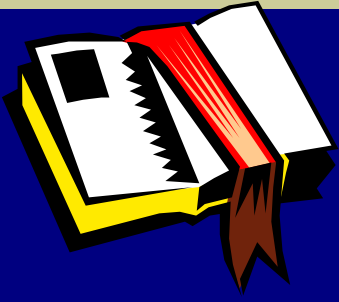


Sunday

April 4, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reflections

“Taoism and Light” *By: Stefano Mugnaini*

I am interested in philosophy. I love reading the various attempts to search for deeper meaning, and find it faith confirming to see how human attempts at deeper truth either lead back to a conception of deity or fail miserably. Take, for example, Taoism. Eastern Religions such as Taoism teach that Good and Evil are two coexistent, equal, but opposite forces. Evil is as dependent upon Good as Good is dependent on evil. This is the message implied by the yin-yang symbol. Philosophically, it is an interesting concept; morally, a bankrupt one. In reality, it is a false concept. God is eternal. He is the source of all Good-God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. (I John 1:5) That which is good is good because it derives from the nature of God; good is pre-existent. While God and thus goodness are eternal, evil is created. It is corrupted good.

Satan introduced sin and rebellion; man has chosen the way of rebellion rather than fellowship. The devil is not God-he is, like all angels, a created being (Rev 12:9). He and his followers are not eternal or pre-existent-they are opposite but NOT equal forces. They represent corruption, corrosion. Satan is to God what rust is to iron; a decayed imitation.

Evil is simply a perversion of Good. It is a parasite, a cancer. Evil destroys the body as it devours the soul. Consider the analogy of light and dark. Light dispels darkness. Light is not the absence of darkness-it is darkness that reigns in the absence of light. Darkness reigns only when light is excluded-the Sun always shines.

This world is in darkness not because darkness must exist, but because men have chosen to wallow in that which is false, perverted, and wicked, rather than to embrace that which is pure and good. Sin always yields death, but it is a slow and agonizing process. Sin is responsible for the state of the world in which we live.

The atheist rails against the existence of God because of the “Problem of Evil.” But that is not the real problem. Evil, pain, and suffering are merely symptoms of the true problem: sin. Human rebellion. Man has chosen to huddle in the darkness of a cave rather than see themselves in the light of God’s word. While it is uncomfortable to come out of the darkness to face the light, we must recognize that that is the natural state of things. God created us for fellowship with Him, and His ultimate goal is that we once again return to that relationship. Because good is of God, it is ultimately to be victorious. When that day comes, let us be found on the side of the Light!

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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 03-28-10**

**Elder for the Month
of April**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 66
AM Worship: 123
PM Worship: 40
Wednesday Evening: 57
Contribution: 2,907.00

Larry Casbeer: 795-0429



Announcements:
Larry Casbeer

Song Service:
Keith Dee

Opening Prayer:
Andy Streets

Communion:
Herman Porter

Serving:
Eric Zink
John Jenkins, Jr.
Bill Ragland
Larry Polutta

Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:
Jack Crabtree

Preparing communion: Mary Ann Googe

Baptismal Garments: Jean Hilton



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*



Memorial

The McLawhorn family will be having a memorial for Debbie Picallo on Wednesday, April 7th at 11:00 am. The memorial will be held at the Cypress Gardens in Moncks Corner.



We Are Praying For...

Bob Black had surgery at Roper Hospital this week and is at home recuperating.

Larry Casbeer will be having hip replacement surgery on April 22nd at MUSC.

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 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.

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, April 6th at 10 :00 am. This will be their last class until September. They will take a break for the spring & summer months.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men will meet for breakfast, fel-

lowship and time spent in prayer on April 10th at 9:00 am.

Baby Shower

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



Happy Birthday!

4/5

Kenneth Scott, Jr.

4/6

Carrie Jackson

4/10

Ron Herman

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 Anniversary!

04/07

Jack & Mary
Crabtree

04/08

Jennifer & David
Headden

4/10

Chuck & Faye
Spence

Thank you...

Essex Village Family,

Words cannot express the gratitude Dawn & I feel for all that our church family has done and continue to do during our time of grief. Thank you so very much for easing our burdens during this overwhelming and difficult process.

*God Bless you!
Tammy West, Dawn White & Family*

Dear Essex Village,

Your thoughtfulness meant more than words can say.

Thanks for the lovely flowers, cards and many prayers during the loss of my sister.

*In Christian love,
Stephen McLawhorn*

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 in Sumter, SC

Gospel Meeting

Where: St. George Church of Christ

Guest Speaker: Don Blackwell

Date: April 18th—21st

Theme: "Moral Issues"

The Church of Christ building is located at 767 Hwy 15,
just north of St. George.

Gospel Meeting

Where: North Charleston Church of Christ

Guest Speaker: Curtis A. Cates

Date: April 4th—8th

The building is located at 8415 Patriot Blvd, North Charleston.

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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