabeth Griffin** passed away peacefully Wednesday night. She is the mother of Betsy Jett and is survived by a sister and two brothers.

### Recent updates:

**Eva Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's sister-in-law,** is doing better and is home from the hospital.

**Pete Costello is Dylan Doggett's grandfather** in Virginia. He has very serious heart problems.

**Dawn, Marion Lake's sister,** is in the hospital with cellulitis.

**Nancy Doggett** received a good report from her angiogram on Wednesday.

**Janice Gard, the sister-in-law of Sally Hearn's sister,** has pancreatic cancer and is not doing well.

**Leigh Ann Heenan, Julie Chavez's boss,** has stage 1 liver cancer. She had part of her liver removed last week.

**Lauren Helton, Josephine Haggerton's nephew,** has colon cancer.

**David Kumer, a former member,** is at Robertson County Health Care Facility, 1030 Kentontown Road, P.O. Box 170, Mt. Olivet, KY 41064; 606-724-5020; robertsoncountyhcf.com, Room 111.

**The Lango Family** has returned to the states after working in Brazil with a water filter ministry. Their new information is 319 Lookout Drive, Columbia, TN 38401; 931-223-5177.

**Polly & Peter Salmon, the friends of Rick Root's mother Sandy,** are having health issues. Polly is diabetic and Peter is in a coma and needs a bladder transplant.

**Ray Seaman, Cathy Vaden's father,** has been in the hospital with emphysema and has a tumor on his lung. He is very ill.

**Ollie Taylor, the niece of Lynette Root's friend,** is doing very well after her surgery. She had complications from a gastric-bypass and hasn't been able to keep food down for a long time. This surgery has really helped.

**Bob Voigts** received really good test results this week. He is CANCER-FREE and the doctor is very optimistic about the future.

**Jim Whitman** was approved for disability. Praise God!

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

Sylvia Atten - Dana Howard's friend • Justin Avey

Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt

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

Mary Brent - Joe Kirts's sister

Nancy Brewster • Jim & Julie Chavez

John Day • Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes's daughter

Al Dorsey and his son Doug

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Josephine Haggerton

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

Joe and Star 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

Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter

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 cousins

Jim & Jeremy Whitman

### Mothers-to-be:

Laura Callejo - Cliff Plummer & Joan Avey's niece

Missy Day

Amanda Grandlienard - former member

Jenn Kirts - Joe & Terrie's daughter-in-law

Jennifer (Doggett) Piehl

Shelley Prosser - Joan Lockett's daughter

### Armed forces:

Wes Clark - the son-in-law of Lynette Root's friend

Chris & Jennifer Roberts - Cathleen Longfellow's

sister & brother-in-law are in Iraq, they have a 1-year-old daughter

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

Klinton Wheeler will be in Georgia for

12 weeks of basic training in the Army



### 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

## Graduation Open House

You are invited to an Open House in honor of the graduation of Scott Fordyce from pharmacy school. The celebration will be held on **Friday, September 5, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** outside by the firepit. Please bring lawnchairs. Please, no gifts. Scott & Bridgette are moving to Evansville, Indiana where he has been employed at the hospital pharmacy. *Congratulations!*



## Wednesday Evening!

On **Wednesday, September 10**, we invite everyone to join the kids class at West Chicago Terrace Nursing Home located at 928 Joliet Street here in West Chicago. We will be delivering our "care bags" and having a devotional. Meet at the church building at 7:00 p.m. to car-pool or you can meet us at the nursing home at 7:15. This will complete our session on serving God in "God's Big Backyard!"

## Shults-Lewis

The Shults-Lewis Golf Outing is **Friday, September 12**, in Valparaiso. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer. You can register on-line at [www.shultslewis.org](http://www.shultslewis.org).

The Shults-Lewis Annual Day, is **Saturday, September 20**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Valparaiso. Check out their website, [www.shultslewis.org](http://www.shultslewis.org), for information and photos from last year.

## Giveaway Items

Please do not bring giveaway items to the building. We are not set up to store or giveaway items at this time.

## Food Pantry Delivery

We have a food pantry delivery scheduled for this **Thursday morning, September 4**. We need volunteers to carry boxes down to the pantry and stock the shelves. We will begin at 10:00 a.m.

## Thank You

A big "thank you" goes out to Frances Shearer and Cleta Watson for cleaning out the Teacher's Workroom!

## Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Sarah Miller



## Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Paul Stirrup



## Youth & Family News

**TEENS:** Newbie Day is **Sunday, September 7th**. We'll be welcoming Alec Boyd, Charlie Hearn, Donnie Lemley, Tristan Link, Rourke Mullins, Olivia Plummer, Dylan Stirrup, and Daniel Triplett into our Youth Group. After lunch together we'll go to the first **Connection Point** of the year at Naperville.

**See You At The Pole (SYATP)** is **Wednesday, September 24**. What's going on at *your* school?

**PARENTS:** On **Sunday, September 14th**, Cliff would like to meet with the parents of teens to highlight some of the activities planned for this year. We'll meet immediately after morning services, lunch will be provided. Let Cliff know if you plan to attend.

## Scholarship Appeal

J.J. Chavez has a scholarship opportunity through Harding University. They will match funds contributed to support J.J.'s education. If you would like to make a donation, please give a check or cash donation to one of the elders.

## Quilting Sessions

A couple of Quilting Sessions have been scheduled by Frances Shearer, **Wednesday, September 10, and Saturday, September 13, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** If it works for most ladies she would like to regularly meet on the second Wednesday and Saturday of each month. Please contact Frances if you have any questions.

## Small Group Kick-Off Potluck

Mark your calendar for, **Sunday, September 21**, for the **Small Group Kick-Off Potluck Luncheon**.

## Magi Boxes

A Magi Box is a simple shoebox, wrapped in Christmas wrapping and packed with toys, candy, hygiene supplies, and clothing. Through Healing Hands International, members of the Churches of Christ distribute these boxes to children in poverty stricken countries. The boxes we prepare are shipped to Mission Lazarus in Honduras.

The deadline to have your Magi Boxes to the church building will be scheduled for the beginning of October. More information will be available soon, but if you have any questions see Jay or Sally Hearn or go to [www.hhi.org](http://www.hhi.org).

