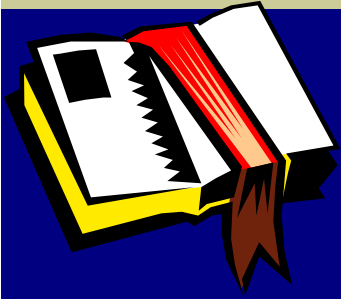


Sunday

May 9, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reflections

“Where Was the Samaritan?”

By: Stefano Mugnaini

What would you do if you happened upon a homeless man, bleeding to death on a sidewalk? This is not merely hypothetical. On April 18th, in New York City, Hugo Alfredo Tale-Yax was stabbed in the chest after intervening in a mugging. The mugger then turned on Tale-Yax, who collapsed on the sidewalk.

A security camera recorded at least 27 people walking past the dying man. Several looked at him. One stopped to snap a picture with his camera phone. Another shook him and rolled him over, before walking away. No one helped; he lay there for 90 minutes before firemen showed up to help, but it was too late. He was dead.

What kind of commentary is this on our society?

News agencies have paraded psychologists across television screens to try to explain this away, employing all kinds of jargon to attempt to justify or explain away the cool disregard for human life. But such behavior is inexplicable. It is, perhaps, more abhorrent that we would attempt to find a reasonable justification for 27 individuals watching a man bleed to death on the sidewalk, offering neither aid nor comfort. Humanism constantly assures us of the inherent goodness of man, our continuous march toward progress.

But reality reminds us just how broken our world truly is; how wretched and sinful. How we may scream about the basic human rights that are due us, yet fail to extend basic human decency to others. Where is this great progress?

2000 years ago, before human society had evolved to become the glorious institution of equal worth and value that it is today, Jesus told a story eerily similar to what occurred last month in New York. The story of the Good Samaritan is recorded in Luke 10. Jesus told this story to illustrate that the righteous will seek to bandage the wounds, even of their enemies. He concluded his tale with a question to the lawyer who had prompted the story:

"Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to

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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 05-02-10**

**Elder for the Month
of May**

**Program of
Worship**

Helen Embry
Mark Embry
Polly Fowler
Leonard McNeill
Lois Ott

Bible Classes: 60
AM Worship: 133
PM Worship: 39
Wednesday Evening: 59
Contribution: 3,763.00

Howard Streets 766-7727



Announcements:
Howard Streets

Song Service:
Roddy Akers

Opening Prayer:
John Such

Communion:
Jim Lamm

Serving:
Ron Herman
Chuck Spence
Tex Patton
Durwood Collins

Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:
Ray Brown



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...

Directory Update

If you would like to update your picture 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.

Vacation Bible School

Our theme is "Jungle Journey—Exploring the Nature of God" and will be held Wednesday, June 9th—Saturday, June 12th. We will have classes Wednesday—Friday 7:00

pm—8:30 pm and our fun day will be on Saturday from 10:00 am — 1:00 pm. We need everyone's help to make it a success! Volunteers are needed for each night and on Saturday. If you would like to volunteer in anyway, please see Keith, Natasha or Christine.

Ladies' Retreat 2010

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

From the Crisis Ministry...

To the Members of Essex Village,

Thank you for your on going efforts to make sure that men, women and children in Charleston always have a meal that they can count on to keep them from going hungry. Your dedication is appreciated every day you are here.

Thank you!

Brad Casyman
Crisis Ministry

*If you would like to see the article and picture that was on the website, please see the bulletin board.

Article continued...

the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

We are utterly dependent on God's mercy for our salvation; this demands that we reflect mercy to others. In our world, mercy is for the weak, or is forgotten entirely. As the children of God, we must seek

to be a shining example of His mercy.

We live in a culture of death; a society where life has no special value. Let us uphold the value of every life; born and unborn, young and old, rich and poor, recognizing that all life is a gift from God.

*Happy
Mother's
Day!*



Happy Anniversary!

*5/13
Keith & Sandy
Dee*



Happy Birthday!

*5/9
Donna Porter
5/10
Earline Smalls*

*5/16
Amanda Smith
5/17
Rusty Akers
5/19
Jonathan Akers
5/20
Esther Lamm*

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

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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

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Eddie Haselden 991-5020

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Durwood Collins 869-4199

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