



Reflections

“The Bible” by Stefano Mugnaini

Solzhenitsyn once wrote: “The greatest way to take away from the truth is to add something to it.” Seemingly a paradox, Solzhenitsyn's point was that it has often been the task of historians to embellish and rewrite history to suit the purposes of the victors, thus silencing the voice of truth. Ecclesiastical History grants numerous examples to reinforce the truth of this statement. And the Bible issues numerous warnings against any monkeying with its words.

The Old Testament book of Deuteronomy and the Revelation of John both caution against addition to or subtraction from the law of God. The location of these warnings is significant; Deuteronomy closes the books of the Law written by Moses; Revelation marks the end of the New Testament (both Chronologically and Theologically).

“You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you might keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I am commanding you.” Deuteronomy 4:2

“I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them God will add to him the plagues written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city which are written in this book.” Revelation 22:18-19

It is true of both of these passages that their original application is to the prophecies which they accompany; but the principle they establish applies to the entirety of God's word. If the entirety of the Old Law was sacred, why would the Law of Christ be any less so? Christians from the

earliest time have recognized the supremacy of Christ and His law; it is no less immutable than was the old.

These warnings are written that we might be constantly aware of what we hold in our hands when we take up a copy of the Bible. What we read is not simply a copyright of this or that publisher, but the very mind of God, revealed through His chosen scribes. Let us always remember that the Bible is not just an old book, but the holy word of a holy God. Set apart from other writings, it has the power to lead us to salvation; let us treat it with reverence it is due; study it, absorb it, learn it; and be changed by its message; but never change the message to suit our own wishes.

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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 10-12-08**

**Elder for the Month
of October**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 74
AM Worship: 143
PM Worship: 54
Wednesday Evening: 70
Contribution: 4,073.00

Larry Casbeer: 795-0429



*Preparing communion: Ruby & Tina Cooper
Baptismal Garments: Andrea Hanlon*

Announcements:

Larry Casbeer

Song Service:

Royce Akers

Opening Prayer:

Durwood Collins

Communion:

John Such

Sermon:

Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:

Arnold Walden



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*

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.

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

Ruby Cooper was diagnosed with lung cancer. She will be having surgery on Wednesday, October 29th at MUSC to remove part of her right lung.



Military Member

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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.

Duke Gregory, Doris & Janie's brother, is scheduled to have heart surgery. Manchester Health Care Center Room 309 395 Interstate Drive Manchester, TN 37355

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

James Michael Lamm was in an accident and broke his leg and both feet. He had surgery on September 24th and is recuperating. He is scheduled to

have 5 more operations to repair his leg.

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.

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 Bible Class

The ladies meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the annex for Bible study.

Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class

The ladies are starting a new book in the Wednesday night ladies class. The book is titled *Conquering Your Giants: Overcoming Your Fears with Faith*, by Nancy Eichman.

Nursery

There is an attended nursery for anyone who is interested. If you

would like to volunteer in the nursery, please sign the sheet in the foyer on the bulletin board.

Ghana Church

The church in Ghana is in need of a concrete floor that will cost about \$1000.00.

If you would like to make a contribution, please give a check to Eddie or one of the elders.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men will meet on November 8th at 9:00 am for breakfast and a time of prayer.



Happy Birthday!

10/27

Jane Snyder

11/02

Ronnie Rush

Trunk or Treat...

Following the evening service on Wednesday, October 29th, children 12 and under will have an opportunity to wear costumes and collect candy from the trunks of our cars. If you

would like to participate in this activity, please bring a bag of candy.

Southeastern Children's Home

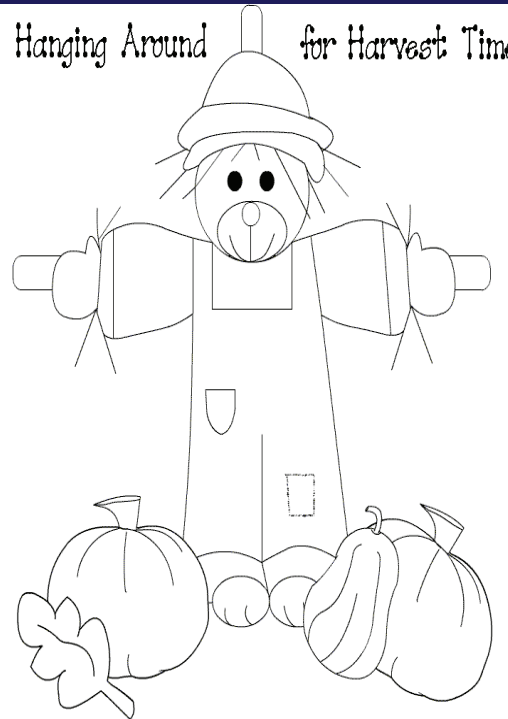
Essex Village has agreed to sponsor two teenagers from Southeastern Children's home for Christmas. Their names are Chris (17) & Will (14).

gifts. All contributions need to be made by December 7th. Gifts may be left on the table in the foyer and contributions given to Christine.

If you would like to buy a gift, the wish list is on the bulletin board or you may contribute money to help purchase the

Coloring Activity for Children

Hanging Around for Harvest Time



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"Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus ordered. So all of them--the men alone numbered five thousand--sat down on the grassy slopes. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and passed them out to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate until they were full. "Now gather the leftovers," Jesus told his disciples, "so that nothing is wasted." There were only five barley loaves to start with, but twelve baskets were filled with the pieces of bread the people did not eat! When the people saw this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!" Jesus saw that they were ready to take him by force and make him king, so he went higher into the hills alone.

Feeding 5,000 - Underlined

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