



## **A PROMISE TO MY EYES**

*by Martin Drummond*

It's the elephant in the room that too many try to ignore.

I'm talking about something that church people don't want to talk about.

Sometimes, we assess our spiritual lives with a flashlight mentality, looking at things we want to see.

But when we throw the "Light" switch by asking God's Spirit to reveal every corner of our hearts and minds, for some believers there stands the elephant with an *"I'm bigger and stronger than you"* smirk on its face.

I'm talking about the elephant of lust.

Yes, God equipped men and women with the tools and inclination for sexual expression.

But He also provided men and women with the ability to define boundaries that honor Him and reserve the gift for spouses.

The problem is that people — including Christians — sometimes ignore God's boundaries and blindly think that God won't notice that they've let an elephant take up residence in the room of their lives.

You've heard that a surprisingly high percentage of Christians struggle with pornography, and not just men.

And you've heard that the percentage of Christians caught up in adultery, even in a fantasy sense, is not much different from the unsaved world.

Listen, Satan will use any trap he can to prompt a sinful choice. And since he's got such a high success rate over the centuries when he uses sexual temptation, he's not going to stop any time soon.

Job was not a young man when he wrote the words below, yet he knew then — even in the midst of rampant attacks by Satan on his health — that he had to resist any temptation involving sexuality since they somehow can squeeze the elephant through the eyes and into the heart.

*"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a virgin. For what is our lot from God above, our heritage from the Almighty on high? Is it not ruin for the wicked, disaster for those who do wrong? Does he not see my ways and count my every step?"* (Job 31:1-4).

It's true that Job's wife was not the model spouse. I'm sure glad the Lori isn't like her.

And there's no doubt that an unhappy marriage increases vulnerability to lustful temptation.

But that's no excuse.

In fact, there's never an excuse for letting an elephant move into your house.

Promise your eyes, my friend, that you'll protect them from becoming partners in moral crime.

As Paul wrote to Timothy regarding lust, "Flee!"

It's something I have to do as a soul maintenance strategy since I KNOW God is counting my every step.

If I'm going to protect my family, my friends and my ministry from the disaster that my moral failure would cause, I've got to keep my promise to my eyes.

**Kids  
Bash**



**Friday, September 9th at 7pm  
In the Fellowship Hall**

**Join us for games, crafts and a snack.**

**Invite your friends!**

**GOLDEN OLDIES  
MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

**Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 11am  
In the Fellowship Hall**

Join us for wonderful food & fellowship.  
Bring a dish to share and invite a friend.



The recent parking lot recoating work revealed that a number of parking bumpers need replacement. We've already received one \$30 donation to pay for one of the bumpers. Please consider making a donation for this purpose so that we can take care of this need and present a quality appearance to our guests.

Thank you very much

**angelfood**  
MINISTRIES

**September Order Deadline: September 18<sup>th</sup>  
September Distribution Day: September 24<sup>th</sup>**

*\*\*\*Note: There are certain boxes that are available for online ordering only.  
Please check website for those items.*

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## **Miami-Dade County Introduces Prescription Discount Card to Help Alleviate High Costs**

*Residents can take advantage of savings on average of 24 percent*

Miami-Dade County (August 22, 2011) – Miami-Dade County today launched a new program to help residents deal with the high cost of prescription medications. Through a partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo), the free Prescription Discount Card program provides area residents with a card that offers an average of 24 percent savings off the retail price of prescription medications.

The card can be used by those who do not have insurance or by those who have prescriptions not covered by insurance. The card can also be used on some pet medications and is accepted at 9 out of 10 pharmacies throughout the region.

The program's introduction to Miami-Dade County was spearheaded by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, who recognized the need for residents to have better access to affordable prescriptions. "In such a difficult economy, many residents are simply overwhelmed with the high cost of health care and necessary medications," said Commissioner Heyman. "The best aspect of this program, which is completely free, is that it provides all Miami-Dade residents significant savings on their prescriptions whether they are insured or not."

The free discount cards may be used by all Miami-Dade residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. The Miami-Dade Prescription Discount Cards are available at various County facilities, including Commission offices, library branches, and service centers throughout the county. The discount cards can also be printed from the Internet at [www.caremark.com/naco](http://www.caremark.com/naco). Residents can locate the nearest participating pharmacy from the same website or call toll-free at 1.877.321.2652 for assistance with the program.

"We're pleased to work with counties around the country to bring this important program to their residents," said Andrew Goldschmidt, NACo's Director of Membership & Marketing. "By working with our member counties, we are better positioned to develop programs that specifically target the needs of our nation's counties. The Prescription Discount Card program is just one example of what we hope to accomplish."

Miami-Dade will be joining more than 1,400 counties across the country currently offering the Prescription Discount Card Program to residents. Since the program's inception in December 2004, participating counties have saved their residents more than \$400 million on the cost of their prescriptions.

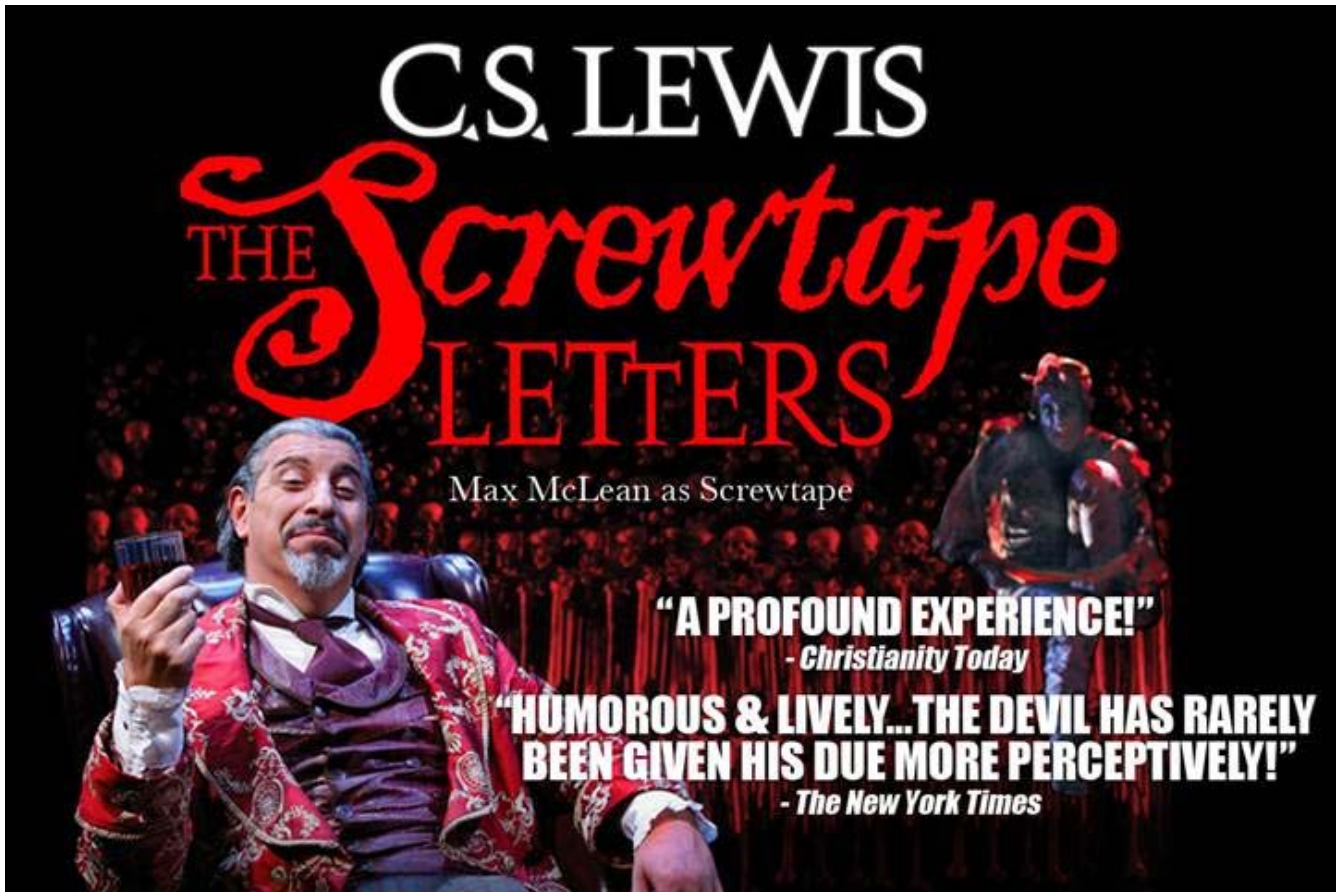
The program is administered by CVS Caremark.

For more information about the Miami-Dade Prescription Discount Card, please visit [www.miamidade.gov/ochp](http://www.miamidade.gov/ochp) or call 3-1-1.

Cards are also available Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm at:

**District North Office**  
**10710 S.W. 211<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Suite 206**  
**Tel: (305) 234-4938**

**District South Office**  
**1634 N.W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Florida City**



C.S. Lewis' brilliant novel, **The Screwtape Letters**, reveals spiritual warfare from a demon's point of view. This funny, provocative, and wickedly witty theatrical adaptation, starring Max McLean as Screwtape was a hit in New York where it ran for nine months and a sold out sensation in Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta & Washington D.C.!

**"A Gripping, Sizzling Dramatization!"** *World Magazine*

**"Fascinating, Entertaining and True to the Book!"** *Catholic Herald*

## **THREE GREAT OFFERS!**

- **Save \$10 on Great Seats!** (When buying two \$49 or \$59 tix. Use code HPR11)
- **Save More on Groups of 10 or more!** Call 866.476.8707
- **Limited Number of \$29 Tix!**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**  
**AT 4 P.M. AND 8 P.M.**

at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts,  
174 East Flagler Street, Miami

For tickets call 305.372.0925 or visit

**[www.ScrewtapeonStage.com](http://www.ScrewtapeonStage.com)**

This is limited offer, subject to availability and not valid on previously purchased tickets.  
Venue service fees apply on all purchases.

# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9  7pm	10
11	12	13	14  11am	15	16	17
18 Blood Drive Board meeting 5pm Angel Food order Deadline	19	20	21	22	23  5pm	24 Angel Food Distribution
25	26	27	28	29	30	



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jose & Karen Rodriguez
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ada Rosa
9 <sup>th</sup>	Eva Chin
10 <sup>th</sup>	Keren Suarez
11 <sup>th</sup>	Geraldine Walker-Perry
26 <sup>th</sup>	Anaya Rodriguez
27 <sup>th</sup>	Alexandra Gutierrez
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sonny Dacosta



# Serving Schedule

## SEPTEMBER 1

## SEPTEMBER 11

### COMMUNION MEDITATION

Eppy Suarez

David Medder

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Gene Kinnaird\*  
Chris Kinnaird  
Mark Schoenfeldt  
David Hiers

Eppy Suarez\*  
Steve Chin  
Pete Moolah  
Danny Abdo

### DONATION COUNTERS

Chris Kinnaird  
Steve Chin

Tom Fields  
Marino Polanco

*\*Will lead offering prayer*



# Pauta de Servicio

## 4 DE SEPT

## 11 DE SEPT

### ORACION OFRENDA

Santiago León

Gregorio Belmont

### ORACION SANTA CENA

Marino Polanco

Jaime Rivera

### LECTURA DE LA PALABRA

Zaida Velásquez

Reinaldo Alvarez

### SIRVIENDO A LA MESA

Reinaldo Alvarez  
Nelson Garrido  
Sixto Rosa  
Alex Gutierrez

Santiago León  
Marino Polanco  
Aldo Hechavarria  
Sixto Rosa



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