

January 10, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reflections

“Who Is Jesus?” *By: Stefano Mugnaini*

Who is Jesus? This question has been asked by people throughout the world, both in our time and in the first century. Indeed, it was the question of identity that put Him in conflict with the religious establishment of the day.

In Luke 5:21, we read that the Pharisees and Scribes asked "Who is this that speaks Blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" When Herod, in Luke 9, heard of His preaching and healing, he wondered who He was, whether a risen John the Baptizer or Elijah. He said: "John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?" When the Pharisees came across a man whose eyes Jesus had opened, they said to him: "we are disciples of Moses, but as to this man, we

know not where he is from." In this case, they meant that they did not know who he was. Even His disciples asked: "who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" This is a question that was wrangled over by His followers and enemies, disciples and critics.

It is not insignificant, then, that Jesus asked the same question of His followers in Matthew 16: "13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You

are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

Many answers were proposed to the question, but Peter gave the only one that counted: "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." This indicates that there was a) only One Savior and b) only one Living God. This message carries with it several implications for us today. If there is but one God, and one Savior (as that is what Christ means), then there is but ONE path to salvation. As phrased by Paul, this is to be "In Christ Jesus." This means abiding in

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Sunday
Class: 9:00 am
Worship: 10:00 am
Worship: 6:00 pm
Wednesday
7:00 pm



**For the Record
Week of 01-03-10**

**Elder for the Month
of January**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 67
AM Worship: 112
PM Worship: 63
Wednesday Evening: 54
Contribution: 4,863.00

Howard Streets 766-7727



Announcements:
Howard Streets

Song Service:
Roddy Akers

Opening Prayer:
John Such

Communion:
John Jenkins, Jr.

Serving:
Chuck Spence
Eric Zink
Tex Patton
Bill Ragland

Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:
Jack Crabtree



Preparing communion: Doris Akers

Baptismal Garments: Christine Herman

Military

*Robert Bagley
Kristopher Black
Adam Bowles
Chris Branham
Adam Carlucci
Russell Coble
Ryne Collins
James Dalton
Ellis Flenoid
Steven Hilton
Michael Hilton
Matthew Lemieux
Katie McCaskill
Derrick Menrique
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, is doing much better now. Thank you for your prayers.

Esther Lamm is having some health problems.

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

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

Louise Shaw, co-worker of Natasha Streets. Louise's hus-

band 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 having some health problems.

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

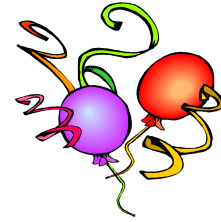
Here is what is happening...

Contribution Reports

If you would like an annual contribution report for tax purposes, please put it in writing and give to Eddie.

Soup Kitchen

If you would like to help prepare lunch at the soup kitchen on Monday, January 25th, please see Raymond Boynton.



Happy Birthday!

1/11

**Siena Mugnaini
Sharon Rush**

1/12

Violet Blackburn

House to House...

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 along with new tracts for you to share with your friends and neighbors.

2010 Calendars...

The 2010 pocket calendars have arrived and are on the table in the foyer. Please be sure to pick up a few to share with family, friends and neighbors.

Article continued...

His teaching, humbling ourselves before Him and being obedient to His gospel. The truth of the matter is that it is not enough to know WHO Christ is. It is what we do with that knowledge that can make the difference between Heaven and Hell.

Directory Update...

Bill & Nancy Ross have moved to Ohio and bought a house. Here is their new address for your directories:

9758 Rosedale MC Road
Irwin, Ohio
43029-9511

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!

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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