

SLIDELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Guest article:

A Sweeter Song

Do you spend most of your time trying NOT to think about sin? Do you spend your time engaged in serious and difficult battles in your mind, trying to find some way to get past a sin without entertaining it? Certainly, there is a war going on, and we will find ourselves in epic battles against the ministers of Satan and all that is in the world which tries to drag us into sin and destruction (Ephesians 6:12), but how much easier those battles would be if we spent our time thinking about and committing to those things which please the Lord.

Just as sinful sights and sounds can encourage us to take steps down the paths of destruction, there are just as many sights and sounds in the world that encourage us to take steps down the paths of righteousness. And we can CHOOSE! We can choose whether or not to study our Bibles or go on random Internet searches. We can choose to spend time with our family rather than play video games. We can choose to read a book that encourages family values instead of watching the TV show that encourages wives to suspect their husbands of infidelity.

The Lord has filled our world with wonderful sights and sounds that reflect his glory, and calls us to higher thoughts, words, and actions. We can choose to think about that sin we don't want to commit, or we can choose to meditate on those things which will bring us the *"peace which surpasses all understanding"* (Philippians 4:6-9).



The Word of God!

Today's Sermon

One of our shepherds, Courtney Cheri, is bringing us a second message in our series this morning:

a.m. *"The Other Half of Marriage"*

Ephesians 5:22-24

p.m.

Opportunity for discussion and reflection on the morning sermon.

The call of sin and death can be beautiful and alluring, but there is a sweeter song. Listen to the voice of the Lord. Desire to please and serve him. Make room in your heart and mind for him, and he will prepare a room for you in his everlasting kingdom.

—Jeremy Koontz, via the bulletin of the Montana Street church of Christ, El Paso, TX

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.

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## *Funds Collected for South Carolina Flooding Disaster Relief*

Two Sundays ago our congregation held a special contribution for disaster relief to alleviate the suffering of victims of the recent severe flooding in South Carolina. We collected \$2,000.00 on this occasion, which our elders then forwarded to the fine brethren at the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort in Nashville to support their relief work in the stricken area.

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Sermon Series Reminder!

Continuing our Sunday morning sermon series on discerning God's will as it pertains to matters of marriage, divorce and remarriage, one of our shepherds, Courtney Cheri, is presenting his second message this morning. All three of our elders are planning on taking turns to preach most of the remaining sermons.

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## *Anticipated New Arrivals!*

**Erin Carter Taylor** (Joyce Carter's granddaughter) - expecting little boy around 28 February.

**Jaimie Sparks** is expecting a baby in March. Pray for mother and child's good health throughout her pregnancy.

## **"REMEMBER IN PRAYER & ENCOURAGE"**



With Visits, Calls, & Cards

**Roger Waters** (Shirley Fowler's brother, of Granada, MS) - just diagnosed with lung cancer.

**Tom Woods** (husband of Jesse Fowler's niece) - has colon cancer that has metastasized into his lungs.

**Cindy Casey** - released from Northshore Ochsner Hospital yesterday following a successful removal of a single arterial blockage in her heart. Tests reveal no further blockages.

**Daniel Alderete** - former member here, has moved to his father's hometown of San Antonio, where he is hospitalized with two newly discovered malignant and inoperable brain tumors. Doctors give him no more than a year to live. You can communicate with Dan by friending him on Facebook, or by writing to him at his father's address:

Daniel Alderete  
3210 Rosette Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78247

**NOTE:** It is necessary in correspondence to refer to him as "Daniel" instead of "Dan," since his father also goes by "Dan" at this address.

**Dan Ledford** (a preacher of the church in Alabama) - diagnosed as having a brain tumor.

**The family of Mrs. Carlson** (of Slidell, a friend of the family of Kathy Pederson) - passed away suddenly on 26 Oct.

**Anna Jones** (Mr. Dale's daughter) - had successful surgery last Tuesday which removed a 99% carotid artery blockage.

**The family of Tom Kendrick** (Linda Cheri's older brother) - who passed away in Orlando, Florida recently last week following an illness.

**Larry Covington** (co-worker of Dorsie's) - hospitalized in an ICU in Jackson, MS with breathing difficulties and low oxygen.

**The family of Kathleen Nassar** (a friend of Sarah Schillinger Ridner) - recently found deceased in her home in Tullahoma, TN.

**Rose Acker** - is experiencing periodic brief hospitalizations for congestive heart fluid retention

**Ronald Molina** (Gerald's brother, in E. Tennessee) - receiving radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

**Akram & Martha Mustafa** (Nayla's parents) - have travelled to his hometown of Ramallah, Palestine, for business during a time of heightened Israeli-Palestinian violence and tensions. Pray for their safety and that they will soon be able to conclude their business and return home to Slidell

**Claudia Molina** - healing well from a nerve-block pain therapy procedure in here leg last Monday.

**Roger Whitley** (in-law of the Moragnes) - suffering from emphysema in North Carolina.

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

**Jase Roig** (premature infant son of Colton Roig) - pray for God's healing hand to be upon through his long-term health problems of an arachnoid cyst in his brain, and cardiac openings that have not yet healed.

**Jessica Jackson** (daughter of a friend of George Roig) - age 26, suffering chronic headaches and depression which have only recently begun.

**Marie Peterson** - recovering at home from recent surgery.

**Tod Grabert** - recovering at home in Lafourche Parish from recent serious back surgery.

**Walter Acker, Jr.** ("Butch") - suffering chest pains and has been recently been hospitalized.

**Kathy Mathern** (Bridget Carter's mother) - recovering well in Metairie following recent knee surgery.

**Mildred Tymkiw** - continuing her recovery at her daughter's home here in Slidell with the complication of renewed fluid build-up following her recent heart-valve surgery. Her doctors think she has a prolonged period ahead of her before attaining full recovery.

**Jerry Kimbrough** (former member here, now at the church of Christ at S. Baton Rouge) - diagnosed with cancer in his eye, and will be undergoing chemotherapy soon.

**Shirley Ervin** - thanksgiving that she is healing following recent neck surgery and is striving now to return to normal activity levels.

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

**Zach Steele** - suffering now from abnormal cells in his blood called myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). It is what can be called a "second cancer." It's not cancer, but can be, and in his case is a result/side effect of previous treatments for cancer.

Zach will be having chemo and selective radiation treatments periodically for the foreseeable future.

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

**Linda Kelterborn** (Margaret's niece) - recovering from recent hip replacement surgery in Michigan.

**Jessica Fowler** (Jesse and Shirley's granddaughter, a resident of Lockport, LA) - facing severe personal problems.

**Terri Jones** - pray that she'll come to feel better through her negative phases in her Epstein-Barr disorder.

**Dale Epperley** - awaiting a new prosthesis that will relieve the pain and inflammation in his leg.

**Gerald Molina** - still seeing doctors for spinal stenosis.

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

advanced breast cancer.

**Clara Leonard** - overall pain continues to subside somewhat, though her ankle bothers her now.

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

**Alexis Leonard** (Joyce Carter's granddaughter) - scheduled to have recently implanted knee hardware to be surgically removed on 17 Nov.

**Margaret Schillinger** - thanksgiving that she is experiencing almost complete relief from her recent knee-pain flare-up.

**Fairie Roig** - also has a recent flare-up of pain in her right knee.

**Devon Nelson** (Roig's grandson) - has just enlisted in the U.S. Army this week (November 3), and is off to basic training at Fort Benning, GA.

**Marisol Vargas** - gone to her parents' home in Costa Rica, for at least three more weeks, to care for her mother, **Maria Aurelia Alsaro**, who is afflicted with two infections. Pray for Robert too, as he gets by in her absence.

**Phyllis Tansil** - renewed lower back pain sustained while gardening

**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!**

### **Our Leaders!**

#### **Elders**

**Dwight Jones  
Courtney Cheri  
Gerald Molina**

#### **Preacher**

**Dan Schillinger**

#### **Deacons**

**Jesse Fowler  
James Richardson  
Hector Urbina**

### **Our Services**

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| <i>Sunday Morning Bible Class</i>    | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>         |
| <i>Sunday Morning Worship</i>        | <b>10:30 a.m.</b>        |
| <i>Sunday Evening Worship</i>        | <b>5:00 p.m.</b>         |
| <i>Wednesday Evening Bible Class</i> | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>         |
| <i>Stitches of Love</i>              | <b>Tuesday 9:00 a.m.</b> |