



Reflections

“If It Matters” by Stefano Mugnaini

In 1818, Ignaz Phillip Semmelweis was born into a world of dying women. The finest hospitals lost one out of six young mothers to the scourge of “childbed fever.” A doctor’s daily routine began in the dissecting room where he performed autopsies. From there he made his way to the hospital to examine expectant mothers without ever pausing to wash his hands. Dr. Semmelweis was the first man in history to associate such examinations with the resultant infection and death. His own practice was to wash with a chlorine solution, and after eleven years and the delivery of 8,537 babies, he lost only 184 mothers—about one in fifty. He spent the vigor of his life lecturing and debating with his colleagues. Once he argued, “Puerperal fever is caused by decomposed material, conveyed to a wound ... I have shown how it can be prevented. I have proved all that I have said. But while we talk, talk, talk,

gentlemen, women are dying. I am not asking anything world-shaking. ***I am asking you only to wash ... For God’s sake, wash your hands!*** But virtually no one believed him... Doctors and midwives had been delivering babies for thousands of years without washing, and no outspoken Hungarian was going to change them now!

His maternity ward, having instituted a hand washing policy while he was there, lowered their overall mortality rate from 10 percent to 1 percent. How was he rewarded? He was dismissed from his post, mocked by the medical community, and eventually committed to an insane asylum at the age of 47. He died after about two weeks there, having possibly been beaten to death by guards.

His desire, as a doctor, had been the preservation of life; his conclusions, though correct,

challenged the status quo. But Semmelweis was right. He knew the truth, and had no option but to act in accordance with it.

Christianity is often dismissed as a personal matter; not something that is permissible in public places, something that is acceptable as long as it is kept to oneself. But the nature of our faith says otherwise; its survival is utterly dependent upon our efforts at evangelism. C.S. Lewis said this: “If we do not believe it, let us be honest and relegate the Christian faith to museums. If we do, let us give up the pretense that it makes no difference.”

Christ is the only one who has the power to cleanse us from the stain, the sickness, the stench of sin. He is the only one with the power to cleanse and purify our souls. The Bible is the only guide that man has to leading a richer, more fulfilling,

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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 08-24-08**

**Elder for the Month
of August**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 69
AM Worship: 126
PM Worship: 59
Wednesday Evening: 63
Contribution: 3,610.00

David Wakeland
766-3601



Announcements:
David Wakeland
Song Service:
Keith Dee
Opening Prayer:
Eddie Haselden
Communion:
Larry Polutta
Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
George Brown

*Preparing communion: Agnes McLawhorn
Baptismal Garments: Peggy McLawhorn*



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*

We Are Praying For...



Christopher, Agnes's great nephew, is 6 years old and has an inoperable brain tumor. He is being treated with radiation at this time. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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.

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 has been released from the hospital.

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 masectomy 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...

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 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 Anniversary!

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more perfect life; if we believe it, we must allow it to change every aspect of our lives, that we become more in tune with His will for us.

We may be opposed, ridiculed, hated, or jeered, but such may

sometimes be the cost of discipleship, of allegiance to a cause which defies the world. We must recognize that such is the weight, the responsibility, of the inheritance promised us.

Fall Class Schedule

	<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>Wednesday Evening</u>
Cradle Roll	Margaret Casbeer & Ona White	Janie Polutta & Faye Spence
2's & 3's	<u>We Like to go to Bible School</u> Shelli Mugnaini	<u>God Made My Face/Body-Gives Food</u> Ginnie Fowler
4's, 5's & 6's	<u>Samuel, Saul & David</u> Brenda Streets	<u>Birth of Christ</u> Norma, Agnes & Angie
2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade	<u>God's Plan for His People</u> Sandy Dee	<u>Creation— Divided Kingdom</u> Christine Herman
5th & 6th Grade	<u>Examining Beginnings</u> Carla Haselden	<u>Faith & Science</u> Michelle Porter
7th - 8th Grade	<u>Focus on the Finish— Faith Challenges</u> Catheryne Porter	
High School	<u>Teen Topics</u> Eddie Haselden	<u>Teen Topics</u> Stefano Mugnaini
Auditorium	<u>Hebrews</u> Stefano Mugnaini	<u>Sermon on the Mount</u> Eddie Haselden
		<u>Ladies Bible Class</u> Carla Haselden & Louise Rogers



Happy Birthday!

9/5
David & Frances Wakeland
9/5
Ronnie & Sharon Rush
9/1
Sandy Dee Verdie Whitson Aydra McComb
9/2
Lois Ott
9/4
Lloyd McLawhorn
9/6
Lisa Thornley

Bulletin Board

Gospel Meeting

Where: St. Helena Church of Christ
231 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
St. Helena Island, SC

When: September 7-9

Speaker: Fulton Smith from Lake City Church of Christ

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

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

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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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