



Reflections

“Personal Line to God” by Stefano Mugnaini

Insomnia sometimes has its advantages.

Late night television can always be counted on for something strange. Last night, I was watching a program I thought was about gardening. Without warning, gardening was pushed aside for a segment about meditation.

The special guest and "meditation expert" was the author of a book about fitting meditation into your day. Several comments caught my attention.

"Meditation is shown to lower blood pressure...You can make time to meditate while you're commuting, walking up the stairs, or even in the restroom."

Initially I thought "She could be talking

about prayer." As the rant continued, it occurred to me that there is one crucial difference between mediation and prayer. The goal of meditation is escape, not communion. In meditation, the goal is to empty one's mind of conscious thought, to become blank and unconcerned, to forget the world and thus rise above it to a peaceful state. It is motivated by a desire to escape, rather than deal with, reality.

Prayer is different. Through prayer, we attempt to deal with, rather than escape, the troubles of this life. Our goal is communion with a living, personal God; not a mystical desire to escape reality. Prayer is not separation from reality, but preparation to face it.

But how much time do we truly devote to prayer? How often do we remember that God is always listening, that any time is a good time to speak to Him?

A few years ago, a movie was made about Dennis Byrd. Byrd was a football player for the New York Jets who was paralyzed in a game, but gradually recovered and learned to walk again. Byrd was known for his faith. One of the coaches in the movie, said "he prays like he has a personal line to God."

That has always stuck with me. Each of us, as Christians, has a personal line to God. How often are we on it?

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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 07-26-09**

**Elder for the Month
of August**

**Program of
Worship**

*Helen Embry
Mark Embry
Leonard McNeill
Lois Ott*

Bible Classes: 63
AM Worship: 123
PM Worship: 60
Wednesday Evening: 45
Contribution: 3,648.00

Larry Casbeer: 795-0429



Announcements:
Larry Casbeer
Song Service:
Keith Dee
Opening Prayer:
John Jenkins, Jr.
Communion:
Hilton Googe
Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
George Brown



Preparing communion: Sandy Dee
Baptismal Garments: Ginnie Fowler

Military
*Robert Bagley
Kristopher Black
Adam Bowles
Chris Branham
Adam Carlucci
Russell Coble
Ryne Collins
James Dalton
Mark Fiorey
Ellis Flenoid
Steven Hilton
Michael Hilton
Matthew Lemieux
Katie McCaskill
Kevin Mitchell
Scott O'Connor
Shawn Reynolds*



We Are Praying For...

Larry Cooper, Ruby's son, has 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.

Clara Haselden is receiving chemo treatments.

Val Mabry, Ann Mabry Standefer's aunt, has Alzheimer's.

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

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

Bethany Pahl, Jessie Boozer Pahl's cousin, is having complications due to her recent surgery.

Ronnie Rush had surgery on June 22nd to replace both knees.

Louise Shaw, co-worker of Natasha Streets. Louise's husband is very ill.

Sam & Barbara Truscello, Raymond Boynton's neighbors, are in need of prayers. Sam has health problems and Barbara is the caregiver.

Mille Turley, extended family member of Ray & Ellen Brown, had cardiac surgery to repair an aneurysm and valve issue. She is having complications and recovering slowly.

Here Is What Is Happening...

Concordance

David, Angie & David Michael have moved to Durham, NC. As a parting gift, we would like to give them a concordance. It has been placed on the table for everyone to sign.

Ice Cream Social

We will be having our annual ice cream social on following the evening services on August 9th. If you

have a churn, please bring it. Everyone else is asked to bring their favorite flavor, toppings or dessert.

VBS 2010

We are looking for 3 volunteers to plan our VBS for 2010. If you are interested, there is a sign up sheet in the foyer.



Happy Birthday!

Thank you...

Dear Essex Village,

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Thank you so much for praying and visiting Gil and Val Mabry during

Gil's last months. Your caring and sharing God's word were a great comfort to both of them.

Again thank you and may God bless all of you.

The family of
Gilbert Mabry

Thank you...

Dear Essex Village Church of Christ,

A very Special thank you for being so very thoughtful!

Ladies, I sure miss the kindness and love you show to all. It was truly and honor to study, learn and pray with you all. I will be getting my computer set up soon and will be able to follow along with you. Thank you for your prayers for both Bill

and myself. We love Essex Village and miss all there.

Love,
Nancy Ross



In the Mail...

The latest edition of *Idea Shop* has arrived. They have been placed on the table in the foyer for anyone that would like a copy.



- 8/1
Diana Byrd
- Nina Fowler
- 8/2
David Schooff
- 8/3
Keith Dee
- 8/5
Tradd Morrow
- 8/7
Larry Polk

Bulletin Board

Fun Day with Moncks Corner Church of Christ

Where: Hampton Park

When: August 8th Time: Noon—6PM

Enjoy singing, softball, activities for the kids & fun for the entire family.

Back to School Blow Out

Theme: "How High Will You Climb"

Date: August 7th– 9th

Where: Duncan Church of Christ

1234 Danzler Road

Duncan, SC 29334

Speaker: Paul Kirkpatrick

Gospel Meeting

Where: Folly Road Church of Christ

When: August 9th—August 13

Time: 7:30 pm

North Charleston Church of Christ Homecoming

When: September 5th & 6th

Saturday drop-in at Fort Dorchester High School located off Patriot Blvd. at 4:00 pm—9:00 pm. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship service will be held at FDHS.

Mid-Atlantic Evangelism Seminar

Where: Brooks Avenue Church of Christ

700 Brooks Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27607

Theme: Leave No One Behind

Date: September 18-20, 2009

ELDERS

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Benevolence

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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

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Youth Activities

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