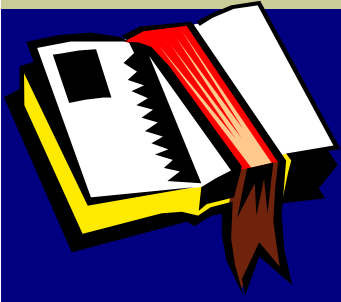


Sunday

February 28, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reflections

“Yawning at the Word, Part 1” *By: Mark Gallio*

This is another two-part article that I didn't write, but I found it interesting.

When I preach, I often quote the Bible to drive home my point. I think it more persuasive to show that what I'm saying is not merely my opinion but a consistent theme of Scripture. And to avoid the impression that I'm proof-texting or lifting verses out of context, I quote longer passages—anywhere from 2 to 6 verses.

When I did this at one church, a staff member whom I'd asked for feedback between services told me to cut down on the Scripture quotations. "You'll lose people," he said.

I understood the reality he was addressing, and so I scratched out the biblical references for the next sermon. But lately I'm beginning to question that move, and wondering, Why have we become so impatient and bored with the Word of God? I ask this not in a scolding tone, but in wonderment, not to point fingers, for I wonder at myself as well.

Another example of this phenomenon: Recently in an adult Sunday school class, I heard a detailed and persuasive lecture on a biblical theology of creation. Rather than reading Genesis 1 and just waxing eloquent from that point on, the teacher patiently read passage after passage to demonstrate how central creation is in the Bible even after Genesis, especially in the covenant God made with his people. After class, the moderator for the class suggested that, for the following week, the teacher make room for questions; he suggested the teacher cut down on the reading of so many Bible verses as this would save time and, it was strongly implied, would better hold people's interest.

Anyone who's been in the preaching and teaching business knows these are not isolated examples but represent the larger reality. We teachers and preachers are well aware of how easily listeners get bored. And we recognize that, when it comes to good teaching technique, extensive quoting of anything can become tedious, and that, yes, it is important to make time in one's presentation for questions. Still, these examples reveal such a feature of current church culture that we might want to question ourselves.

It has been said to the point of boredom that we live in a narcissistic age, where we are wont to fixate on our needs, our wants, our wishes, and our hopes—at the expense of others and certainly at the expense of God. We do not like it when a

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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 02-28-10**

**Elder for the Month
of February**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 60
AM Worship: 131
PM Worship: 52
Wednesday Evening: 57
Contribution: 3,001.00

Larry Casbeer 795-0429



Announcements:
Larry Casbeer

Song Service:
Royce Akers

Opening Prayer:
John Jenkins, Jr.

Communion:
Hilton Googe

Serving:
Durwood Collins
John Such
Andy Streets
Herman Porter

Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:
Ron Herman



Preparing communion: Rose Ann Such

Baptismal Garments: Carla Haselden

Care of Baptismal Garments

Please collect all wet clothing and towels from men's & ladies' room upstairs. After laundering, please return them to the rooms and place on shelves. If you need a key, please see the office staff or the elders.

Thank you so much for all that you do!

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.

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.

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...

Congregational Lunch

We will have a congregational lunch following the morning service in honor of our Bible Bowl teams. Everyone is invited to join us.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

The ladies will meet for class on Tuesday, March 2nd at 10:00 am.



Happy Anniversary!

3/02
Herman & Michelle
Porter

3/5
Larry & Margaret
Casbeer

Congratulations to our Bible Bowl Teams!

We would like to congratulate all of the teams that represented 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, Catheryne Porter, Amanda Smith, Deron Casbeer

Teen Team

Stacy Boris, Diane Lamm, Mathew

Collins, Stephanie Dee

Pre-teen Team One

Grace Haselden, Shaylah 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



Happy Birthday!

3/2

Lori Akers

R. J. Boris

3/3

Janie Polutta

Article continued...

teacher uses up the whole class time presenting her material, even if it is material from the Word of God. We want to be able to ask *our* questions about *our* concerns, otherwise we feel talked down to, or we feel the class is not relevant to our lives.

It is well and good for the preacher to base his sermon on the Bible, but he better get to something relevant pretty quickly, or we start mentally to check out. Don't spend a lot of time in the Bible, we tell our preachers, but be sure to get to personal illustrations, examples from daily life, and most importantly, an appli-

cation that we can use.

It's easy to see how this culture has profoundly reshaped the dynamics of preaching and teaching. All the demands have been placed on the shoulders of the preacher, so anxious are we to meet needs and stay relevant. No longer are listeners asked to listen humbly to the proclamation of God's Word, in all its mystery and glory. To be sure, we want the preacher to begin with the Word—we're Christians after all—but only as a starting point, and only as long as he moves on to things that really interest us.



Out of Town

Arnold Walden will be working out of town for the next 6—8 months. If you would like to write or call him, his information is below:

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Galveston, Texas 77551

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Bulletin Board

Gospel Meeting

Where: Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ
339 Charlotte Avenue
Rock Hill

Date: March 14th—17th, 2010

Guest Speaker: Brad Harrub

The Ninth Annual Charlotte Avenue Youth Rally

Theme: Which “Network “ are you on?

Date: April 17, 2010

Guest Speaker: Mark Reynolds

Where: Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ
339 Charlotte Avenue
Rock Hill, SC 29730

2010 Ladies' Day

Theme: “There is a Time”

Guest Speaker: Becky Fowler Blackmon from Woodway, Texas. She is the author of The Begging Place.

Date: April 17th at 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Where: Plaza Church of Christ

Palmetto Bible Camp Senior Week

Grades 7-12

July 18—24, 2010

Check it out on the web at: www.palmettobiblecamp.org

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