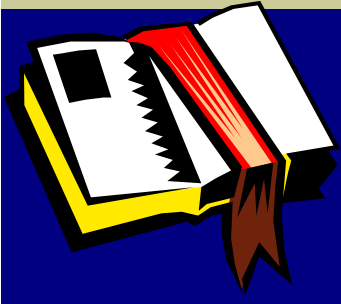


Sunday

March 21, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reflections

“March Madness” *By: Stefano Mugnaini*

Once a year, much of the nation is captivated by “March Madness.” That is the name given to the NCAA men’s basketball tournament. Every year, 64 teams are chosen to compete in what may be the sporting world’s most exciting event. Even to casual fans, this often means weeks of trying to predict how the tourney will play out, arguing over who’s the better team, and making up a mock bracket to compete with friends.

For employers, this means workers calling in sick for a few days or taking three hour lunches to watch the games. Many employees spend their day comparing brackets and talking sports, rather than doing any actual work. It has been estimated that over **three billion** dollars was lost last year in worker productivity because of the NCAA tournament! Considering the tournament only lasts about two weeks, that’s two hundred million dollars a day! Long lunches, fake sick days, and work time spent thinking about office pools; and only the first few rounds even take place during the day.

It is easy for us, with our busy schedules and myriad responsibilities to let our lives give new meaning to the phrase “March Madness.” In fact, just as the sports fan gets so sidetracked by the ongoing tourney, we often lose sight of the important because we are controlled by the minutia of our daily lives. Our priorities get shifted because of the desire (need?) to earn a living, work, play, and socialize with friends and neighbors. Sometimes, we forget to stop and focus on the things that are really important. In the madness of our daily lives, we spend more time balancing our checkbook than thanking God for what we have. We spend more time working out details of our life than asking the Creator and Sustainer of our lives for His will to be done. We forfeit time in Bible study for time with the TV.

In several interviews, Fred Rogers of the beloved children’s show “Mr. Rogers,” pointed out our need for silence. He said that the greatest thing we can do for our children, and for ourselves, is daily set aside some quiet time. Time to spend in prayer, in Bible study, in silent contemplation of our lives. God’s Word, in Psalm 46:10, recommends the same course. “Be still, and know that I am God.” We all need to take a step back from the madness that is our lives and quietly recognize and reflect on the One who is in control of all things.

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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 03-14-10**

**Elder for the Month
of March**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 60
AM Worship: 128
PM Worship: 31
Wednesday Evening: 55
Contribution: 3,205.00

Howard Streets: 766-7727

Announcements:
Howard Streets

Song Service:
Royce Akers

Opening Prayer:
Eric Zink

Communion:
Rick Porter

Serving:
Norman Ricker
Larry Polk
Eddie Haselden
Jack Crabtree

Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:
Ray Brown



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...

Larry Cooper, Ruby's son, has lung cancer and is having hospice come to his home. He is holding his own at this time.

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 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 has cancer and 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 was taken to Roper Hospital on Wednesday but was released and back 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...

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

The ladies will meet for class on Tuesday, March 23rd at 10:00 am.

Soup Kitchen

If you would like to help prepare lunch at the soup kitchen on Mon-

day, March 22nd, please see Raymond.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Shelli on Sunday, April 11th at 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall.



Happy Anniversary!

03/27
Tex & Bea
Patton

Youth Rally

Palmetto Bible Camp
Spring Youth Rally
April 30th– May 2nd, 2010

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” - Hebrews 12:1

Cost: \$50.00 per person

VBS 2010

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!



Happy Birthday!

03/23
Edward Haselden, III

03/27
Arnold Walden

Condolences...

We would like to extend our condolences to the McLawhorn family. Debbie passed away on Friday, March 12th. Arrangements are still being made for her memorial service. Please keep Mac & Agnes, Steve & Peggy and the rest of the family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Our sister in Christ, Ona White, passed away on Monday, March 15th. Her funeral was held on Saturday, March 20th at J. Henry Sturhr's Funeral Home in West Ashley. Please remember Tammy & Dawn in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their mother.

Bulletin Board

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

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Palmetto Bible Camp Senior Week

Grades 7-12 Date: July 18—24, 2010

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

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