

Sunday

April 11, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reflections

“Free Bread” *By: Stefano Mugnaini*

I heard a radio commercial recently for a charity that claimed that they could feed a family seven times for the donation of one dollar. My initial response: If you can feed someone seven times for a dollar, you clearly don't need mine!

Then my mind went back to the miracles of Jesus; specifically, the feeding of the multitudes that he accomplished on several occasions, recorded in Matthew 14 and 15. I started thinking about how these miracles would be received today.

Government officials would take credit for feeding the multitudes, and probably blame “the rich” for the crowds being without lunch.

The skeptics would sit and enjoy the lunch while denying its miraculous origin.

Some would complain that the fish lacked tartar sauce or that the bread needed butter.

The vast majority would respond as did the original audiences: enjoy the meal with gratitude but fall short of the real meaning behind the miracle. After the feeding of the 5000 in John 6, Jesus chastised the people because they wanted another meal, but missed the point of the sign. It is clear that they acknowledged the miraculous provenance of the food, but when they sought Jesus it was for another miracle, another meal. Such an attitude is not hateful or wicked, of itself, but it creates an insurmountable problem: What happens when the miracles cease? Where will the crowds go?

A few would have received the meal with gladness and recognize that it established the authority of Jesus Christ and emphasized the veracity of his message. Upon recognition of this truth, they would have followed him. Obviously, this was the purpose for which the miracles were performed. This is the message of John's Gospel: “these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

How do we respond to the miracles and the message? Do we allow them to strengthen our faith and respond in obedient service?

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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 04-04-10**

**Elder for the Month
of April**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 68
AM Worship: 158
PM Worship: 40
Wednesday Evening: 58
Contribution: 4,047.00

Larry Casbeer: 795-0429



Announcements:
Larry Casbeer

Song Service:
Royce Akers

Opening Prayer:
Ron Herman

Communion:
Herman Porter

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

Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:
Ray Brown

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*



Condolences

We would like to express our condolences to Ruby, Tina, Jordan & the Cooper family in the passing of Larry Cooper. A memorial was held on Wednesday at Buck Hall Campground in Awendaw. Please keep the family in your prayers.



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.

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 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...

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Shelli this afternoon at 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Palmetto Bible Camp

Keith will be a counselor and Sandy will be running the canteen at Palmetto Bible Camp during the week of June 20th—26th.

Placing Membership

Randa Richardson, daughter of

Stacy & Leslie, expressed her desire to work and worship with us here at Essex Village. Please be sure to meet her.

House to House, Heart to Heart

Please be sure to pick up the latest edition of House to House, Heart to Heart. They have been placed on the table in the foyer.

Baptized!



We are happy to announce that Alexis Reiningger was baptized into Christ following the Sunday morning services on April 4th. Alexis is the granddaughter of Myra and the daughter of Scott & Cheryl.

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

Thank You!

Essex Village
Church of Christ family,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift last Sunday. All the items are useful and hope we can be useful in His service and in our association with you.

Sincerely,
Ray & Jo Anne

Vacation Bible School



**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!**

Thank you...

Dear Friends,

Please accept our donation to your church in memory of my (former) sister-in-law, Ona Palmer White, who passed away in March. Her services were beautiful and I'm sure she would have been so humbled by all the love and kindness that was poured out for her. She was a sweet lady. I am sorry we did not stay in touch after my brother and Ona divorced.

Also, your kindness to Dawn & Tammy in their time of need, financially and emotionally, is such a wonderful testimony as to the church's purpose in such circumstances. Ona would have been the first to honor you all for being such support.

God bless
Sincerely,
Brenda White Swann
& James Swann

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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