



Reflections

Politics By Stefano Mugnaini

I have been paying attention to the presidential campaign of Mike Huckabee, former Governor of Arkansas, who I got the opportunity to meet at an event in Mt. Pleasant over the summer. There is a unique aspect to his campaign, as he has not received near the contributions that others have brought in, but has nonetheless risen dramatically in the polls. Part of the reason for this has been an effective use of the internet to organize supporters and distribute information. A real grassroots effort has been raised up, with calls for individual supporters to spread the message about their candidate to friends and family. In some cases their zeal is remarkable. I consider myself as informed (and opinionated) as anyone on political issues, but can't see myself out in the road holding up signs all day.

I write this, not to endorse a candidate, but point out the clear parallels between political affiliations and religious. Both require passion, effort, and dedication to a cause. For many campaigns this passion and dedication may be

lacking, and the cause will suffer. For others, there may be great devotion by the constituency, but the message is either too outlandish (see Ron Paul) or too vague to attract a following. Regardless, the greatest tool we have is dedication to our mission. We may have the most sound doctrine, the best grasp of the word, a "thus saith the Lord" to justify our positions on all matters, but all is negated if our lives don't reflect our convictions.

In John 9:4-5, Jesus said: "We must work the works of Him who sent me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." The immediate application of this message to the followers of Jesus was clear: the incarnation was temporary; Christ was not to be confined to a fleshly body permanently. During this period of time, His mission must be accomplished and His disciples must be prepared to work. However, there is a more universal application that applies to all disciples for the rest of time. We must, as His followers,

reflect the light. We must recognize that Jesus is gone from this Earth in a physical sense, and it is our responsibility to carry on the mission that He left for us. We must now work the works of Him who sent US. We must share the message, both by word and deed, with this lost and dying world.

Political movements are of limited value; regardless of who is in office, things will pretty much continue along the same course. If you're an optimist, ever onward and upward, if you're a pessimist, on down the tubes. In either case, drastic changes are unlikely. But our ability to change lives with the Gospel message is immeasurable. God is, and has always been, able to overcome all the challenges we face. We, as a church, must rally around and promote the message of "Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think..."

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Class: 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am

Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

7:00 pm



For the Record Week of 12-02-07

Bible Classes: 83
AM Worship: 137
PM Worship: 59
Wednesday Evening: 63
Contribution: \$4,209.00

Communion & Baptismal Garments

Prepare Communion:
Christine Herman
Baptismal Garments:
Faye Spence
Nursery Attendant:
Carrie Jackson
Elder of the Month:
Howard Streets 766-7727

Program of Worship

Announcements:
Howard Streets
Song Service:
Royce Akers
Opening Prayer:
Rick Porter
Communion:
Jim Lamm
Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
Ron Herman

Ava Bullard
Helen Embry
Mark Embry
Scotty Hall
Mildred Inabinett
Leonard McNeill
Lois Ott



We Are Praying For...

Military

Robert Bagley
Kristopher Black
Adam Bowles
Chris Branham
Adam Carlucci
Russell Coble
Barry Collins
James Dalton
Mark Fiorey
Ellis Flenoid
Steven Hilton
Michael Hilton
Matthew Lemieux
Katie McCaskill
Kevin Mitchell
Shawn Reynolds

Nikolas is in remission but will undergo chemo for two years and has a long road ahead. Nik is the nephew of Angela Noyes.

Mike Allen, preacher for Chesapeake Church of Christ, has bone cancer. Gary Moody has requested prayers for him.

Martha Broom, a friend of Ona White, is now cancer free and would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

Durwood Collins, Sr., Durwood's father, is in Summer-ville Medical Center.

Maxine Doll had a pace-maker put in and has other health problems. Maxine is Pam Ragland's mother.

John Donan, Norma's cousin, has terminal bladder cancer.

Dennis Flatley, a friend of Jim Lamm, is currently undergoing chemo to treat his cancer.

Duke Gregory, Doris &

Janie's brother, is in the hospital.

Wesley Hahn is in need of prayers for his health and employment. His mother is a close friend of Faye Spence.

Judy Hennessee, a family member of Carl Bowles, has started chemo treatment following her double mastectomy.

Debra Langford, sister-in-law of Carl Bowles, had a stroke. Debra lives in Georgetown.

Nell McIntire has cancer and is the sister of Lois Ott.

Margaret Mills, a member of Cairo Church of Christ, had a heart attack.

Melissa Murray is being treated for cancer, please keep Melissa and her family in your prayers.

Lauren Parker, a friend of Gin- nie Streets, has cancer and is not doing well.

Mac Patterson, a family member of Earline Smalls, is in St. Francis Hospital room 311.

John Price, friend of Faye Spence, has cancer and is in stage 4. Faye has requested prayers for him and his wife, Pat.

Candice Spence, needs our prayers for health problems and is the granddaughter of Chuck & Faye.

Marcia Steckel is undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Marcia is a friend of Sharon Rush

John Torres, Johnny Murray's brother-in-law, has cancer and is not doing well.

Verdie Whitson is recuperating from surgery. She is in Roper Hospital room 7039.



*Thanks for
praying!*

Here's What is Happening...

Placing Membership

Wanda Brown has expressed her desire to worship and work with us at Essex Village. Her address is:

1268 Camelot Street
Charleston, SC 29407
Telephone # 556-5729

Ladies Bible Class

December 11th will be the last class before the holidays.

Nursery

We have an attended nursery for anyone that has a need for one. If you would like to help with the nursery, please see Louise Rogers.

James Island Light Show

Everyone is invited to go to the James Island Light Show on December 14th. We have rented a pavilion for our cook-out and will have a hayride for all to enjoy. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

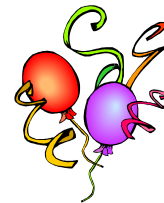
Cookie Swap

The annual cookie swap will be on December 16, Sunday afternoon at 4:30. We'll make trays of fruit, nuts, etc for our shut-ins and bring cookies to share. Bring fruit and shelled nuts for the trays and 4 dozen cookies. We'll eat some cookies and share the rest.



Congratulations

Eddie Haselden III and
Courtney Morrow had perfect
attendance for the Fall
Quarter in Sunday School!



Happy Birthday!

Bible Bowl

YOU ARE INVITED! It's time to start forming teams for the 2008 SC Statewide Bible Bowl. Please see Keith Dee if you are even a little bit curious about how to take part. The Bible Bowl is not just for kids. It's for all ages from 8 to 108. Last year

there were more adult teams than the teenage and pre-teen teams together. Please consider being a part of this great time of fellowship, study and fun competition. Every participant is a winner.

Southeastern Children's Home

Essex Village has agreed to sponsor two teenagers from Southeastern Children's Home for Christmas. Their names are Kayla (15) & LaQuann (14).

If you would like to help, the wish list is on the bulletin board or you may contribute money to

help purchase the gifts. All contributions need to be made by December 16th. Gifts may be left on the table in the foyer and contributions given to Christine.

12/09

Phillip Koontz

12/10

Andrea Hanlon

Jim Lamm

12/12

Hilton Googe

12/14

Jordan Akers

12/15

Anna Clare

Bulletin Board

Area-Wide Annual Singing

Where: Kingsbury Road Church of Christ in Sumter, SC

When: December 14th at 7:30 pm

Please see the bulletin board for more information

Youth Rally

When: January 26, 2008

Theme: One Goal No Limits

Speaker: Craig Shackelford of Middleton, Tennessee

Where: St. Andrews Road Church of Christ in Columbia, SC

Berkeley Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

Roy Knight was the speaker for the Gospel meeting held at Berkeley Church of Christ. We have received a copy of the lessons and will make a copy for anyone that would like one. Please fill out a slip.

ELDERS

Larry Casbeer	795-0429
Howard Streets	766-7727
David Wakeland	766-3601

MINISTER

Stefano Mugnaini	329-3704
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DEACONS

Rick Porter	556-2679
Activities	
Jim Lamm	556-6756
Benevolence	
Lloyd McLawhorn	556-6709
Worship	
Roddy Akers	559-3565
Song Service	
Larry Polutta	795-5266
World Bible School	
Bill Ragland	556-6711
Building Maintenance	
Hilton Googe	766-4670
Lynn Smallwood	766-8579
Grounds	
Eddie Haselden	767-5511
Financial	
Durwood Collins	869-4199
Youth Activities	

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