



Reflections

“Daniel’s Message” by Stefano Mugnaini

On Sunday nights, we have been studying Daniel. For a few weeks, I began to feel like a broken record; the message of the early chapters is essentially one. That message, however, is crucial; both to the prophetic sections of the book and to the rest of the Bible. Daniel hammers this theme, he proclaims it before pagan kings. It is perhaps best phrased by Nebuchadnezzar himself in chapter 4:2-3:

It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the Most High God has done for me.

"How great are His signs and how mighty are His wonders!

His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and His do-

minion is from generation to generation.

The eternal dominion of God is the theme of Daniel, and is perhaps the most crucial message of the scriptures. It is the essential truth which undergirds our faith. It determines the manner in which we approach His throne, the doctrine which we preach, the fundamental truth which we proclaim. Recognition of the Sovereignty, the Lordship, and dominion of God is the basis for all we believe.

Because of this aspect of God’s nature we recognize that we approach Him as a lesser party bowing before a greater. We understand worship as figuratively bowing before a king. We approach God, not on the basis of our own holiness or

greatness, but on the basis of His righteousness and Grace.

We proclaim His truth because it is the only irrefutable truth; we believe his promises because they are the only irrevocable promises. We cry out the name of Jesus because ***“there is salvation in no one else; there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”*** --Acts 4:12

We dare not subject our message to the dictates of human wisdom, because it did not originate with man; we cannot save ourselves. Only God can save us. This is the truth of Daniel, and it is the essential thread that binds all Scripture together: Our God, He is Lord.

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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 02-01-09**

**Elder for the Month
of February**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 66
AM Worship: 126
PM Worship: 55
Wednesday Evening: 48
Contribution: 4,069.00

David Wakeland: 766-3601



Announcements:
David Wakeland
Song Service:
Royce Akers
Opening Prayer:
Andy Streets
Communion:
Rick Porter
Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
George Brown

*Preparing communion: Rose Ann Such
Baptismal Garments: Carla Haselden*



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.

Ray Brown, Herman & Michelle's neighbor, fractured his neck and will have to wear a halo for 4 months.

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.

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 has started her chemo again. Please keep her in your prayers.

Betty Kuban, Michelle Porter's aunt, has cancer.

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.

Gil & Val Mabry: Ann Stander requested prayers for them. Ann is a member of the Church and attends in LaVergne, TN. Gil has cancer and is receiving treatments.

Thomas Matherly, Clara Haselden's brother, was diagnosed with cancer and is receiving chemo.

Nell McIntire has cancer and is the sister of Lois Ott.

Jim Moore has cancer. He attends Chesapeake Church of Christ.

Gertrude Rivers, Clara Haselden's sister-in-law, has pancreatic cancer.

Marcia Steckle, a friend of Sharon Rush, had a mastectomy and is recovering at home.

Here's What is Happening...

Contribution Reports

If you would like an annual contribution report for income tax purposes, please make your request in writing and give to Eddie.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

All of the men are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 14th at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Youth Seminar...

Stefano & Shelli are interested in taking the Middle School & High School age students to Valdosta, GA on February 20th—22nd for a Youth Seminar. If you are interested, please see Stefano for more information.

Work Days ...

We are blessed to have so many who give of their time to work around the building. With this in mind, we have scheduled 2 work days when everyone can come and enjoy working together. Please mark your calendars for April 11th for a Spring work day and September 12th for a Fall work day.

Concordance

We have purchased a Strong's Concordance for Mary Beth Christy. It has been placed on the table in the foyer for everyone to have an opportunity to sign before we give it to her.

Thank you...

Essex Village Church of Christ,

The family of Howard Rorrer acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Beth Rorrer



Happy Anniversary!

2/14

Bill & Nancy
Ross

Arnold & Nancy
Walden



Happy Birthday!

2/10

Twylah Ricker

Ernestine Jones

2/11

Natasha Streets

2/15

Beverly Boynton

Bulletin Board

Youth Enrichment Seminar

Date: February 20th, 21st, & 22nd
Theme: Help Me to Grow Closer to God
Where: Forrest Park Church of Christ
4263 Inner Perimeter Road
Valdosta, GA 31602

Retirement Reception

You are invited to attend an afternoon reception in honor of David R. Pharr on the occasion of his retirement on Saturday, February 21 at 3:00 pm at the Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ.
RSVP 803-327-7853

11th Annual Carolina Men's Fellowship

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2009
Where: Gold Hill Road Church of Christ
Fort Mill, SC Telephone # 803-548-7762
Sponsored by Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ in Rock Hill, SC

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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