

Reflections

“Memory” by Stefano Mugnaini

My little sister had a favorite book when she was about three years old. It was called *Minnie’s Slumber Party*; it was the thrilling saga of Minnie Mouse and her desire to have a sleepover with her friends. It is only noteworthy because she had memorized it in its entirety. Though she was only three, and certainly could not yet read, she would hold the book and quote it, pretending to read along. You could tell she wasn’t reading because she tended to hold the book upside down! We laughed uproariously whenever she decided she would “read” to us. The point? She cared so much about that little book that, though she could not read, she memorized it.

History is replete with examples of men who have likewise treasured the word of God. In the most ancient times, manuscript writing was a laborious and painstaking process, so few

manuscripts were produced. Clay tablets or stretched animal skin parchments were the common writing surfaces, and neither was extremely user-friendly. In modernity, a lack of a manuscript would produce a dearth of knowledge on the subject; to the ancients, this was not so. Despite the relative paucity of the written word, the ancients used their memories to preserve what they had been taught. It is recorded that the ancient Hebrews had a strong tradition of memorization, and it was quite common for individuals to have committed the Torah, the five books of the Law, to memory. David was not just being poetic in Psalm 119:11, when he said “Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” This was his practice.

More recently, there have been those who, of necessity, took to memorizing great portions of scrip-

ture. I went to college with a man who was blind; rather than preach from a Braille Bible (which is incredibly bulky) he simply committed to memory the passages he was to preach on. What a crutch the written word can become!

But most of us do not have some limitation that requires us to memorize God’s word. Most of us have a copy or two lying around our house. The question we must ask ourselves is “how much does it matter to me?” Do I so love God and His word that I desire to write it upon my heart? Commit it to memory, that I may always have the proper perspective on life? Perhaps we need to pay less attention to which celebrity is doing what or the box score of the football game, and more attention to the everlasting word.

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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 05-18-08

Bible Classes: 78
AM Worship: 124
PM Worship: 50
Wednesday Evening: 56
Contribution: 3,273.00

Communion & Baptismal Garments

Prepare Communion:
Brenda Streets
Baptismal Garments:
Jean Hilton
Elder of the Month:
David Wakeland 766-3601

Program of Worship

Announcements:
David Wakeland
Song Service:
Roddy Akers
Opening Prayer:
Rick Porter
Communion:
Carl Bowles
Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
Andy Streets

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
James Dalton
Mark Fiorey
Ellis Flenoid
Steven Hilton
Michael Hilton
Matthew Lemieux
Katie McCaskill
Kevin Mitchell
Shawn Reynolds

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

Larry Cooper, Ruby's son, was diagnosed with lung cancer.

Maxine Doll has some health problems and would like our prayers. Maxine is Pam Ragland's mother.

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

Michelle & Kenny Drawdy are having some difficult times and requested prayers. Michelle is a co-worker of Terri Fagan.

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

Duke Gregory, Doris & Janie's brother, is in Manchester Rehab Hospital. He will probably be there for 5 or 6 weeks.

Fred & Doris Gregory, Doris

& Janie have requested prayers for their brother Fred & sister-in-law Doris. Fred had surgery for a defibrillator and pace maker & Doris had back surgery.

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

Clara Haselden was diagnosed with cancer and has just finished receiving her chemo treatments.

David Hughes, a Citadel graduate from the class of 96, attended Essex Village when he was attending the Citadel. David was injured in Iraq. If you would like to cheer David up with a card or letter, please send them to this address:

David Hughes
150 Foxfire Place
Southern Pines, NC 28387

Esther Lamm is having some health problems and would like us to pray for her.

Debra Langford, sister-in-law of Carl Bowles, is in therapy since

her stroke. She is still not able to speak clearly or have full use of her right side.

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

Lauren Parker, a friend of Ginnie Streets, has cancer and is not doing well.

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

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

Marcia Steckle, a friend of Sharon Rush, had a mastectomy and is recovering at home.

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

Tom Vergne, Matt's father, had by-pass surgery.

Here's What is Happening...

Graduates

If you are graduating from high school or college this year, please let Janie know. For high school, she will need a wallet size picture, a graduation invitation and your personal card; also where you plan to attend college and major. For college graduates, please provide an invitation if you have one, what your degree is in and your future plans.

RiverDogs Baseball Game

On May 30th we will be going to the RiverDogs Baseball game. If you would like to go please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. We need to collect all of the money by May 25th for purchasing advanced tickets. Please see Durwood or Lara Collins for additional information.



Happy Anniversary

5/27

Will & Lillian
Loomis

Request for Prayers

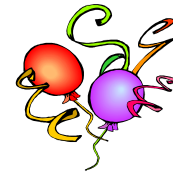
We received an email from Harry & Judy Mims regarding Ava Bullard. Ava is in need of some encouragement. She is missing her friends and feeling lonely. They asked if we would please remember her in our prayers and send a card to brighten her day. Her address is:

The Heritage of Santa Rosa
5530 Northrop Road
Room 309
Milton, FL 32570

Placing Membership

Margie Ebrite has expressed her desire to work and worship with us at Essex Village. Margie recently moved here from Fair Oaks, California and is living with her son. Her address is:

1319 North Edgewater
Charleston, SC 29407
Phone # 766-7352



Happy Birthday!

5/26

Tex Patton

5/27

Haylie Moseley

5/30

Frances Wakeland
Ona White

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Natasha Streets on June 28th at the home of Michelle Porter. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board. Michelle will need the names of those attending to leave at the gate for your admittance. Natasha is registered at Babies R Us. For more details please see Michelle.



Please remember in prayer our members who are traveling over the holiday weekend.

Bulletin Board

Gospel Meeting

at North Charleston Church of Christ

When: May 30th—June 1st Speaker: Glenn Hitchcock from
Fort Valley Church of Christ in Fort Valley, Georgia

Gospel Meeting

Where: Rutledge Avenue Church of Christ

When: Sunday, June 8th—Thursday, June 12th

Speaker: Brother Orphesus Heyward from the West End
Church of Christ in Atlanta, Georgia

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for additional
information.

Homecoming Celebration

Where: Church of Christ at Johns Island

When: Saturday, July 12th - Thursday, July 16th

Guest Speaker: Brother Errol Reid from Lafayette, Louisiana

Please see the bulletin board for the schedule.

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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