

Reflections

“Remember” by Stefano Mugnaini

Remember. Reflect. Remain Obedient. This message runs throughout the Bible, both Testaments, Old and New. It was the message of Moses, the message of the prophets, and the message of the Hebrew writer.

Jesus came and appeared to a people versed enough in their national history to remember all that God had done for them; aware enough of the prophetic message to recognize the Messiah’s appearance, and yet they chose to forget, to deny, to discount. They chose to give heed to their own interpretation rather than the law of God and to focus on their current oppression rather than past victories of future glory.

Prior to the conquest of Canaan, Moses constantly entreated the people to remember God’s abiding presence, His Law, and His care. They were to take these truths as a pledge of future victory and an obligation to

continued faithfulness. The Gospels announce the arrival of the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.” They proclaim the imminence of His kingdom. Acts describes that kingdom’s birth and growth. The rest of the New Testament closely parallels the words of Moses in Deuteronomy.

Having received adoption, seeing the arrival of the Messiah and the establishment of His kingdom, receiving forgiveness of sins and establishment as the people of God, have we any option but continued devotion and faithfulness?

We are a “holy nation, a royal priesthood, a chosen race.” We are chosen, reclaimed, restored from the wasteland of sin and darkness not by birth-right or ethnicity, but by the grace and mercy of God. Our task and mission is to cling to the hope that comes only in Christ, and to live in such a way that others may marvel at our steadfast-

ness and desire to have the hope that lies within us.

The demands of citizenship are paradoxically simple yet difficult. Much is required, but all that is asked of us is as nothing in light of the greatness of the mercy promised us. All our goodness is but refuse in light of the greatness of our God. Nonetheless, by human standards, the bar is set exceedingly high for the people of “The Way.” Let us not grow weary, but ever remember: Without great labor, rest has no great sweetness that we should desire it.

No labor will ever equal the exceeding greatness of God’s blessings, but without toil it is impossible to appreciate rest; unless we sojourn as aliens and strangers in a foreign land, it is impossible to truly love home.

“So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.” Hebrews 4:9

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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 07-13-08**

**Communion &
Baptismal Garments**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 48
 AM Worship: 118
 PM Worship: 46
 Wednesday Evening: 66
 Contribution: 4,354.00

Prepare Communion:
 Mary Beth Christy &
 Janie Polutta
Baptismal Garments:
 Frances Wakeland
Elder of the Month:
 Larry Casbeer 795-0429

Announcements:
 Larry Casbeer
Song Service:
 Keith Dee
Opening Prayer:
 Raymond Boynton
Communion:
 Deron Casbeer
Sermon:
 Kevin Gray
Closing Prayer:
 Howard Streets



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. He is scheduled for surgery on August 11th.

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

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 at home now and is going through physical therapy. He is still unable to walk alone and cannot use his right arm.

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.

Brandon, Louise Rogers' nephew, came through his 3 surgeries well. He was able to come home a week early. Thank you for your 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.

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 has been released from the hospital and is recuperating at home.

Here's What is Happening...

Placing Membership

We are happy to announce that Jason Wells has expressed his desire to worship and work with us at Essex Village.

VBS

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who participated in VBS.

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.

SECH

The Southeastern Children's Home has begun the 2008 Change for Children campaign. If you would like to partici-

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

Note from Stefano

I announced Sunday night that we are going to begin a question and answer type format on Sunday nights...

Please submit to me any questions of a biblical nature and on Sunday night the lesson will deal with the specific questions.



Condolences

We would like to express our condolences to the family and friends of Mildred Inabinett. Mildred passed away on Wednesday, July 16th. Her funeral is being planned for this week.



Happy Anniversary!

7/20

Robert & Geraldine
Smith

Thank you...

Essex Village,

Thanks to everyone at Essex Village for all the words of encouragement and for the beautiful flowers that you sent to me during my recent illness.

Howard Streets

A Heart Felt Thank You...

I'm finding it difficult to express the degree of Love and appreciation I feel towards Essex congregation. The level of concern you've shown toward me during my current unpleasantness has encouraged and shown me many different aspects of our congregation.

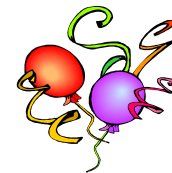
To look up and see a couple come to encourage me while I'm in Cardiac Intensive Care unit. A family that on their own send a planter as soon as I'm out of CICU. The flowers from the congregation (even though Christine knows I don't want the money spent on me). A member who calls practically every day checking on me and then brings a gag gift to the hospital. Ladies that bring food (and dessert). Cards that come every day and Fran brought them down to the hospital to me. Members who I

know are sick themselves visiting multiple times to encourage me.

I have to be honest with you, all the attention has blown me away. Maybe God put me in this situation to teach me some lessons I needed to know and understand; because I certainly have discovered the value of small things that can have such a large impact on a person that's hurting. I pray that God does not let me forget these lessons, and I ask for you to remember me to God, that I not forget them.

With all the support and love I've been shown it doesn't seem enough to just say thank you, but that and my love for you the Essex Village congregation is all I can say.

David



Happy Birthday!

7/20

Kenton Akers

7/21

Terry Morrow

7/23

William Mitchell

Bulletin Board

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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