



Reflections

“A Study in the Word” by Stefano Mugnaini

I woke up early in the morning and happened to turn on the television and catch the Jimmy Swaggart television show ironically titled “A Study in The Word.” Ironic because Swaggart seemingly did all he could to avoid actually studying the Word of God.

Along with his two guests, he described the process by which “the Antichrist” would tear down the Muslim dome of the rock, broker a peace treaty between the Jewish and Muslim worlds, and then destroy Israel. He would accomplish this by unknown means, but Swaggart felt strongly that it would be due to his great intelligence. His guest agreed, attributing this to a “demonic anointing,” and emphasizing that “The Antichrist” would have an advantage due to his being “half Muslim and half

Jewish.” That ended the segment; Swaggart then started selling books and CDs.

Never mind the fact that the scriptures never actually use the term “Antichrist” in reference to a future individual. Disregard that the term is explicitly defined by John as a designation applicable to a number of people living in his day. (1 John 2:18) Or that the term is descriptive of “anyone who denies Christ as having come in the flesh.” (1 John 2:22) Or that nothing is said in scripture about the Muslim religion which was still about 500 years from being founded. Or that Swaggart is basically a lunatic.

What really bothered me was this: a television show called “A Study in The Word” could feature three

panelists and thirty minutes of discourse and never get around to actually looking at the Bible.

I think this is telling of the general mindset of the religious world in our day. The concept of serious Bible study has been replaced by a vague discussion of general religious ideas, or a session of apocalyptic speculation more reminiscent of a sci-fi movie than a religious observance.

Perhaps this is why religious hucksters and purveyors of positive self image can swell their churches and sell their merchandise, while our society races toward utter destruction by means of our own lusts.

We must not listen to self-proclaimed experts dispensing religious sounding words; we

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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 09-27-09**

**Elder for the Month
of October**

**Program of
Worship**

*Helen Embry
Mark Embry
Polly Fowler
Leonard McNeill
Lois Ott*

Bible Classes: 66
AM Worship: 119
PM Worship: 39
Wednesday Evening: 63
Contribution: 3,393.00

Larry Casbeer: 795-0429



Announcements:
Eddie Haselden
Song Service:
Royce Akers
Opening Prayer:
Ron Herman
Communion:
John Jenkins, Jr.
Serving:
Durwood Collins
Arnold Walden
Bill Ragland
Eric Zink
Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
Ray Brown



Preparing communion: Jim & Esther Lamm
Baptismal Garments: Faye Spence

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.

Judy Cox, the mother of Natasha's friend, has advanced stage 4 colon cancer. She is receiving chemo treatments.

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.

Jean Hilton had knee surgery and is recuperating at home.

Esther Lamm had surgery and is recuperating at home.

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

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

Lloyd (Mac) McLawhorn had heart surgery on Monday, August 24th at Roper Hospital. He is recuperating nicely.

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

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

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.

Here Is What Is Happening...

Ladies Bible Class

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men will be meeting for breakfast and time spent in prayer on Saturday, October 10th at 9:00 am.

House to House, Heart to Heart

Please be sure to pick up the latest edition of *House to House, Heart to Heart*. It has been placed on the table in the foyer. We also receive a number of tracts each month that you can share with your friends and neighbors.



Happy Anniversary!

10/10

Rusty & Lori
Akers

10/11

Bill & Pam
Ragland

10/12

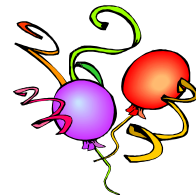
Royce & Doris
Akers

Baptism...

We rejoice that Krystal Scott, daughter of Kenneth & Debra Scott, was baptized into Christ on Sunday, September 20th. Please keep Krystal in your prayers as she continues to study and grow in God's word.

Trunk or Treat...

Following the evening service on Wednesday, October 28th, children 12 and under will have an opportunity to collect candy from the trunks of our cars. If you would like to participate in this activity, please bring a bag of candy.



Happy Birthday!

10/10

Roddy Akers
Claire Moulton

10/16

Mary Ann Googe
Damien Scott

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must pore over the revelation of God for ourselves. We must come to know and understand Him through serious study of his word, lest we lose sight of truth. Too many Christians are content to take someone else's word as the authority for our faith, and lose sight of the only word that truly matters.

Let us daily spend time in study of the Word of God.

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Stefano, Shelli & Siena will be out of town from October 5th—11th. Stefano will be attending a class and the family will be traveling with him. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Bulletin Board

Singles Retreat at PBC

This is for people of any age who've never been married, are engaged, are divorced/separated or widowed.

Date: October 23rd-25th

Theme: Single Minded

Speaker: Ross Jordon

Place: Palmetto Bible Camp

Cost: \$50 (including lodging & four meals)

Registration deadline is October 9, 2009

Central Singles Mission: To grow disciples by providing opportunities for Christian fellowship, promoting participation with the larger church, spurring on another on in good works and encouraging a closer relationship to God.

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

St. Andrews Church of Christ

Ladies' Day

Saturday, October 17th

9:00 am—1:00 pm

Theme: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

Speaker: Casandra Martin from Spring, Texas. She is a noted author, speaker and educator.

Registration: 9:00 am

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for anyone that would like to go.

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