



Reflections

“Remembrance” By: Stefano Mugnaini

I had a friend in college who carried a note from his uncle in his wallet. This was not because it was encouraging or because they were especially close; it was not that the note called to memory some special event. It was for motivation.

The note came from a man who could barely read or write; this friend of mine was the first in his family to attend college, and possibly the first to even finish high school. Keep in mind, I graduated in 2001; this wasn't that long ago. The letter from the uncle was almost illegible due to the spelling. It was a memento from a past that he didn't want to relive; a piece of negative nostalgia.

The past is a powerful motivator. Many of the really great things we do are driven by our past; we accomplish

much out of a desire to learn from our mistakes and grow from our failings.

Perhaps this is why so much of the Bible urges the reader to remember. Moses constantly entreated the people to remember their deliverance from Egypt, the covenant God made with them, His abiding presence, and their great sin. New Testament writers called for their audience to remember the failings of their forefathers and the word's of the prophets that they might not repeat the mistakes of Israel's past.

And one of the focal points of Christian worship, the Lord's Supper; is it not a time for remembrance and reflection?

There is a question with which I have often struggled: “Why the

cross?” Why was it necessary for God to accomplish His saving purpose by means of the most brutal and tortuous death ever devised by the wickedness of men?

I think part of the answer lies in this idea of remembrance. When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, what was His message? As Paul stated in 1 Corinthians 11:

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way he

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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 12-13-09**

**Elder for the Month
of December**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 75
AM Worship: 116
PM Worship: 52
Wednesday Evening: 55
Contribution: 2,850.00

Larry Casbeer: 795-0429



Announcements:
Larry Casbeer

Song Service:
Roddy Akers

Opening Prayer:
Ron Herman

Communion:
Deron Casbeer

Serving:
Larry Polutta
Larry Polk
Ray Brown
Ray Boynton

Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:
Ray Boynton



Preparing communion: Ginnie Fowler

Baptismal Garments: Christine Herman

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...

Debbie, Steve McLawhorn's sister & Mac & Agnes' daughter, is at home. Please continue to pray for her and the family.

Larry Cooper, Ruby's son, has lung cancer.

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

Maxine Doll has some health problems and would like our prayers. Maxine is Pam Ragland's mother.

Edia Juan Fagan had test ran and is waiting for results.

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.

Eloise Hinrichs, Carla's grandmother, had a heart attack . She was released from the hospital and is recuperating at home.

Esther Lamm is having some health problems.

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

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

Louise Shaw, co-worker of Na-

tasha 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.

David Wakeland had heart valve replacement surgery on Wednesday, November 18th at Roper Hospital. He is recuperating at home.

Verdie Whitson is in room 4038 at Roper Hospital.

Paul Quesenberry, Clara Haselden's nephew, had surgery to remove a tumor on his spine and is in serious condition.

Bible Bowl...

If you would like to provide Sunday dinners, drinks, or a monetary donation for drinks and snacks for the Bible Bowl Studiers during the months of Jan & Feb, please talk to Sandy Dee so that she can tell you the available Sundays.

Thanks for all your support!

Thank you...

I would like to thank the Essex Village congregation for all the cards, calls, prayers and flowers sent me while I've been recuperating from my heart surgery. Your kindness and concern shown last Sunday on my return to services was encouraging and greatly appreciated. The love and concern we show toward one another is truly a beautiful example of "The love of Christ dwelling in you richly".

David

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took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

We need not carry some trinket or emblem to remember the price that was paid for our soul's salvation, but we are called to be con-

Directory Update...

Eddie Haselden has a new work number. Please be sure to update your directory. The number is 958-5012.

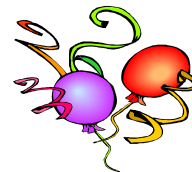
House to House...

The latest edition of *House to House, Heart to Heart* has arrived. Along with the news letter, they sent a number of tracts. The news letter and the tracts have all been placed on the table in the foyer. Please pick some up to give to your friends and neighbors.



Happy Anniversary!

12/31
Ron & Christine
Herman



Happy Birthday!

12/20
Ethan Dee
Marvin Woudwyk

12/21
Sarah Polk

12/22
Peggy McLawhorn

12/29
Eric Zink

stantly mindful of it. We gather for worship to remember the cross; its horror and brutality and suffering, but also the love which drove Jesus the Christ to it.

Let us keep this message seared into our hearts and minds that we might be driven to serve Him above all else.

Bulletin Board

Great Smokey Mountain Marriage Retreat

When: February 17-20, 2010

Where: Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn Conference Center

Theme: "Joy in the Journey-Celebrating God's Gift of Matrimony"

The retreat is sponsored by the Jacksonville church of Christ

325 Nisbet Street, Jacksonville, AL 36265

RSVP: If possible, please register by contacting 256-435-9356 or

info@jvillecoc.org to let us know you are attending.

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