

SLIDELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Preacher's Point

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Degrees of Punishment

Many people don't realize that the lost will experience varying degrees of punishment in hell, just as the saved will experience varying degrees of reward in heaven. Commensurate with the truth that there are degrees of severity in sin (about which we spoke in the last week's article), Jesus' own words make it clear that the lost will experience varying degrees of punishment:

"That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. (Luke 12:47-48)

"Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you. (Matthew 11:21-24)

According to the above passages (and also John 9:41; 15:22, 24), those with greater knowledge of morality and/or greater knowledge of God (from having had opportunity to know the Scriptures, hear the Good News, witness miracles, etc.) will be held

Special Schedule for Our Assemblies Today

Morning Sermon:

a.m. "Servant Leadership"

Acts 6:1-6

The morning service will be immediately followed by a potluck dinner (all are invited) in the Fellowship Hall. This is in honor Hector Urbina's appointment today as a deacon. Congratulations Hector! We are all so proud of you.

There will a short devotional concluding our potluck time. This will conclude our services today.

more accountable and consequently receive greater punishment than those who are ignorant through no fault of their own. This is exactly the same principle behind the biblical truth that small children are too young to be held responsible for their actions (Deuteronomy 1:27-28, 34-39).

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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

Candie Smith (wife of a coworkers of Dorsie Jones) - diagnosed with final-stage cancer.

Cecilia MacDonald (Kate's mom, in Texas) - had a successful implantation of a mitral valve in her heart this past week. One month and annual checkups are scheduled to follow.

Barron Jones & family - have made great progress this past week recovering from a recent personal setback.

Evelyn Bourgeois (Joyce Carter's sister-in-law) - tests scheduled for tomorrow; stents may be needed in her heart.

Paul Moragne, Jr. - awaiting diagnosis from a cluster of symptoms: partial loss of motor control, migraine headaches, and fluid behind his ear.

Teresa Moragne - suffering from low blood pressure and dizzy spells.

Kaitlyn McDonald (Kate's daughter) - awaiting results from her recent teaching praxis.

Anna Jones (Mr. Dale's daughter) - doing better managing her pain, and is due for surgery on May 12.

Phyllis Tansil - for lasting relief from her chronic back pain.

George Roig - thanksgiving that he is experiencing relief from recent respiratory difficulties.

James Roig (son of George & Fairie Roig) - dealing with the decline and imminent passing of grandmother, Nemie Anna Dunn.

Morgan Dennis (granddaughter of George & Fairie Roig) - recovering from a broken elbow.

Irvin Briant, Sr. (Gregory Briant's dad) struggling to regain better health in a special-needs hospital in Covington.

Irvin Briant, Jr. (Gregory Briant's brother)

- has become weaker and less coherent.

Sharon Honore (Anita Briant's sister) - being treated for cancer at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

Alexis Leonard - suffering a hurt knee.

Cheryl Leonard (Clara's youngest daughter) - has a strep infection with fluid in her ear.

Devon Nelson & Cameron Roig (grandsons of George & Fairie Roig) - as they graduate high school, for their faith-walk with the Lord.

Colton Roig (another grandson of George & Fairie Roig) - for his faith-walk with the Lord as well.

Janet Despenza - for her continued recovery following recent cervical vertebrae surgery.

Cheryl Elkin (member of the church in Pigeon Forge, TN and a friend of Joyce Carter's) - tests have revealed a growing spot and two new spots in her lung, despite recent chemotherapy.

Patricia Fowler (sister of Reneitha Dean) - diagnosed with stage-four lung cancer. She is a member at the West Looxahoma church of Christ in Senatobia, MS.

Irvin T. Johnson (brother of Freida Hollis) - of Tuscaloosa, AL: scheduled for prostate surgery in about a week. Pray that the surgery may not ultimately be necessary, and that God will heal him.

Harold Evans (Sharon's husband) - for his continued recovery following recent successful surgery to remove a benign mass from his pancreas.

Devon Nelson (grandson of George & Fairie Roig) - preparing to enlist in the U.S. Army soon.

Gerald Molina - experiencing neck pain.

Becky Gilbert - secretary at the Tammany Oaks congregation, undergoing chemotherapy.

Sid Westbrook - Meghan's uncle, in Snyder, Texas. He passed-out at work recently and sustained

a gash to his face. Similar incidents have been an intermittent problem for him. Tests have revealed that these seem to be due to a twisted blood vessel in his brain. A MRA test will be conducted soon.

Steve Lapinto and family (co-worker of Barbara Myers) - newborn son Anthony hospitalized in Children's Hospital with serious health difficulties.

T.J. Leonard (Joyce Carter's grandson) - laid-off as machinist in Thibodaux, and looking for new employment.

Shirley Ervin - thanksgiving that body aches and pains and lung problems have declined somewhat.

Ella Fay Baker (mother of Schillinger's ex-son-in-law, and grandmother of all the children in their household) - in Centennial Hospital in Nashville, TN. Last Thursday she had a benign mass surgically removed from atop her heart and lungs. She is entering a nursing home soon for physical therapy to restore her ability to walk. If this is successful, she may return home.

Sheri Roig (daughter of George & Fairie Roig) - awaiting test results from last Wednesday.

Tod & Debbie Grabert - thanksgiving that they have sold their house here in Slidell.

Pearlington church of Christ - struggling to be able to support a preacher.

Schillinger family - Dan & Margaret coping with sinus and stomach sickness; others in the family have recovered from the same.

Pray for all who are travelling.

Pray for the Spanish Bible study.

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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Update on Church Properties Committee

We now have seven committee members who are tasked by our elders with advancing the sale of our existing church lots and purchasing a new lot some-where in the Slidell area north of I-12. This new property must be sufficient for the erection of new church facilities. They are: Jesse Fowler, Dorsie Jones, Joyce LeBlanc, Paul Moragne, Paola Vargas, Kathy Pederson and Dan Schillinger. The elders would like to see up to ten members serve on this committee.

The committee will liaison with our elders, members and Evonne Machen, local commercial realtor who grew up in this congregation, to accomplish these goals. Committee members are currently examining her proposed listing agreement for our main property on 994 Old Spanish Trail. Please speak with Dan if you would like to serve on the committee.

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Our Leaders!

Elders

Dwight Jones
Courtney Cheri
Gerald Molina

Preacher

Dan Schillinger

Deacons

Jesse Fowler
James Richardson

Our Services

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class Tuesday 10:30 am