



Reflections

“Eagerness” by Stefano Mugnaini

Retailers, hoping to squeeze every dime out of their top season, attempt to push the start of holiday shopping father back each year. Costco rolled out some of the Christmas items before Halloween. Home Depot had a Christmas light exchange, where you could trade old lights for new LED lights on the first week of November. I fully expect that a day is coming when Shelli will let me leave the Christmas lights up all year round, because such will become the norm.

I absolutely love the Fall holidays. If you ask Ray Boynton how he’s doing, he is likely to say “this is one of my best days.” That’s how I feel from November to January. This may be because of the fact that both Thanksgiving and

Christmas are food-centric holidays. More likely it is because this is the time of year when we are generally assured of seeing most of the family. Whatever the reason, I look forward to the coming seasons with the same eagerness, as an adult, that I had as a child in expectation of gifts.

Which made me think. As Christians, how eagerly to we look forward to the things of God? The book of Revelation ends with these words: “The one who testifies to these things say Yes, I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.” Let us recognize John’s statement for what it is. Not a solemn affirmation of the truth that the Lord is returning, but a plea to make haste. He is really saying hurry up!

I fear that sometimes

we lose our sense of urgency and the eagerness to be about the Father’s business. We tend to fall into the mindset that we will all die and then way down the road the Lord will return; such dulls our expectation and softens our resolve. It is an oft-asked question, but still valid: What would you do differently if you knew the Lord was coming back in a week? Would you still only attend one service? Would you leave the Bible on the shelf? Would you put off making the decision either to become a Christian or to deepen your commitment?

Let us live every day as if knowing the Lord was coming soon. As if every day was the day of salvation and the day of judgment. Let us be mindful of the

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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 11-16-08**

**Elder for the Month
of November**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 64
AM Worship: 115
PM Worship: 55
Wednesday Evening: 51
Contribution: 3324.00

David Wakeland 766-3601



*Preparing communion: Jim & Esther Lamm
Baptismal Garments: Ona White*

Announcements:
David Wakeland
Song Service:
Keith Dee
Opening Prayer:
Durwood Collins
Communion:
Jim Lamm
Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
George 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*

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.

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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.

Emily Fowler, Scott Fowler's

mother, has some health problems and would like our prayers.

Duke Gregory, Doris and Janie's brother, has been moved back to Manchester Health Care, in Manchester, TN. He is improving each day.

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

Clara Haselden will be taking chemo again. Please keep her in your prayers.

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 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.



Thank you!

Dear Essex Village,

Thanks so much for the flowers. They are really pretty.

Evelyn Pack

Here's What is Happening...

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.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving baskets will be given only to members of Essex Village. If you would like to contribute to this effort or need a basket, please see Jim Lamm.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is running low, if you would like to contribute we

could use the following items: canned meats & vegetables, jelly & grits or oatmeal. Thank you!

Christmas Lights

Everyone is invited to go to the James Island Light Show on December 12th. We have a pavilion for a cookout. Please join us for a fun night out. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Prayer Breakfast

The men will meet for breakfast and time spent in prayer on Saturday, December 13th.



Happy Anniversary!

11/28

Eddie & Carla
Haselden

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).

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 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.



Happy Thanksgiving!



Happy Birthday!

11/23

Kelli Akers

11/27

Ramy Basnillo

11/30

Stacy Boris

"Eagerness" continued...

words of Paul in Philippians 3:20-21 : "20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has

even to subject all things to Himself.

Bulletin Board

5th Annual Ladies' Day

Where: Church of Christ at Johns Island

When: January 23rd & 24th

Theme: "Too Blessed to be Stressed"

Speaker: Deborah Houston from Rochester, NY

Friday Evening: Song Fest

Saturday: Interactive spiritual discussions

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

Lectureship Series

Where: St. George Church of Christ

When: December 7th

Speaker: Kyle Butt

This will be an all day series of lessons. There will be two in the morning at 10 & 11. Following a break for a meal, in which all are invited, there will be four lessons starting at 1:00 pm.

Ladies' Day

Where: Azalea Drive Church of Christ

When: December 13th

Theme: "The Fruit of the Spirit"

Speaker: Sis. Mitilda Gibbon

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

ELDERS

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Activities

Jim Lamm 556-6756

Benevolence

Lloyd McLawhorn 556-6709

Worship

Roddy Akers 559-3565

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Larry Polutta 795-5266

World Bible School

Bill Ragland 556-6711

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Hilton Googe 766-4670

Lynn Smallwood 766-8579

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Youth Activities

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