

# Reflections

## *“If All the World Were Christian”* by Stefano Mugnaini

“If all the world were Christian, it might not matter if all the world were uneducated. But, as it is, a cultural life will exist outside of the church whether it exists inside or not. To be ignorant and simple now-not to be able to meet the enemies on their own ground-would be to throw down our weapons, and to betray our uneducated brethren who have, under God, no defense but us against the intellectual attacks of the heathen. Good philosophy must exist, if for no other reason, because bad philosophy needs to be answered.” --C.S. Lewis

In its original context, Lewis was making the point about the necessity of Christians seeking advanced education; but there is a biblical application of his words that should be a concern of all Chris-

tians. It is about preparation to meet the enemies of the cross.

I have been in churches that have a sign in the back of their building that says something like “you are now entering the battlefield.” If we consider that concept, we will perhaps realize that we are often entering the battlefield poorly armed. This is not the fault of the elders, deacons, or preacher; it is our own. A soldier would not think of going to battle without a weapon, ammunition, or various other supplies; yet we consistently enter the field without first donning the “full armor of God.” (Ephesians 6)

It may not be necessary or practical for us to all read Greek and Hebrew; but we should be familiar enough with the English transla-

tions to be able to see through “hollow and deceptive arguments,” often hinging upon some subtle nuance of the Greek text. We should remember who are real enemies are; those that deny Christ, His word, and his church. We must prepare to meet them on their own ground.

When Science is the tool, we must be prepared; if History, let us know History! The majority of errors promoted, both within and without the church, are bolstered by false facts rather than improper application of truth. Christians must train ourselves to discern truth and error, and to effectively do this we must become more knowledgeable.

Christians are sometimes labeled as uneducated, superstitious, ignorant;

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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 08-10-08**

**Communion &  
Baptismal Garments**

**Program of  
Worship**

*Ava Bullard  
Helen Embry  
Mark Embry  
Leonard McNeill  
Lois Ott*

Bible Classes: 65  
AM Worship: 125  
PM Worship: 68  
Wednesday Evening: 63  
Contribution: 3,642.00

**Prepare Communion:**  
Agnes McLawhorn  
**Baptismal Garments:**  
Peggy McLawhorn  
**Elder of the Month:**  
David Wakeland 766-3601

**Announcements:**  
David Wakeland  
**Song Service:**  
Keith Dee  
**Opening Prayer:**  
Howard Streets  
**Communion:**  
Larry Polutta  
**Sermon:**  
Stefano Mugnaini  
**Closing Prayer:**  
Ray Brown



**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.

**David Cupka**, husband of Doris & Janie's cousin Kay Cupka, is recovering from surgery and doing well with no signs of cancer. Thank you for your prayers.

**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 in St. Francis Hospital in room 530.

**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.

**John Rogers**, Louise's husband, has a blood clot in his leg.

**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.

## *Here's What is Happening...*

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### **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.

### **Sermon Outline**

The Sermon Outline is on the table in the foyer for anyone that would like a copy.



### ***Placing Membership***

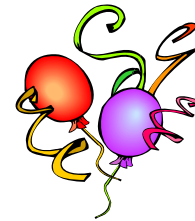
Diane Lamm has expressed her desire to worship and work with us at Essex Village. Diane is the grand daughter of Jim & Esther Lamm.

## *Southeastern Children's Home*

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



***Happy Birthday!***

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this has been the case since the earliest days of the church. Let us take a lesson from the Apostles and the earliest Christian leaders. They educated themselves in Rhetoric, Logic, Poetry, Science; Thus they were able to meet the charges of ignorance head on.

Please understand me: this is written with full recognition that all are blessed with different talents and capacities for intellectual exer-

tion; my point is that there are few of us who are truly exhausting our capabilities in the service of our Lord.

We need not all be scholars, but we must all push ourselves to greater heights of knowledge and understanding if we are to effectively labor in His kingdom.

8/18

Ruby Cooper

8/20

Howard Streets

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Candace Basnillo

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## Bulletin Board

### 2008 Mid-Atlantic Evangelism Seminar

Where: Brooks Avenue Church of Christ  
700 Brooks Avenue  
Raleigh, NC

When: September 19th, 20th & 21st

Theme: "In Christ A New Creation" 2 Corinthians 5:17

For more information, please see the brochure on the bulletin board.

### Ladies Day

Where: Kingsbury Road Church of Christ  
215 Kingsbury Road  
Sumter, SC 29151

When: September 20th

Theme: "Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus"

For more information, please see the bulletin board.

### Ladies Day

Where: St. Andrews Road Church of Christ  
425 St. Andrews Road  
Columbia, SC 29210

When: Saturday, October 4th

Theme: "From Danger and Despair to—Victory In Jesus"

For more information, please see the brochure on the bulletin board

### 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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