

SLIDELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Welcome Visitors

We are pleased to have the opportunity to welcome you to our service. We think you will find our congregation family to be one that enthusiastically embraces newcomers and warmly welcomes them into our fellowship. We hope you feel right at home as you join us in worship, praise and thanksgiving.

“REMEMBER IN PRAYER & ENCOURAGE”



With Visits, Calls, & Cards

For all students just now returning to school.

Angel Mangus (of Houston, TX, niece of Carl Mangus) - afflicted with inoperable stage 4 brain cancer.

Charles Espadron (Claudia's brother, in Atlanta) - diagnosed with cancer in one lung. Because of his weak heart, doctors see no treatment options.

Dwight Jones - will schedule surgery soon to remove his prostate gland, due to some small malignancies that were recently found therein.

Shirley Ervin - scheduled for neck surgery on her fourth & fifth vertebrae on 11 Aug at Northshore Ochsner hospital her in Slidell.

Stephanie Smith (sister of Kevin Cox) - needs surgery for her right shoulder, but a calcium deficiency won't permit this now.

Jeff Vaccaro - for the healing a recent sun-

Today's Sermon

a.m. *“Who is Truly a Christian?”*

Acts 8:26-39

p.m. *Opportunity for discussion
and reflection on the morning
message*

burned blisters on both legs.

Ted & Kristen Gabauer - recently moved here from Tennessee, homeless while he is searching for more work in contracting or maintenance. And Kristen is suffering from multiple health issues.

Elery Martin (friend of the Caseys, near Montgomery, AL) - five year old girl experiencing seizures, and awaiting recent test results.

Zach Steele - for success and healing through the process of receiving his long-awaited bone marrow transplant.

Cecilia McDonald (Kate's mom, in Pleasanton, Texas) - thanksgiving that her physical condition has improved well enough for her to attend church. Pray that her health continues to improve while she receives in-home care.

Eddie Greene (of Atlanta) - afflicted with sciatica.

Karen Besser (life-long friend of Kathy Pederson's daughter Brandy) - facing cancer surgery soon.

Dorothy Bryan - suffering hearing loss, and was scheduled for a cat scan on 05 Aug.

Rosa Nuñez (good friend of the Vargas family) - having serious painful health problems.

Ken Cheri (Courtney's brother) - still healing well following recent successful hip replacement surgery.

Jessica Fowler (Jesse and Shirley's granddaughter, a resident of Lockport, LA) - has some vexing problems besetting her.

Terri Jones - periodic lethargy due to her Epstein-Barr disorder.

Dale Epperley - thanksgiving that his health is showing no symptoms of impairment despite the presence of a 70% blockage in his right carotid artery and a 40% blockage on his left side. For now, doctors think that no treatments are necessary.

Gerald Molina - still seeing doctors for spinal stenosis. On the positive side, he has lost some weight, is breathing better, and fluid build-up throughout his body has subsided.

Jace Roig (premature son of Colton Roig) - healing at home gaining weight, though still afflicted with an arachnoid cyst in his brain, and cardiac openings that have not yet healed.

Sharon Honoré (sister of Anita, and a member at the Crowder Blvd. church) - has advanced breast cancer.

Maria Aurelia Alsaro (Marisol's mother, in Costa Rica) - afflicted with kidney problems.

Clara Leonard - pain continues to subside somewhat.

Mildred Tymkiw - had an angiogram last Thursday and is resting at home, trying to regain well-being after some recent chest pains.

Bobby Leonard - awaiting test results from his recent appointment with a kidney specialist.

Chad Michael - a recent visitor who is undergoing hardships.

Janet Despenza - former member here; we were informed that she drove to California a few days ago to move-in with her daughter Nadia.

Pray for all who are travelling.

Pray for Latino evangelism in our area.

Pray for our elders: Courtney Cheri, Dwight Jones and Gerald Molina.

Pray for President Obama and all our elected officials.

Pray for our men and women in our armed forces, both here and abroad!

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Ladies Activities This Tuesday, 11 August

Following Stitches of Love (which begins at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship Hall) they will have a devotional at 11:00 a.m., and then lunch celebrating August birthdays somewhere of their choosing at noon.

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The Epistles: Applying Them Today

Adapted from Fee & Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* (3rd edition)

We come now to what we referred to previously as questions of application. What do these texts mean to us?

The Basic Rule

In an earlier article we set out as a basic rule the premise *that a text cannot mean what it never could have meant to its author or his readers*. This is why exegesis must always come first. It is especially important that we repeat this premise here, for this at least establishes some parameters of meaning. This rule does not always help one find out what a text *means*, but it does help to set limits as to what it *cannot* mean.

The Second Rule

The second basic rule is actually a different way of expressing our common hermeneutics. It says: *Whenever we share comparable particulars (i.e., similar specific life situations) with the First Century setting, God's word to us is the same as his word to them.* _ (to be continued)