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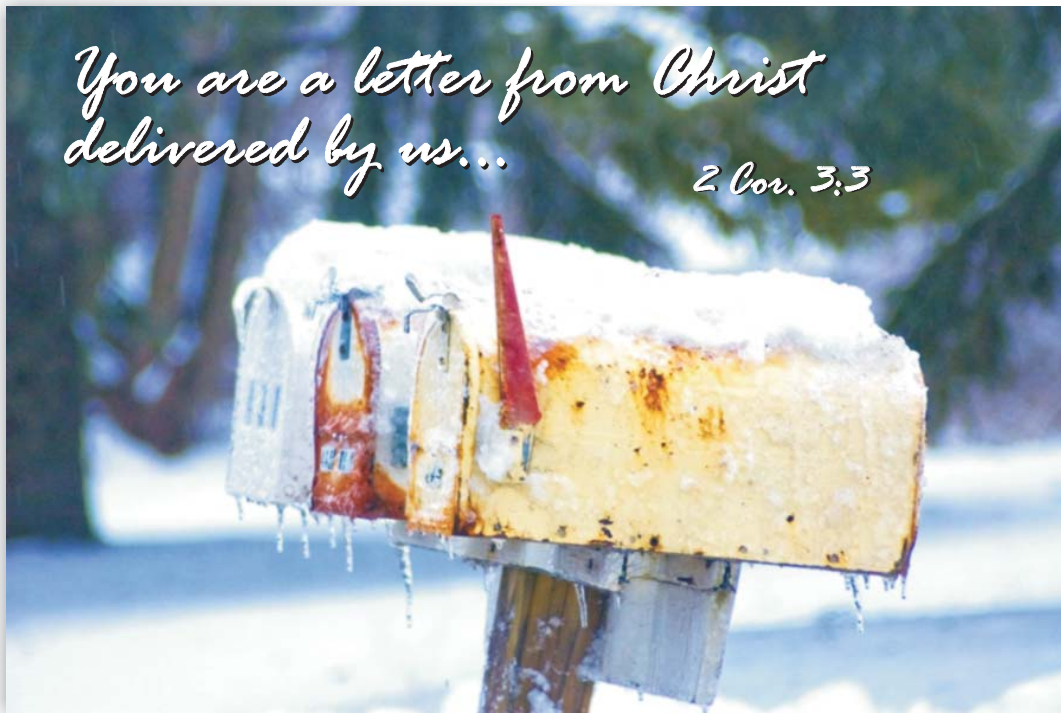
A Preacher's Perspective

Bona fide! In Paul's day, it was common for people to carry with them letters of recommendation or introduction to establish their credibility and to authenticate their claims. The Corinthians were a shallow group in many ways, given to competition and immature squabbling over things of little importance.

You may remember that they were divided over such weighty issues as who was the person who baptized them, and whether their "spiritual gift" was more impressive than that of their brother.

So Paul gives himself the highest possible commendation. The Corinthians, themselves, were his letter, and the letter was written by Jesus and delivered through Paul, his special courier. How fascinating the way Paul uses the most wonderful language and imagery to elevate the carnality of these beloved brothers, so given to the elevation of the insignificant.

Isn't it wonderful to think of ourselves in this way! Each one of us is a special communication of the purposes and creative genius of the Lord Jesus Christ. Each one has been given the individual care and design of the one who spoke into existence the very universe. The Designer of nebulae and stamens, the Creator of potassium pumps and granite monoliths has written you and me as unique and perfectly chosen instruments of His message to the world. The message we contain is one of love, of joy and of salvation.



How well are you reflecting the Master's message in you? Paul wanted the Corinthians to think on a higher plane. He wanted them to look at each other with reverence and wonder. As they partook of the Lord's

Supper, they were to see the body of Jesus sacrificed on the cross, and they were to see themselves as that living body of Christ, made of many parts and working in harmony.

You are a letter from Christ. Take time to read His notes, in you, and in the ones sitting all around you.

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 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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 Username: wcfamily
 Password: 6302312062
 Click "SINGLE" tab
 Allow any Active X controls

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 Rick Root
 #144 O Worship the King
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Bob Jett
 #193 Crown Him with Many Crowns
 #227 On Zion's Glorious Summit Stood
 Prayer Paul Mullins
 #318 O Sacred Head
 Lord's Supper Jon Miller
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #924 Just As I Am
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Bob Jett
 #860 There is a Habitation
 Closing Prayer John Pedersen

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 29 Jon Mercer
 December 29 John & Bev Day (anv.)
 December 31 Chris & Heather Babb (anv.)

Dates to Remember

December 28 Teen Skating
 December 31 New Year's Eve Lock-In
 January 7 Food Pantry Delivery
 January 7 Teen Parent Connection
 January 8 Men's Prayer & Coffee
 January 10 Small Groups
 January 14 Preachers Breakfast
 January 14 Teen Parent Connection
 January 15 Men's Prayer & Coffee
 January 17 Chili/Soup Potluck Luncheon
 January 17 Sunday Night Light/Teens

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 61
 Sunday Morning Worship 120
 Contribution \$4,697.50

Nursery Workers Bev Livermore, Kelie Wheeler

Collection Counters Jeff Ieler, Paul Mullins

In Our Prayers...

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.

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
 Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 Mary Henkel - Mike's mother
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister
 Brian & Sandy Jones - Marie Hayes's daughter and son-in-law
 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
 Bobby 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
 Stacey Schnaitman - the daughter Bev Scalone who is John & Joanne Johnson's neighbor
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins
 Barb Tincher - Jake's mother
 Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Lizz Bartalone - Doris Biancalana's daughter

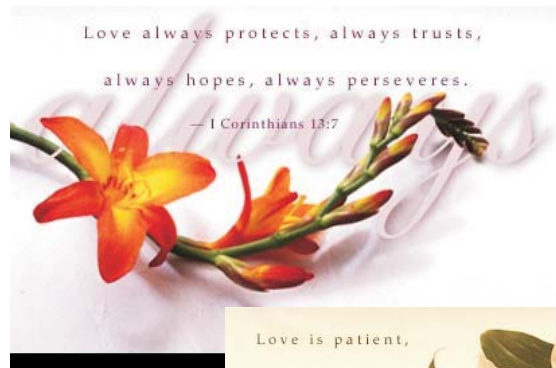
Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew in Baghdad
 Jacob Headtko - 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



Stockings Filled!

Please check the bulletin board in the foyer and make sure to get the stockings filled with notes of love and encouragement. Stockings will be distributed to their owners mid-January.



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** to kyle.wheeler@countryfinancial.com by **December 28**.



Kelie, Karissa & Kyle Wheeler

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.



Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection is an organization that strives to prevent child abuse by teenage parents through education and support. They have requested the use of our building for a West Chicago teen parent group that will meet on Thursday evenings. **They would appreciate meals to be provided for the meetings and help with childcare.** Please see Cliff or Sally if you would like to help coordinate this effort or prepare food. Monetary donations are also welcome.

If you would like more information, check their website: www.teenparentconnection.org. Also, a representative from Teen Parent Connection will be visiting the Wednesday Evening Ladies Class on January 13.

Food Pantry Donations

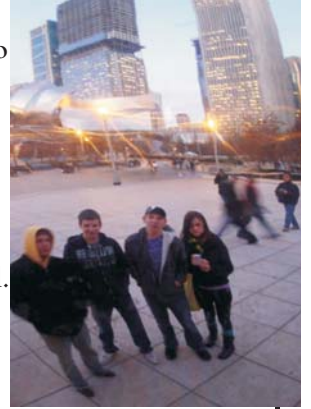
Did you know that we purchase 99% of the food we give away in our pantry from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. NIFB receives food and monetary donations from many different corporations and organizations. By purchasing food from NIFB we can stretch our dollar - \$1 = 8+ pounds of food. While food donations are always welcome, special contributions to our benevolence fund can purchase much needed food for our community. Donations can be given to Cliff, Justin, Bob V. or Jay.

youth & family news

TEENS: The teens are going ice skating in downtown Chicago at Millennium Park tomorrow. Please meet at the building at noon (and be sure to eat lunch before we go). The cost is about \$17 (skates and dinner). Cliff needs an adult chaperone or two, please see him if you're interested.

The **New Year's Eve Teen Lock-In** is this Thursday, 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 asap.



Men's Bible Study & Coffee

The Men's Bible Study & Coffee hosted by Bob Voigts and Kenn Watson will meet Friday mornings from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the building. There will be no meeting New Year's Day, January 1.

The Living Room Cafe

We'll be volunteering at the Living Room Café on the second Monday of each month, January through April. Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you'd like to help.



**Come join us this evening
at 6:00 in the fellowship room!**