



Reflections

“All That Is Necessary”

By Stefano Mugnaini

“For many now walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.”

The words of Paul in Philippians 3:18-19 illustrate perfectly the mindset of the world. The world, glorying in shameful, idolatrous practices, lives as if the desires, needs and lust of the flesh are the only deity to which they will answer. “Satisfy your urges, for they are all that determine right and wrong” is the rallying cry of the world. “You need answer to no ‘god’ but yourself.” Sadly, this is often likewise the mentality of those who ostensibly wear the name of Christ. When we choose our associates based on worldly principles rather than godly,

when we neglect Christian responsibilities for earthly ones, when our focus is how we can advance our station in this life, rather than prepare ourselves for the next; it is then that we serve ourselves rather than God.

We must recognize that we employed in a colossal struggle, an unending battle of the servants of Christ against the servants of Satan. We cannot, ultimately, serve ourselves; it is one or the other. The stakes of this fight are enormous. A statement often attributed to Edmund Burke illustrates this perfectly: “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” That is precisely the situation we face.

When we, as Christians, are content to do nothing, we will fail, we will lose, and we will be destroyed. Our individual faith will suffer; the faith of our friends and

families will suffer, or perhaps never begin. When we find it easier to sit it out once in awhile (or every week, as is the habit of some), we give victory to the Devil. When we find it easier to criticize the efforts of a fellow Christian, rather than examine ourselves, we lose. When we prefer to complain about that which is left undone, rather than roll up our sleeves and get to work, we have no hope of accomplishing that which God wills us to do. When we would rather sleep and extra hour on Sunday, rather than gathering for Bible study, we have absolutely allow our laziness to interfere with the work of the Lord. We rob our children of and opportunity to build a foundation, and our fellow Christians of an opportunity for fellowship and edification. Lazy, uncommitted, casual Christians are worthless in the kingdom of God

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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 12-30-07**

**Communion &
Baptismal Garments**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 67
 AM Worship: 131
 PM Worship: 51
 Wednesday Evening: 57
 Contribution: \$2,622.00

Prepare Communion:
 January: Doris Akers
Baptismal Garments:
 January: Kim Koontz
Elder of the Month:
 Larry Casbeer 795-0429

Announcements:
 Larry Casbeer
Song Service:
 Keith Dee
Opening Prayer:
 Bill Ragland
Communion:
 Deron Casbeer
Sermon:
 Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
 Ron Herman



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*

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

Dixie Akers, Royce's sister-in-law, is now at home on medication to dissolve the 4 blood clots she has from her last surgery. Please send cards to 204 Edney Ridge Road, Greensboro, NC 27408.

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

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 being trans-

ferred to an assisted living rehab hospital. Please send cards to G. Duke Gregory Moses Care Hospital, McMinnville, TN.

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

Clara Haselden has been released from Roper Hospital and is recuperating from surgery at home. She was diagnosed with cancer and will undergo chemo treatments.

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.

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 in Trinity Rehab Center.



**Thanks for
praying!**

Here's What is Happening...

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.

Bible Bowl

Bible bowl teams have formed, but there's still room for you. We will begin our group studies on the first Sunday in January from 1-5. Come check us out. We eat supper together at 5. If you'd like to provide a meal and/or eat with us, see Sandra Dee.

Food Pantry

Due to the holidays, the food

pantry is low. If you would like to contribute to the pantry we could use the following items: peanut butter, jelly, canned meats and vegetables. Thanks to everyone for making this work possible.

Ladies Bible Class

The ladies will resume class on Tuesday at 10:00 am in the annex.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Please join the men in prayer and breakfast on Saturday, October 13th at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.

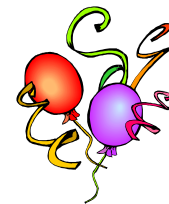


Happy Anniversary!

1/07

Ramy & Laura

Basnillo



Happy Birthday!

1/08

Robert Porter

1/09

Meghann Moulton

Doug Smith

1/10

Mary Beth Christy

Carrie Hanlon

Reginald Wescott

1/11

Kim Koontz

Sharon Rush

1/12

Violet Blackburn

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(2 Peter 1:8-9). God demands laborers, servants, disciples. A disciple is a devoted follower, one who seeks not just to learn, but to obey. As disciple is one who strives to have the attitude described by Paul in the rest of Philippians 3:

“For our citizenship is in Heaven, from which we also wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that he has to subject all

things to Himself.”

As we begin to honestly consider ourselves citizens of Heaven, more and more our actions will match this understanding. The more we live in expectation of His coming, the more our lives will conform to His perfect example. Let us not assimilate into the world, but surround ourselves, as often as possible, with the people of God.

Bulletin Board

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

Revival/ Gospel Meeting

When: January 6th - 9th

Theme: God's Plan Is Great for 2008

Speaker: Michael Griggs of the Azalea Drive Church of Christ

Where: Church of Christ in St. Stephen, SC

Ladies Retreat

When: Saturday, January 26, 2008

Theme: "Women of Power Running For Jesus"

Speaker: Sister Olivia Guest White

Where: Church of Christ at Johns Island

ELDERS

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David Wakeland	766-3601

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DEACONS

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Activities	
Jim Lamm	556-6756
Benevolence	
Lloyd McLawhorn	556-6709
Worship	
Roddy Akers	559-3565
Song Service	
Larry Polutta	795-5266
World Bible School	
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