

February 21 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reflections

“Separation of Church & State, Part 3” *By: Stefano Mugnaini*

Jefferson wrote “I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should ‘make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,’ thus **building a wall of separation between Church & State**”

Just as it is useful to consider how Madison understood the “Establishment Clause,” so it is essential to understand Jefferson’s view of the “separation of Church and State,” since he is responsible for the phrase.

It should be noted that a strong argument could be made that Thomas Jefferson was not a particularly pious man. His moral failings and skeptical tendencies have been widely promoted; so his original intent is much more significant.

The letter containing the phrase “separation of church and state” was written by Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association, assuring them that their free exercise of religion would not be impinged. Much like the Second Amendment (the right to bear arms), the idea was the preservation and protection of a right, not the prohibition of one.

Jefferson was also outspoken and clear in his opposition to a church-sponsored religion that superimposed its will on the people. Jefferson stated that he was unequivocally opposed to the government endorsing a state or national religion, much like the system that so many of our Founding Fathers left behind in England. “I am for freedom of religion, and against all maneuvers to bring about a legal ascendancy of one sect over another” (Jefferson, 1799). Jefferson was especially opposed to any manifestation of entanglement of church and State where the church assumes the role of civil government. “But a short time elapsed after the death of the great reformer of the Jewish religion [i.e., Jesus], before his principles were departed from by those who professed to be his special servants, and perverted into an engine for enslaving mankind, and aggrandizing their oppressors in Church and State” (Jefferson, 1810).

Jefferson was not an enemy of religion; rather, he embraced and promoted

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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 02-14-10**

**Elder for the Month
of February**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 55
AM Worship: 101
PM Worship: 51
Wednesday Evening: 53
Contribution: 2,934.00

Larry Casbeer 795-0429



Announcements:
Larry Casbeer

Song Service:
Keith Dee

Opening Prayer:
Eddie Haselden

Communion:
Hilton Googe

Serving:
Durwood Collins
John Such
Andy Streets
Herman Porter

Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:
Ray Brown



Preparing communion: Rose Ann Such

Baptismal Garments: Carla Haselden

Military
*Robert Bagley
Kristopher Black
RJ Boris
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*



We Are Praying For...

Doris Akers is at home recuperating from knee surgery.

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 was admitted to Methodist Hospital in Omaha this week for possible heart problems. Maxine is Pam Ragland's mother.

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 to a medical facility in McMinnville, TN. He seems to be doing well and has been able to preach occasionally at the facility. He cannot write with his right hand since he had the stroke, but he is dealing with it. Thanks for everyone's prayers.

NHC Healthcare
928 Old Smithville Road
Room 213A
McMinnville, TN 37110
Tel # 931-474-2929

Clara Haselden is receiving chemo treatments.

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.

Franklin Rivers, Clara Haselden's brother-in-law, has been released from the hospital and is recuperating at home. Thank you for praying.

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

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...

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

The ladies will meet for class on Tuesday, February 24th at 10:00 am.

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, February 22nd, please see Raymond Boynton.

Congregational Lunch

We will have a congregational lunch on Sunday, February 28th following the morning service.



Happy Anniversary!

2/22

Durwood & Lara
Collins

Placing Membership... Thank you...

We would like to welcome Matthew & Sylvia Panos. They have expressed their desire to worship and work with us at Essex Village. Their address is listed below for you to add to your directories.

Matthew & Sylvia Panos
P. O. Box 1312
Johns Island, SC 29457

Telephone: 843-230-0693

To Essex Village Family,

Your kindness meant a lot.

Thanks for the beautiful flower basket, the calls, food and prayers. I hope to be out soon.

God Bless,
Doris Akers



Happy Birthday!

2/21

Louise Rogers

2/22

Lara Collins

Durwood Collins

2/27

Cleatus Tucker

Cindy Monroe

Bible Bowl...

Please remember to pray for and encourage our Bible Bowl participants as they travel to Columbia and represent Essex Village in the Bible Bowl.

Adult Team One

Nancy Morrow, Tina Cooper, Lara Collins, Nancy Walden

Adult Team Two

Eddie Haselden, Carla Haselden, Eric Zink, Keith Dee

Adult Team Three

Ethan Dee, Catherine Porter, Amanda Smith, Derron Casbeer

Teen Team

Stacy Boris, Diane Lamm, Mathew Collins, Stephanie Dee

Pre-teen Team One

Grace Haselden, Shayla Collins, Courtney Morrow, Jordan Cooper

Pre-Teen Team Two

Jonathan Akers, Grace Akers, Eddie Haselden III

Seniors Team

Jim Lamm, John Such, Donna Porter, Larry Polk

Chief of Support

Sandy Dee

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religion. In his first inaugural address, Jefferson, like Madison, linked national prosperity to a national dependence on God and religion:

Let us, then, ...enlightened by a benign religion, professed, indeed, and practiced in various forms, yet all of them inculcating honesty, truth, temperance, gratitude, and the love of man; acknowledging and adoring an overruling Providence, which by all its dispensations proves that it delights in the happiness of man here and his greater happiness hereafter—with all these blessings, what more is necessary to make us a happy and a prosperous people? (Jefferson, 1801).

In his second inaugural address, Jefferson made similar statements, but with a clearer endorsement of the God of the Bible:

I shall need, too, the favor of that Being in whose hands we are, who led our forefathers, as Israel of old, from their native land, and planted them in a country flowing with all the necessaries and comforts of life; who has covered our infancy with his providence, and our riper years with his wisdom and power; and to whose goodness I ask you to join with me in supplications, that he will so enlighten the minds of your servants, guide their councils, and prosper their measures, that whatsoever they do, shall result in your good, and shall secure to you the peace, friendship, and approbation of all nations (Jefferson, 1805).

The intent of the founders, clearly, was to seek to encourage the free and open expression of religious faith, particularly Christianity; never to demonize or forbid its open expression in the public square. –Adapted from K. Cain, J.D.

ELDERS

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Stefano Mugnaini 329-3704

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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
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