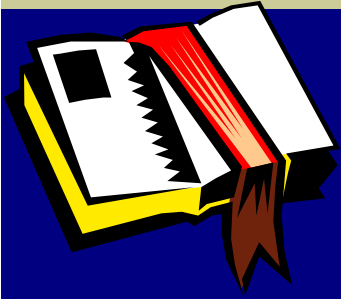


Sunday

March 7, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Reflections

## *“Yawning at the Word, Part 2”* *By: Mark Gallio*

We often hear people say how difficult it is to hear God anymore, and I wonder if one reason is that we've forgotten how to listen to the Word of God when it comes to us in the sanctuary or the classroom. We listen like a husband and wife listen when they are in the middle of an argument: they listen only so they can have ammunition to mount a counterattack. That's not listening. And when we listen to the sermon only to hear what seems immediately and directly relevant, neither is that listening. And yet we've raised a whole generation of Christians to listen like this.

Again: I do not claim that I have transcended this cultural impatience with the Bible. I'm as irritated as the next person when it comes to the public reading of Scripture. I think.

I try to laugh at myself when I catch myself in such moods: bored with the very revelation of God! We have this extraordinary gift, this miracle book, from the Creator of Heaven and Earth, the Mystery of the Universe, the Infinite One whom we (the finite) cannot begin to fathom, the Holy One whom we (blinded by our unholiness) cannot begin to comprehend. The One who can answer our deepest questions but could remain The Question, the One who can restore our broken humanity, but could remain a vague Hypothesis—this One has revealed himself in Law, Prophets, and Gospel—in the words of a collection we now call Holy Scripture.

Whenever the Bible is read, a hush should come over us. We should be inching toward the edge of our seats, leaning forward, turning our best ear toward the speaker, fearful we'll miss a single word—the deeds and words and character of Almighty and Merciful God are being revealed! In a world of suffering and pain, of doubt and despair, of questions about the meaning and purpose of existence, we are about to hear of God's glory, forgiveness, mercy and love, of his intention for the world, of his promise to make it all good in the end, of the way to join his people, of the means to abide with him forever! And there we sit, tapping our feet, mentally telling the preacher to get on with it.

But if we take the trouble to listen, really listen, to that Word, we'll discover something else marvelous: that the One being revealed is as patient with us as we are impatient with his Word, and as enamored with us as we are bored with him. Ah yes, even more enamored.

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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 March**

**Program of  
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 68  
AM Worship: 134  
PM Worship: 41  
Wednesday Evening: 57  
Contribution: 3,564.00

Howard Streets: 766-7727

**Announcements:**  
Howard Streets

**Song Service:**  
Roddy Akers

**Opening Prayer:**  
Herman Porter

**Communion:**  
Rick Porter

**Serving:**  
Norman Ricker  
Larry Polk  
Eddie Haselden  
Jack Crabtree

**Sermon:**  
Stefano Mugnaini

**Closing Prayer:**  
Ron Herman



**Preparing communion:** Janie Polutta

**Baptismal Garments:** Pam Ragland



***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...**

**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 been released from the hospital and is at home. She has congestive heart failure and diabetes. 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 Stander'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.

**Ona White** was admitted to MUSC on Thursday, March 4th to have a procedure and plans to be released on Sunday, March 7th.

**Verdie Whitson** is at home now.

**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...*

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### **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class**

The ladies will meet for class on Tuesday, March 9th at 10:00 am.

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

The men will meet for a time spent in prayer and enjoy a time of fellow-

ship over breakfast on Saturday, March 13th at 9:00 am.

### **Soup Kitchen**

If you would like to help prepare lunch at the soup kitchen on Monday, March 22nd, please see Raymond.



## ***Happy Anniversary!***

3/9  
Harvey & Diane  
Byrd

## ***Placing Membership***

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We are happy to announce that Stacy & Leslie Richardson have expressed their desire to worship and work with us at Essex Village. Please be sure to add their address to your directory.

Stacy & Leslie Richardson  
3623 Berryhill Road  
Johns Island, SC 29455  
#843-559-5477

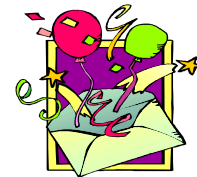
## ***Out of Town***

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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:

7000 Seawall Blvd, Unit 314  
Galveston, Texas 77551

# 843-478-9843



## ***Happy Birthday!***

3/8  
Larry Casbeer  
Jennifer Headden

3/13  
Courtney Morrow  
Norman Ricker  
Geraldine Smith

## ***Vacation Bible School***

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Vacation Bible School will be held on Wednesday, June 9th—Saturday, June 12th. The theme will be "Jungle Journey—Exploring the Nature of God". Please be sure to mark your calendars and make plans to attend with your friends & neighbors!

## ***Congratulations***

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We would like to congratulate Stefano & Shelli on the birth of their daughter, Lilli Cofield Mugnaini. Lilli was born on February 28th at 11:10 pm. She weighed 6 lbs, 13 oz and was 19 3/4 ".

## **Bulletin Board**

### **12th Annual Carolina Men's Fellowship**

Date: Saturday, March 13th

Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

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

### **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 Date: July 18—24, 2010

Check it out on the web at: [www.palmettobiblecamp.org](http://www.palmettobiblecamp.org)

### **ELDERS**

Larry Casbeer 795-0429  
Howard Streets 766-7727

### **MINISTER**

Stefano Mugnaini 329-3704

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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  
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Durwood Collins 869-4199  
Youth Activities

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