

# SLIDELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Preacher's Point

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### *A Mother's Scar*

A little boy invited his mother to attend his elementary school's first teacher-parent conference. To the little boy's dismay, she said she would go. This would be the first time that his classmates and teacher met his mother and he was embarrassed by her appearance. Although she was a beautiful woman, there was a severe scar that covered nearly the entire right side of her face. The boy never wanted to talk about why or how she got the scar.

At the conference, the people were impressed by the kindness and natural beauty of his mother, despite the scar, but the little boy was still embarrassed and hid himself from everyone. He did, however, get within earshot of a conversation between his mother and his teacher, and heard them speaking. "How did you get the scar on your face?" the teacher asked. The mother replied, "When my son was a baby, he was in a room that caught on fire. Everyone was too afraid to go in because the fire was out of control, so I went in. As I was running toward his crib, I saw a beam coming down and I placed myself over him, trying to shield him. I was knocked unconscious but, fortunately, a fireman came in and saved both of us." She touched the burned side of her face. "This scar will be permanent, but to this day, I have never regretted doing what I did."

At this point, the little boy came out running towards his mother with tears in his eyes. He hugged her and felt an overwhelming sense of the sacrifice that his mother had made for him. He held her hand tightly for the rest of the day. (From *Chicken Soup For the Soul*)

## Today's Sermon

a.m. *"Mothers: A Picture of God's Love"*

Isaiah 49:14-16

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

In this same way, Jesus Christ bears the scars he received in his efforts to redeem us. *"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"* (2 Cor. 9:15)

## Happy Mothers Day!



## 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.



## Plan to Attend ...

A congregational potluck in our Fellowship Hall honoring our 2015 Graduating Seniors will be held next Sunday, May 17, following the morning service. Let's show these young people how much we appreciate them and their accomplishments. Our seniors are:

**Lauren Beard / Slidell High School**  
**Luis Vargas / Northshore High School**

Please mark your calendar for this special event.

## “REMEMBER IN PRAYER & ENCOURAGE”



With Visits, Calls, & Cards

**The earthquake victims in Nepal.**

**The tornado victims in the areas of Norman and Moore, Oklahoma.**

**Zac Steele** - resumed chemotherapy treatments, this time for malignancy in one of his hips.

**Claudia Molina** - has a mouth sore that has been diagnosed as non-malignant, but it is anticipated to take a little time to heal. For now she can't wear her dentures because of bone being exposed.

**Casey family** – Scot's mom in Charlotte, SC, just had carotid artery bypass surgery. She will now be undergoing rehab for up to 28 days. The Caseys have gone to Charlotte to assist her.

**Shirley Ervin** - sent home from the hospitalization and trying to heal now from pneumonia in her right lung. She is still on oxygen, and is scheduled to see a specialist in immunology here in Slidell next Thursday.

**Rose Acker** - successfully hospitalized for an irregular heartbeat and now recovering at home.

**Jean Cook** – having heart health issues.

**Several of our number** have been suffering from an illness that is said to be not just a bacterial sinus infection, but perhaps even a strain of flu that can turn to pneumonia in one day. Evonne Machen

reports that this is an epidemic that is going around, combining upper respiratory and stomach symptoms. Those of us who have been living it say “Amen!” Among the sufferers are:

**1. Paul & Teresa Moragne** - he is getting better every day, but Friday was Teresa's worst day. She has also been suffering from low blood pressure and dizzy spells.

**2. Kate McDonald** - has been afflicted for more than a week.

**3. Dan & Margaret Schillinger** - thanksgiving that they are healing well. They definitely have a bacterial component, because it is responding well to antibiotic treatments.

**Tammy Kinsey** (Debbie's daughter) - diagnosed with lupus, and an allergy to the sun.

**Bubby and Lacie Lawrence** (Gerald & Claudia's grandchildren) - pray for improvement in managing their diabetes.

**Bob Hood** (husband of Jesse Fowler's niece; a young man living in Granada, MS) - has cancerous knots in his skin.

**Judy Fowler** (wife of Jesse Fowler's brother) - undergoing medical tests.

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

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

**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.

**Elena Castenada** (niece of Paul & Teresa Moragne) - age one, has brain damage from an unknown cause.

**Caleb Roig** (grandson of George & Fairie Roig) – suffering from strep throat.

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

**Sheri Roig** – has an important job interview coming up.

**Dennis Jones** (Ken's brother in Florida) - thanksgiving that a dangerous staph infection was stopped when his recent surgically-implanted metal rods were removed from his legs.

**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.

**Colton Roig** - for his faith-walk with the Lord.

**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, in ill health, is coming to Slidell soon to live with Frieda. Pray for Frieda's endurance as she cares for him.

**Harold Evans** (Sharon's husband) - recovering at home after having a stent surgically implanted Thursday in his pancreas due to two additional cysts being discovered there.

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

**Gerald Molina** - experiencing neck pain, and several lower-back issues..

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

**Sid Westbrook** - Meghan's uncle, in Snyder, Texas. MRA test results indicate that he has a minor aneurism in a brain blood vessel; separately, his intermittent fainting spells are believed to be symptomatic of cardio neurogenic syncope.

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

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

**Shane & Meghan Hicks** - have gone to the Smokey Mountains in east Tennessee on vacation until next Friday.

**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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### ***THE BASIC TOOL: A GOOD TRANSLATION (continued)***

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

#### *The Questions of Language*

The problem with a literal Bible translation is that it keeps distance at the wrong places--in language and grammar. Thus the translator often renders the Greek or Hebrew into English that is otherwise never written or spoken that way. For example, no native English-speaking person would ever have said "**coals of fire**" (KJV, Rom. 12:20). That is a literal rendering of the Greek construction, but what it *means* in English is "**burning coals**" (NIV) or "**live coals**" (NEB).

A second problem with a literal translation is that it often makes the English ambiguous, where the Greek or Hebrew was quite clear to the original recipients. For example, in 2 Corinthians 5:16 the Greek phrase kata sarka can be translated literally

