



TODAY IS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Thank you so much for coming. Whether you are simply here to fellowship from a sister congregation or this is your first time at a Church of Christ, you are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor card and pass it to one of our ushers so we can recognize your visit.

From the Minister's Desk

THE MARKS OF A MATURE PERSON - PART 1

1. A MATURE PERSON IS POSITIVE UNDER PRESSURE

James 1:2-4 *"Consider it pure joy, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance and perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything."*

How do you handle trials? The first test of maturity is how do you react to problems? Do they blow you away? Do you get nervous, uptight, negative? Do you grumble and gripe? How do you handle problems?

Christianity is a life. It's not a religion, it's a life. Jesus said, *"I've come that you might have life."* Life means problems, and part of life means solving problems and facing them with the right attitude.

What is your natural attitude, your natural bent when things don't go right and you're irritated? Are you negative or are you positive? Are you basically a supportive person or are you a skeptical person? Is your life filled with gratitude or grumbling? Are you affirmative or are you angry most of the time?

James says, *"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him."* You can be great in the knowledge of the Bible and be cantankerous as all get out! Are you positive under pressure?

2. A MATURE PERSON IS SENSITIVE TO PEOPLE

"If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself' you are doing right." James

2:8

A mature person is sensitive to people. He doesn't just see his own needs, he sees other people's needs. He understands their hurts. He's not just interested in himself. My children, when they're immature, only see themselves, "I want that, I want this, I don't care about anybody else." God says that love, being interested in others, is a mark of maturity.

James gets very specific. James 2:1-6: Don't show favoritism, don't be a snob, don't look down on people, don't judge by appearance, don't insult people, don't exploit people. The second test of maturity is love: how do you treat other people? Paul said, "I may win all kinds of people to the Lord, I may build great church buildings, I may be on television, I may give my money to the poor, but if I have not love, I'm as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal; it just doesn't amount to much".

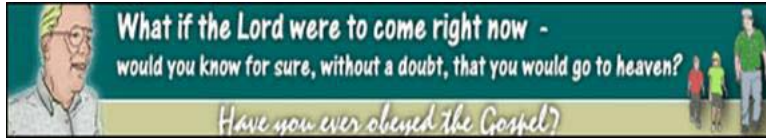
Matthew 25, Jesus says, "At that judgment they will stand before the Lord and they'll say, 'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and in prison and you visited me.' We'll say, 'When, Lord, when did we do that? When were you sick and we visited you? When were you in prison and when were you thirsty and we gave you drink?'

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto Me." It's interesting to me that in the Matthew 25 judgment the one thing we'll be judged for is how we treated other people. Not how many Bible verses we knew, how many times we were in church, not how great a reputation we had as Christian leaders, but how we treated other people.

Colonial Village Local News and Events

Special thanks to everyone who assisted with last Sunday's **Friends and Family Day** - especially the cooks, servers, and all those who pitched in to make it a success. We are truly thankful to all 11 of our guest speakers who participated in our **Annual Fall Revival Meeting** last week on Conditional Christian Living. If you missed any of this great event we hope to have these messages uploaded to our website soon.

Special thanks to everyone who participated in this weekend's CYDC **Chicagoland Youth Conference**.



Please note there will be **no Evening service today**, we are encouraging all of our members to go to Sheldon Heights Church and see the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief presentation by Dwane Casteel this evening.

On Sunday Sept. 21st there will be a **Sunday School Faculty Meeting** immediately after morning service.

Saturday, Sept. 27th — **Sundae's on Saturday** — Meet your teacher day. Students and teachers come out and meet each other and get acquainted making sundaes.

Sunday, Sept. 28th – begins **Sunday School Explosion**. Everyone is invited to attend. Classes for all ages!

The Ladies are planning our upcoming **Ladies Day** (Saturday, Dec. 6th). We are asking each lady to contribute \$25 towards this occasion. (turn into Sylverstine Carter), deadline is Oct. 16th. If you have any questions or program suggestions, please see Nina Darling or Myrtle Underwood.

Brotherhood News and Events

East Chestnut Street Church Ladies Day on Sept. 20th

Main Street Church in Evanston hosting "Joy of Living" Spiritual, Practical-Living Workshop. Sept. 20th from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Guest speakers include our own Nina Darling.

Chicago Heights Church hosting appreciation day for Kevin Boles on September 21st, Program at 2:30 p.m.

Chicagoland Singles Retreat at Old Carriage Inn B&B in Shipshewana, IN. on October 9 – 11th. Contact Sharon Underwood at sunderwood@sheldonheights.com

Midwest Lectureship 2008, October 16 – 18th, St. Louis, MO. Online registration available at mwlhollyghost.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- September 14th—Sherrie Newson
- September 16th—Cathy Gearon
- September 20th—Milton Smith
- September 24th—Elois Hendricks
- September 27th—Valeria Johnson
- September 28th—Carolyn Thomas
- September 30th—Claudia Harris

Sick / Shut-in Report and Prayer Requests

Mattie Dent's son William has blood clots and son Arin has bladder cancer. **Courtney Underwood** asks prayer for herself, friend Tamarra, mother, grandmother, and nephew. **Shirley Irving** asks prayer for her health and son Larry D. **James Kincy's** aunt is ill with cancer.

Please continue to pray for Gulf Coast and Caribbean areas coping with the aftermath of hurricane Ike.

Community Outreach

Please join the **128th & 129th Normal Block Club meeting** on Saturday Sept. 27th from 1 to 2 p.m. here at the building. We need to come together to make our neighborhood a safer and better place to live, make a difference and get involved!

Church Records

Our Church Budget is \$2,600 per week (\$10,400 this month).

Sept. 7th – AM attendance was 125, PM attendance was 68, and Collection for the day was \$2,098.90.

Schedule of Services

- Sunday Bible Classes.....9:15 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Worship.....5 p.m.
- Wednesday Song Service.....7 p.m.
- Prayer Service, 1st Sunday.....4 p.m.
- Ladies Bible Study, 3rd & 4th Sunday.....4 p.m.
- Senior's Ministry, 4th Sunday.....1:30 p.m.

Order of Worship Service

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| Invocation Prayer | Invitation / Responses |
| Congregational Songs | Communion Table / Reading |
| Scripture Reading | Collection Appeal / Song |
| 2nd Prayer | Visitor Acknowledgment |
| Congregational Songs | Benediction Prayer |
| Sermon | |

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