



GOD'S BROKEN HEART

by Martin Drummond

The next time somebody says or implies that God is not loving, please remember to share Jeremiah 3:19-20 with them.

My heart was deeply touched this morning when I read of how God was feeling when He inspired the prophet to write these words:

"I myself said, 'How gladly would I treat you like my children and give you a pleasant land, the most beautiful inheritance of any nation.' I thought you would call me 'Father' and not turn away from following me. But like a woman unfaithful to her husband, so you, house of Israel, have been unfaithful to me," declares the LORD."

I don't know about you, but the statement *"I thought you would call me 'Father' and not turn away from following me"* just melted my heart.

Perhaps it's because I have a profound appreciation for being a Daddy. Or perhaps it's because I can just see the pain in God's face as He was speaking these words to Jeremiah's spirit.

We've all known people who poured their heart and soul into their kids, only to see those entitlement-thinking kids exploit that love in order to pursue selfish gain.

The same has happened, of course, with too many failed marriages when one of the spouses decided to chase what initially appeared to be greener grass.

The emotional pain felt by the wounded above has been horrendous.

Yet, to some extent, we've all caused pain for God because we've all turned away from Him when we've all sinned.

I realize that the words I write each weekday morning have no power to keep you from sinning and certainly have no power to cleanse you of your sin.

I do pray, however, that these weekday words will prompt you to think more about how God views your life and about how His heart is feeling about your life.

He longs to hear you say "Father" and to see you following His leading rather than wandering after the loose-lipped lies of the Devil.

Please, whatever you do today, whether in word or in deed, do it all for the glory of the Father.

That way, you'll live out the Colossians 3:17 formula for making your Father happy.

October is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

PASTOR APPRECIATION....MONTH?

by Daniel F. Case from www.case-studies.com

The month of October is “Pastor Appreciation Month,” a month in which we’re all being encouraged to “do something special” for our Pastors.

This year, our church showed its deepest spiritual side by honoring our Pastor with a “Sunday Evening Fellowship,” a time when we all get together and eat (an important spiritual event in our tradition). A few folks said some really nice things about him; we had a lot of fun, and gave him a special love-offering. Other churches have done other things appropriate to them and their people to give their Pastors special honor.

But—and you just *knew* there’d be a “but” here, didn’t you—I can’t help but wonder why it is that we actually *need* to have this “national observance,” with a month set aside to honor our church’s staff.

Honestly, if you need a special event like “Pastor Appreciation Month” to show your appreciation and support for your Pastor, I think you’re in serious need of a “Spiritual Oil Change,” and maybe a tune-up, too. Why limit your encouraging words toward your Pastor to the month of October? Why wait for a “special event?” Why do we even need to have a “Pastor Appreciation Month” in the first place? Could it be that we need to soothe our aching consciences for all the times that we take our leaders for granted?

I’ve had the privilege of being in close fellowship with a lot of Pastors. I’m afflicted with a “Pastor’s heart,” and have on a few occasions had the privilege of being the support person that a Pastor called on when he couldn’t go to his own flock for support. In fact, one of the best jobs I ever had (while it lasted) was one where I was working closely with dozens of Pastors, helping them to utilize my medium of choice (broadcasting) to enhance their ministries.

Frankly, I’ve been appalled by some of the situations that these guys have to put up with. For some reason, many churches assume that the Pastor, as a person with a “Spiritual” vocation, doesn’t have to be paid as much as similar people in the community. Folks forget to factor in the “Pastor Tax” (Self- Employment tax) when they talk about salaries, and *then* they want to add up every single dime they pay—even for things like travel expenses, book allowances, and health insurance—and use THAT inflated figure (the “total package”) to compare to their *own* salaries.

How many of us would like to have our employer decide that, since they pay \$200 every month toward insurance, it’s fair for you to earn \$2500 per year less than your peers in similar lines of work? Ridiculous as it might sound, it’s done all the time.

The financial pressures can be difficult, but there are also perceptual stresses. Most folks believe Pastors ought to be perfect people, and they put them under the microscope regularly to examine them. Many of the folks in the pews are selfish, childish, and immature, and the Pastor is often found walking the “church politics tightrope” without a net. No matter what he does, *someone* goes away mad.

Don't forget to factor in the schedule. Pastors put in a lot of hard hours preparing sermons and teachings, and they are routinely rolled out of bed in the middle of the night because someone just died or was taken to the hospital.

Now, I know that *your* church is different. Still, you'd be surprised how many Pastors are discouraged, overworked, overstressed, and under-supported.

Please make it a point to do something *special* to encourage your Pastor. You'd be surprised how much just a little note of encouragement can do. Send flowers, send candy, or just send a note—the gift isn't the important point. Let them know that you're on their side, that you're supporting them with prayer on a regular basis, and that you love them. They need to hear it.

And, by the way, for those of us with multiple-staff churches, the same goes for every single staff member. They all experience the same sort of pressures.

Don't forget the Pastor's wife, most important human being in your Pastor's life. She's the one that props him up when he doesn't think he can go on, the one who he can confide in. She's sees him at his worst—and at his best—and often makes the difference between success and failure.

A husband and his wife arose one Sunday morning and the wife dressed for church. It was just about time for the service when she noticed her husband hadn't moved a finger toward getting dressed. Perplexed, she asked, “Why aren't you getting dressed for church?” He said, “Cause I don't want to go.” She asked, “Do you have any reason?” He said, “Yes, I have three good reasons. First, the congregation is cold. Second, no one likes me. And third, I just don't want to go.” The wife replied, wisely, “Well honey, I have three reasons why you should go. First, the congregation is warm. Second, there are a few people there who like you. And third, **you're the pastor!** Get dressed!”

Thank God, Church, for the leaders that He's given us. We'd be in a world of hurt without them. Why wait for “Pastor Appreciation Month?” Right now would be a great time to do some random and spontaneous act of act of encouragement and love for your Pastor.

Because you **want** to, not because it's “Pastor Appreciation Month.”



As a Halloween alternative, this was a great event last year and to make it even better this year we need everyone's participation. **WE NEED TRUNKS!** Decorate your car trunk with any theme of your choosing. Each car will provide their own candy to hand out. We ask that everyone donates a pack or 2 of hot dogs. To sign up or for more information, please see Tania Veloz.



**October 31
6pm to 8pm
in the church parking lot**



T R U N K O R T R E A T



**GOLDEN OLDIES MONTHLY LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AT 11AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

The theme this month is italian food!
So bring a dish to share and don't forget to
invite a friend.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH AT 7PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

We will have games, crafts, and a light snack.
Invite your friends!



**Join us Wednesday nights at 7pm
in the Fellowship Hall for our
midweek bible study being led by
Martin Drummond.**

Lesson theme:

"Success is a fruit:

How to make good decisions"

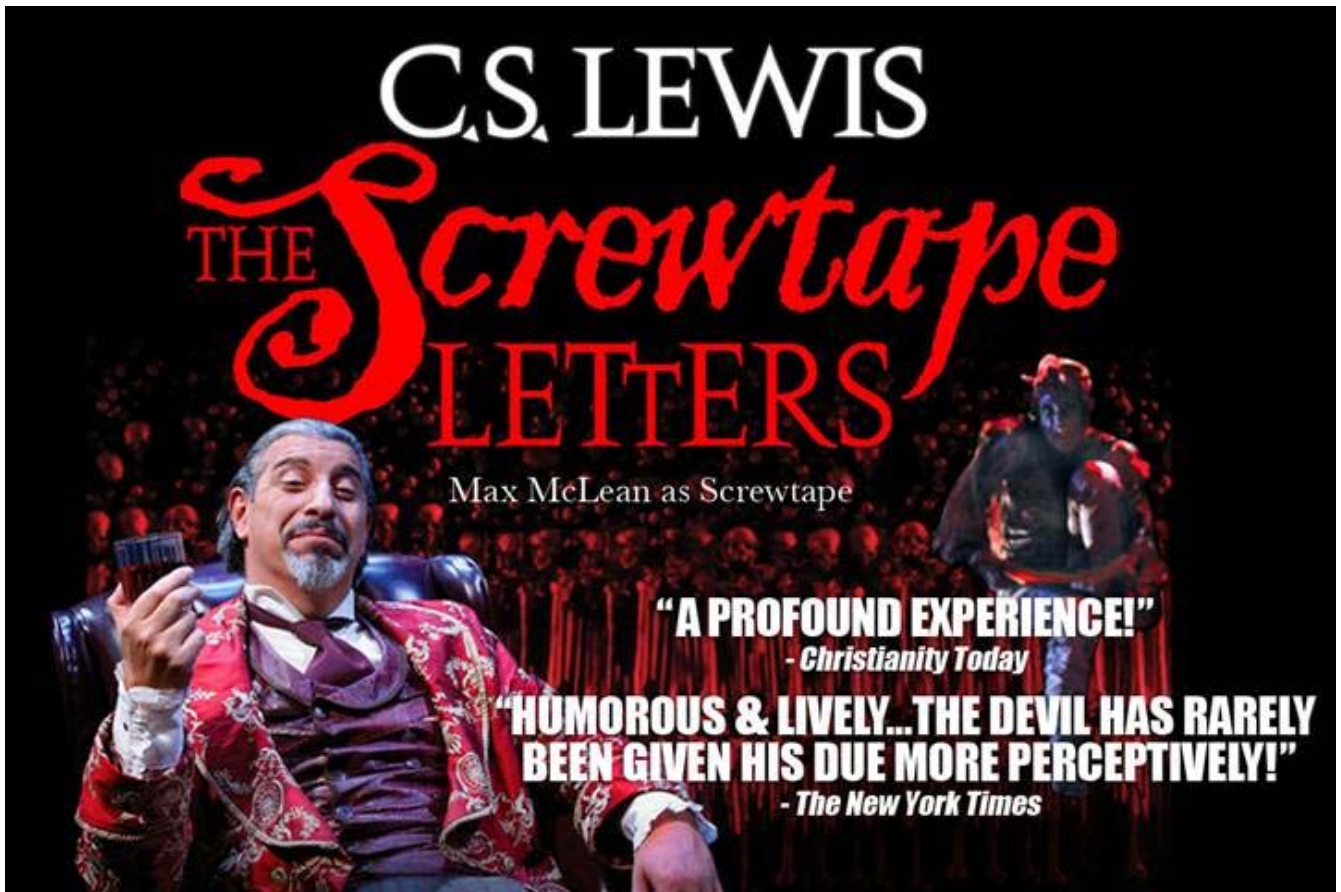
**Morning prayer will be held in
Room #4 from 8:45 am - 9:15 am
Every Sunday morning**

All are welcome to come and pray for the service,
for those things listed on the prayer list, for the
church body, and anything else that the Lord lays on
your heart. Also, anyone who wants to be prayed
over is welcome to join us.

For more details, please contact Lori Drummond.



COMMUNITY NEWS



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*

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

For tickets call 305.372.0925 or visit

www.ScrewtapeonStage.com

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



**Pastor
Appreciation
Month**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12  11am	13	14  7pm	15
16	17	18	19	20	21  7pm	22
23 Board meeting 5pm	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Trunk Treat  6pm-8pm					



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

5 th	Gene & Leah Kinnaird
7 th	Eli Medder
9 th	Johanna Velásquez
9 th	Zaida Velásquez
12 th	Margot Portal
13 th	Alfonso & Patricia Henriquez
13 th	Ravi Moolah
15 th	Jose Casas
15 th	Teresita Terán

17 th	Sherry Medder
17 th	Eppy & Keren Suarez
18 th	Eddy & Wendy Garrido
24 th	Sophie Chin
25 th	Pete & Patrice Moolah
27 th	Marc & Julie Hargraves
28 th	Oscar Garcia
30 th	Christine Alameda
30 th	Sandy Keffer
31 st	Marilyn Redden Doyle



Serving Schedule

OCTOBER 9

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Gene Kinnaird

COMMUNION SERVERS

Steve Chin*
Chris Kinnaird
David Hiers
Pete Moolah

OCTOBER 16

Marc Hargraves

David Medder*
Eli Medder
Danny Abdo
Mark Schoenfeldt

DONATION COUNTERS

Tom Fields
Eppy Suarez

Gene Kinnaird
David Hiers

**Will lead offering prayer*



Pauta de Servicio

9 DE OCT

ORACION OFRENDA

Santiago León

ORACION SANTA CENA

Marino Polanco

LECTURA DE LA PALABRA

Chumán Rodríguez

SIRVIENDO A LA MESA

Reinaldo Alvarez
Jaime Rivera
Pedro Madera
Nelson Garrido

16 DE OCT

Reinaldo Alvarez

José Casas

Flory White

Nelson Garrido
Sixto Rosa
Gregorio Belmont
Marino Polanco



Email us at sdchurch@bellsouth.net and we'll do our best to get you answers!

Got Questions?



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