



# And Also With You

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## Scarlett O'Hara and Zechariah 10:2



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When the word *idolatry* is mentioned, Christians often think of carved images associated with the Old Testament and the mandate not to bow down or worship idols. It can be difficult for

twenty-first century Christians to understand that we too worship idols just as our spiritual forefathers did.

Zechariah 10:2a says, "*The idols speak deceit...*" Each idol, whether we are aware of it or not, lies to us. The lies (deceit) are like elevator music that continually plays in the background of life to the point that we no longer pay attention to the tune, yet it is always there, always playing its false message. The ongoing tune is meant to deceive us—to lie to us.

In the Old Testament, Israel seldom abandoned its worship of God. Instead, Israel sinned by adding other gods to the equation. They bowed down at the Temple on the Sabbath, observing its feasts and regulations, while at the same time prostrating themselves during the week before Baal, Molech, Ashorah, and others gods.

The same is true with Christians today. We attend church on Sunday while our idols endlessly play their tunes in the background of our lives. The tune they play will always be entitled, "*Deceit.*" Where do our idols come from? Twenty

first century idols are not carved from wood or stone but instead are the diseased ways we process life. It is how we think outside of God. Contemporary idolatry has to do with mental strongholds that carefully guard the lies we believe.

Idols begin with wounds that occur in the heart. In *Gone With The Wind*, there is the well known scene where Scarlett O'Hara's world of entitlement and privilege is no more. Life has not turned out the way that she thought it would – *her initial wound*. Now she is hungry, exhausted, frightened, and hurt. She finds the stump of a carrot in a field and greedily gobbles it up only to become violently ill afterwards. She raises her hand to heaven, making an inner vow: "*As God is my witness, I will never be hungry again.*" An idol in

birthed in her heart. Our unhealed wounds, like Scarlett's, become inner vows that we usually do not even realize we are making. Our version of Scarlett's inner vow is, "*I will never be hungry again in the area of my wounding.*" The deceitful elevator music plays over



and over again in every situation just as it does in Scarlett's. She cheats her sister out of love by marrying her sister's fiancé. She makes her second husband's life miserable, taking over the running of his business and sawmill. After being widowed a second time, Scarlett continues on the same path to marry her third husband, not for love, but for money. Scarlett swindles, lies, and cheats to the tune of the elevator music that constantly plays in the

### JUNE

#### SUNDAYS

10:00 am  
Worship  
(nursery provided)

Children's Chapel

#### MONDAYS

6:30pm-Graham  
Cooke Group

Information: 455-5940

#### WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am-  
Women's Bible  
Study Information:  
990-2973

12:00 noon  
Holy Communion

#### FRIDAYS

8:15 am-Men's  
Group-Information  
422-3169



### CHALICE BEARERS

#### June 1

Susan Jones  
Maggie Rockett

#### June 8

Jan Bogue  
Becky Johnson

#### June 15

Janic Terry  
Kitty Barksdale

#### June 22

Jan and Bob  
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#### June 29

Maggie Rockett  
Susan Jones

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background of her heart. Zechariah 10:2 says, "The idol speaks deceit..." Scarlett's idol lies to her, telling her that if she can just be rich again, then life will return to the fairy tale it once was. At the end of *Gone With The Wind*, Scarlett is the richest woman in Atlanta, yet life has not returned to the fairy tale it once had been. She fulfills the inner vow she had made when she raised her fist to heaven. She is never physically hungry again. Instead, there is an enormous hunger that dwells in her heart that the idol can never fill. "The idols speak deceit."

We Christians have idols. We worship God on Sunday yet the elevator music still plays. The inner vows made along the path of life remain a driving force within the recesses of our heart. Until the Holy Spirit illuminates them with truth, we continue to live at a sub-standard level. God wants to bring our idols to light, replacing their lies with His truth. "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs." (Jonah 2:8) Since idols speak deceit, then life should get better once they are exposed. Scarlett's idols deceived her. They promised life the way it was when her family had money. She ruined her life and the lives of loved ones because she believed the lie that began as an undealt-with wound. The same is true for us. What have we believed that has never paid out? Ask the Holy Spirit to identify your idols and to help turn off the elevator music so that you can hear only His music.




Summer is a great time to travel and relax. We ask that you not forget this ministry when you are away. Would you continue to pray for the Lord's work in this place that will occur while you are gone. Also, the church's bills do not stop during the summer and so it helps greatly when you stay current with your giving!



### June Birthdays

2 Matt Castellano  
7 Elisabeth Davis  
8 Peggy Gunderson

### Cleaning Schedule For June

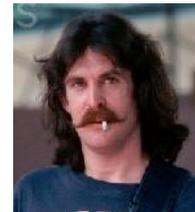


June 1—Cheri Kriner  
June 8—Becky Johnson & Jan Bogue  
June 15—Alan Pate  
June 22—Ovie Moore  
June 29—Scott Davis

Becky Johnson has agreed to coordinate this ministry. If you would like to help please call 928-2545.

## Visiting Clergy

June 15—  
The Rev.  
Dave Hope



Father Dave will preach and celebrate while Father Scott is away. Dave has not always been a priest. During the '70's and 80's he was a founding member and bass player for the rock band KANSAS. The Lord has brought Dave a long way from those days to now. Dave is married to his wife, Diana, and they have a grown daughter. They live in Destin, Florida.



June 22—The  
Rev. Alan  
Reid



Father Alan has been a friend of this house for a number of years. He lives in Prattville, AL, is married to Teresa, and they have one daughter and one granddaughter. We look forward to having Alan again with us at Grace while Father Scott is away.