

Speaking Out Against Sin

via bulletin of Northside church of Christ North Las Vegas, NV

Our culture is in the midst of redefining marriage. Civil rights advocates have pushed to extend the blessing of marriage to those who desire a romantic and sexual relationship with those of the same gender. The Bible teaches us to love everyone unconditionally, and indeed we must. God loved mankind and still does even though we have always been a people characterized as “without strength,” “ungodly,” “sinners,” and “enemies” (Rom. 5.6-10). In the same way, we are to love our fellow man and treat him with respect in spite of the lifestyle they have chosen or the specific sin they have chosen to commit.

However, it is our love for their souls that compel us to gently encourage others to abandon their sinful lifestyle and choose to live a life of holiness and purity. It is not a matter of civil rights, but a matter of helping others understand that the road they are traveling “is the way that leads to destruction” (Matt. 7.13). God is patient with us “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3.9). As people who serve God, Christians also want others to turn away from sins (repentance) so that they do not perish. Thus we speak out against same-sex relationships and show the better path “that leads to life” through Jesus (Matt. 7.14; John 14.6).

Indeed, we are to treat everyone with love and respect, and help them to choose life. At the same time, we cannot be expected to just accept that which God has clearly condemned. It does not matter if it is drunkenness, homosexuality, covetousness, or anything else that is in violation of God’s divine law, “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6.23). I realize that we live in a culture that is more tolerant and accepting of alternative lifestyles, but God is less tolerant and less accepting than our culture. God’s people are still expected to show others what God says about sin.

The world expects Christians to be silent and go along to get along. We love others and want them to be saved. We love God and want His truth to be known. Thus it makes being silent impossible. Jeremiah knew that speaking the truth would get him into trouble. He decided he did not want to speak the truth anymore. Try as he did, he realized that he could not. “I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name. But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not.” (Jer. 20.9).

NEWSLETTER

May 21, 2023

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM

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This bulletin can also
be found on our website.

We seek to be a place of healing and worship.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God’s Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Let's pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.

Let's keep the following in our prayers...

Roger Mapes, Marge Reed, Jessica Alcorn, Bill Kinney, and Frank Marsden.

Denise Garlitz is home recuperating from a fractured tibia.

Michael & Hope Rice Let's pray for them as they deal with struggles in their life.

Carlos & Shawna Martinez Let's pray for them as they deal with struggles in their life.

Lamont, Louella Hopkins' brother, is scheduled for surgery May 26th. He has a tumor on his kidney.

Lauren, Denis Garlitz' granddaughter, will be undergoing tests because of passing out again at school recently.

Johnny Martinez, brother of Carlos Martinez, suffered a stroke May 4th. He was in a medically induced coma. He is scheduled for brain surgery soon.

Dan Callari, from Amherst congregation, is dealing with some health issues.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother). Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

Peter, husband of Denise Garlitz' niece, has colon cancer and is awaiting surgery.

Miranda, Louella Hopkins' granddaughter, is expecting and is due in July. She is Type-1 diabetic and is having problems with her sugar and blood pressure. She is wearing monitors. She has pre-eclampsia and gestational hypertension. There is an 80% chance she will deliver by cesarean.

Lisa, Richard Wheeler's sister, was admitted to N.F.M.M.C. Apr. 5th with very high blood sugar and bacteria infection. It was announced May 7th she was out of I.C.U. and in a rehab facility in Newfane.

Cheryl, Bruce Brink's future mother in law is facing hip replacement surgery.

Mary Lou, Bruce Brink's aunt, is experiencing memory loss issues. Tests have been done but a cause has not been determined yet.

Friends of Bruce Brink are in need of prayers as they deal with cancer and grief.

John, a friend of Maria Swindlehurst, recently had a biopsy and is anxiously awaiting the results.

Patricia Cassick, a friend of Maria Swindlehurst, is waiting on biopsy results.

Randy Heller, a friend of Diane Mellott, was recently in ICU at the V.A. Hospital dealing with respiratory issues and was released to go home under Hospice care. He passed away Tuesday morning.

Julie Grubbs, Wayne & Sherry Carter's daughter, is having some medical issues and will be undergoing tests.

Glen Mueller He is the preacher at the Sardinia church of Christ. Let's keep him and Edna in our prayers.

Notice:

If you are the last one out of the building please make sure to close the door between the foyer and the front of the auditorium and also between the foyer and the back of the auditorium. Please make sure all Entrance/Exit doors are locked and secure. Also, please make sure all lights are turned off. Thank you.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

May 21 Today. Men's Business Meeting

May 29 Memorial Day

Jun. 11 Men's Business Meeting

Jun. 14 Flag Day

Jun. 18 Father's Day

Jun. 19 Juneteenth Day



Camp Agape 2023

July 16 to July 22

Mission Info

Please check the *Mission Board* in the back.

Ukraine Relief

John Kachelman, Jr. Cell (901) 626-4538 john@kachelman.com <https://kachelman.com>

For updated reports go to John's website and click on the tab for **Mission Work**.

Philippines

Caleb Callari with his wife Vanessa and family are doing mission work in the Philippines.

Caleb & Vanessa Callari

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Talamban, Cebu City

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Radio Program "Everyday Follower" can be found on YouTube.

Do a search on youtube.com for "School of National Evangelism Philippines."

Zambia

The LaSalle congregation has been involved in the Zambia mission work for many years.

If you would like to help support the Zambian Mission, please place funds in the offering basket marked for Zambia. More information may be found at www.zambiamission.org

Matthew 19:14

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,698.00

Attendance Last Sunday 49

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

July 30, 2023

