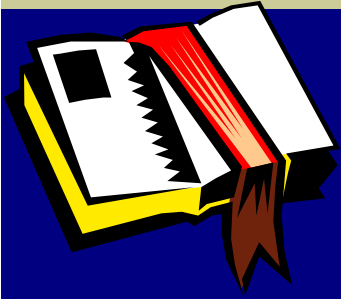


Sunday

April 18, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reflections

“On the Shoulders of Giants” *By: Stefano Mugnaini*

In a letter to Robert Hooke, Sir Isaac Newton wrote the following line: “If I have seen further than most, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.” This brief line reflects more than simply an example of humility and modesty; it states a truth about the whole of human enterprise. It applies even to the work of the church. No great achievement is reached without the help and assistance of others. Whether, as it Newton’s case, the reference is upon previous research that allowed his theories to be developed, or the theological foundations upon which our faith is built; each of us stands upon other shoulders, builds upon another’s foundation, and is responsible to others for the successes we have. Ultimately, God is the foundation for all that is done in the church, and being rooted and grounded in His Word is the basis for our efforts. However, it is through our cooperation with others that the work is done

It is an obvious that each of us who wears the name Christian wears because someone cared enough to share the Gospel with us. By acknowledgement of that truth, we prove our debt to others. It then follows, by any reckoning, we have become part of a group. The Bible plainly teaches that the saved are added to the church. The question must be asked, “for whose benefit?” It is my own view that the church was established primarily for the benefit of Christians; to help us to live up to our calling to evangelize the world for Christ. In the church, we have support, encouragement, opportunities for education and learning, and the collective strength, talents, and resources of a group. In short, a team. Paul said the church was comprised of many members, each working together for a common cause.

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink ^{R479} of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. ¹⁹ If they were all one member, where would the body be? ²⁰ But now there are many members, but one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

Let us all seek to shoulder our burden, and to fill our place in the Lord’s work.

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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 04-11-10**

**Elder for the Month
of April**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 68
AM Worship: 125
PM Worship: 43
Wednesday Evening: 56
Contribution: 3,275.00

Larry Casbeer: 795-0429

Announcements:
Larry Casbeer

Song Service:
Roddy Akers

Opening Prayer:
Keith Dee

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*



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...

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.

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.

Soup Kitchen

If you would like to help prepare the noon meal at the soup kitchen on Monday, April 26th, please Ray Boynton.



Happy Birthday!

**04/20
Anthony Hilton**

**04/21
Pam Ragland**

**04/22
Brenda Streets**

**04/23
Kenneth Scott**

**04/24
Bea Patton**

2010 Graduates

If you are an upcoming graduate for 2010, (high school or college), please notify me as soon as possible. Information needed: Name of high school or college, future plans for college or career, tech school, or military service; also need school invitation, card and wallet size photo. I do not want to miss anyone. Janie Polutta

Volunteers Needed!

Our VBS is fast approaching and we need everyone to be involved for this to be a success! There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board for anyone interested in helping.

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!**

Church Directory Update...

There are directory pages that need to be updated with information or picture or both. I am available each Sunday to take pictures. It only takes a couple of minutes. If information on your page needs to be updated as in address changes, telephone or cell phone number changes, family updates, please look at your directory page and make any changes on it and bring to me, I will make the changes and return to you for review. If all is correct, I can then

copy new pages for everyone's directory. When all are done, the pages will be placed on the table under the picture board. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Janie Polutta

Bulletin Board

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.

Ladies' Day

Date: Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 am—12:30 pm

Speaker: Sheila Butt from Columbia, TN

Theme: "Spiritual Beauty"

Where: St. Andrews Road Church of Christ

425 St. Andrews Road

Columbia, SC 29210

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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DEACONS

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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 810-0227

Building Maintenance

Hilton Googe 766-4670

Lynn Smallwood 766-8579

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Eddie Haselden 767-5511

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