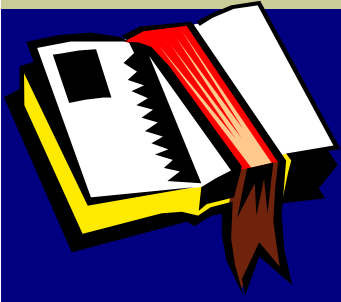


Sunday

May 2, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reflections

“Contending for the Faith, part 2” *By: Wayne Jackson*

Contending Is Not Contentiousness

There are some who have yet to learn the difference between contending for the faith and being contentious for the faith. Contending for the faith is a balanced proclamation and defense of the fundamental elements of gospel truth, whereas contentiousness is a wrangling disposition that generates ill will over inconsequential matters. Let us reflect upon the following points.

- Contending for the faith is not making laws for God. There are those, generally termed “legalists,” who feel obligated to coerce others into accepting their peculiar opinions of the will of God in the absence of divine revelation. The Pharisees were of this class; they bound burdens upon others which they themselves ignored (Matthew 23:4). Their breed is not extinct.
- Contending for the faith is not to be equated with brutality. Some know no method of teaching save the bludgeoning technique. They insult and degrade potential disciples. They feel that if they have not made someone angry, they really haven’t preached the truth. The “Watchtower Witnesses” frequently exhibit front-door rudeness, and then, when someone abruptly turns them away, they congratulate themselves upon the fact that they were persecuted for the cause of truth. Though Christ was occasionally sharp with hypocritical leaders who should have known better than what they were doing, he was gentle and compassionate with honest inquirers, even though they were entrenched in sin (cf. Matthew 12:20).
- Contending for the faith is not “marking” everyone with whom you have the slightest disagreement. One aspect of spiritual maturity is the ability to determine what should be made a test of fellowship, and what may be overlooked as honest differences of opinion. Does a man’s teaching reflect upon Deity? Does it corrupt the New Testament plan of worship? Does it militate against holiness? These, and questions of a similar nature, are vital in resolving this confusion. With some, however, the issue is not: what does a brother stand for? Rather, it is: with what clique does he run?
- Contending for the faith is not characterized by favoritism. Paul

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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 04-25-10**

**Elder for the Month
of May**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 61
AM Worship: 126
PM Worship: 47
Wednesday Evening: 51
Contribution: 3,356.00

Howard Streets 766-7727



Announcements:
Howard Streets

Song Service:
Royce Akers

Opening Prayer:
Keith Dee

Communion:
Jim Lamm

Serving:
Ron Herman
Chuck Spence
Tex Patton
Durwood Collins

Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:
Eric Zink



Preparing communion: Brenda Streets

Baptismal Garments: Natasha Streets

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 Casbeer had hip replacement surgery on April 22nd at MUSC. The surgery went well and he is recuperating at home

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.

Lois Ott was admitted to St. Francis Hospital. She had heart failure due to cleaning fumes. She was doing much better on Wednesday and expected to be released.

Angie Ashburn Schooff is undergoing tests and procedures for cancer. Presently, tests indicate containment and surgery will be scheduled soon.

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...

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

Directory Update

If you would like to update your pic-

ture or need to have your information updated in the directory, please see Janie. She is available most Sundays to take your picture and will be happy to update your info.

Ladies' Retreat 2010

The Ladies' Retreat will be August 6th– 7th. Please be sure to mark your calendars.



Happy Anniversary!

5/5

*Howard & Gayla
Moseley*

5/13

*Keith & Sandy
Dee*

Thank you!

Vacation Bible School will be held on Wednesday, June 9th—Friday, June 11th from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm. Saturday, June 12th, from 10:00 am—1:00 pm will be our fun day. 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!

In order to make our VBS a success, we need everyone to be involved! We still need teachers & refreshments Wednesday—Friday. On Saturday we need volunteers to assist with games, help in the kitchen and clean up. If you are willing to help, please see Keith, Natasha or Christine.



Happy Birthday!

5/2

*Jordan Cooper
Chase Wakeland*

5/9

Donna Porter

5/10

Earline Smalls

Article continued...

instructed Timothy to do “nothing by partiality” (1 Timothy 5:21). When Peter acted the part of a hypocrite by refusing to eat with Gentiles in the presence of certain influential Jews, Paul knew that such an inconsistency could not go unchallenged. Hence, when Peter came to Antioch, the apostle to the Gentiles “resisted him to the face” and rebuked him publicly (Galatians 2:11). One of the greatest tests of a man’s character is whether or not he has the grit to stand against a friend, or perhaps a kinsman, who has drifted into error.

Inspiration has exhorted us all to “earnestly contend for the faith.” What a challenge this is in these times of confusion and rapid change. May the Lord grant us the wisdom to accept this responsibility with devotion, firmness, good sense, love, and abiding commitment to the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bulletin Board

Ladies' Day

Georgetown Church of Christ

May 22, 2010 at 9:00 am

Theme: "Girl Talk"

Speaker: Wyveta Kirk from Benton, Arkansas

Lunch to be served following the lesson.

RSVP by Wednesday, May 19th.

2010 Santee Ladies' Retreat

Theme: "It's Harvest Time"

Date: November 19th—21st at the Landmark Resort Hotel
in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Registration cost: \$60.00 for ages 12- adult, \$35.00 for 4-11 and free
for 3 and under. Each participant will be responsible for their own hotel
accommodations. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

Palmetto Bible Camp Senior Week

Grades 7-12 Date: July 18—24, 2010

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

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.

ELDERS

Larry Casbeer 795-0429

Howard Streets 766-7727

MINISTER

Stefano Mugnaini 329-3704

DEACONS

Rick Porter 556-2679

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

Grounds

Eddie Haselden 991-5020

Financial

Durwood Collins 869-4199

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