

Reflections

“Worship” by Stefano Mugnaini

A currently running deodorant commercial spouts the amazing statistic that “one out of every four people believes they sweat more than the average.” Um, Duh? By definition, 1.99 out of every four people will exceed the average in anything! That is basic statistical analysis! This simply highlights the belief, at least among ad execs, that we will be utterly convinced of anything based on statistics. There may be many cases where the majority opinion truly matters, but in the realm of faith it does not. God’s word is truth; His moral standards inerrant and unalterable though the whole world disagree; and his worship is not subject to the fads and trends of human innovation, but to the pronouncements of His word, reflected in the practice of the earliest Christians.

In John 4, Jesus spoke with the Samaritan

woman at the well about worship. Up to that time, the focal point of worship was on the place and the ritual; Jesus emphasized the recipient of worship and the manner in which it was to be done.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.”²² “You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.”²³ “But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.”²⁴ “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

This does not discount the “ritual” aspect—it emphasizes that the place and ritual are less important than the ultimate object of our worship—the

God of Heaven. Any approach that diminishes God in favor of tradition, personal preference, or consensus opinion is to essentially turn worship toward man and away from God.

Because God is the one who is worthy of our worship, we affirm strongly that the goal of our worship is to please Him. He determines what is acceptable and unacceptable. He demands sincere worship first (in spirit) and scriptural worship second (in truth). Neither of these is in opposition to the other; rather, they provide a framework which we may use to understand what he requires of us. We strive to worship Him as He wills, and reject all additions that are not in accordance with His divine revelation.

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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 06-29-08

Communion & Baptismal Garments

Program of Worship

Ava Bullard

Helen Embry

Mark Embry

Scotty Hall

Mildred Inabinett

Leonard McNeill

Lois Ott

Bible Classes: 73
AM Worship: 135
PM Worship: 53
Wednesday Evening: 55
Contribution: 3,964.00

Prepare Communion:

Mary Beth Christy &
Janie Polutta

Baptismal Garments:

Frances Wakeland

Elder of the Month:

Larry Casbeer 795-0429

Announcements:

Larry Casbeer

Song Service:

Royce Akers

Opening Prayer:

Andy Streets

Communion:

Deron Casbeer

Sermon:

Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:

John Such



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.

Dee Boozer's mother is in need of prayers.

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

David Cupka, husband of Doris & Janie's cousin Kay Cupka, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Test are being done to determine if he is a candidate for surgery.

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

John Donan, Norma's cousin, passed away on June 28th. Thank you for your prayers.

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.

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

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 Ginie 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.

Louise Rogers nephew is in need of prayers.

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.

Howard Streets had a hiking accident and has a back injury and a blood clot in his brain. He has been released from MUSC to recuperate at home.

Sam Thomsen's family - Sam is one of the boys killed by the deadly tornado. His family attends the Southwest Church of Christ in Omaha.

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

David Wakeland had surgery and is in Roper Hospital.

Here's What is Happening...

VBS

VBS is coming July 19th from 9 am to 4 pm.

Please, Please, Please help in two ways: 1. Sign up for a job on the bulletin board in the foyer. Some of them need to be done right now. 2. Bring and/or invite every kid you know.

Change for Children

The Southeastern Children's Home has begun the 2008 Change for Children campaign. If you would like to participate, the cans are in the foyer on the table. Please pick one up, collect your change and return by Sunday, September 28th. SECH would like to thank you for your participa-

Ladies Retreat

Ladies please mark your calendars for our upcoming Ladies Retreat on October 24th - 25th. It will be held on Seabrook Island. More information will follow.

tion in this annual campaign which is important to funding the mission and ministry of SECH.

Thank you...

Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, & prayers you have sent our way after the death of Steve Henthorne, son of Bob & Donna Henthorne, and nephew of Faye Spence. They were all greatly appreciated. Please keep the Henthorne family in your prayers.

Thanks again

The Henthorne family & the Spence family.

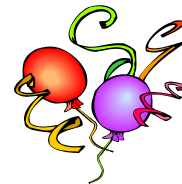
Carowinds Trip

We are planning a trip to Carowinds on July 15th. We will meet here at the building at 7:00 am. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone interested in going. Anyone under 12 must have an adult attend.



Happy Anniversary

7/8 Kenneth & Debra Scott
7/10 Howard & Brenda Streets
7/11 Gene & Norma Ashburn
7/12 Ray & Beverly Boynton
Anthony & Jean Hilton
Eric & Michelle Zink



Happy Birthday!

7/6
Bryan Wakeland
7/8
Victoria Boynton
7/9
Michelle Porter
7/10
Ashlynn Moseley

Bulletin Board

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.

40th Anniversary Homecoming

Where: Summerville Church of Christ

Date: July 5th Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Date: July 6th Time: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

All Night Singing

Where: St. Andrews Road Church of Christ

425 St. Andrews Road Columbia, SC

When: Friday, August 1st Time: 7:30 pm till ???

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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