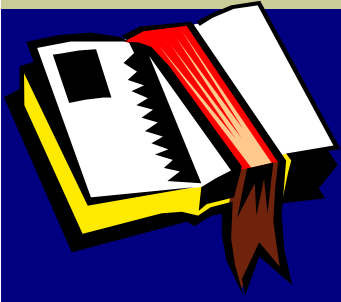


Sunday

May 16, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reflections

“Apostle of Infidelity” *By: Stefano Mugnaini*

I recently came across this brief essay by Robert L. Taylor, former governor of Tennessee. He issued the following statement upon being notified of the death of Robert Ingersoll, militant Atheist and critic of Scripture. It is sort of negative eulogy, and a statement of Christian apologetics at the same time.

I sat in the great theater in the national capital. It was thronged with youth and beauty, old age and wisdom. I saw a man, the image of his God, stand upon the stage, and I heard him speak.

His gestures were the perfection of grace, his voice was music, and his language more beautiful than any I had ever heard from mortal lips.

He painted picture after picture of the pleasures and joys and sympathies of home. He enthroned love and preached the gospel of humanity like an angel. Then I saw him dip his brush in the ink of mortal blackness and blot out the beautiful picture he had painted. I saw him stab love dead at his feet. I saw him blot out the stars and the sun and leave humanity and the earth in eternal darkness and eternal death.

I saw him, like the serpent of old, worm himself into the paradise of human hearts, and by his seductive eloquence and subtle devices of sophistry inject his fatal venom, under whose blight its flowers faded, its music was hushed, its sunshine was darkened, and its soul was left a desert waste with the new-made graves of faith and hope.

I saw him, like a lawless and erratic meteor without orbit, sweep across the intellectual sky, brilliant only in its self-consuming fire, generated by friction with the indestructible and eternal truths of God.

That man was the archangel of modern infidelity, and I said: “How true is holy writ, which declares that the fool has said in his heart: ‘There is no God!’”

Tell me not, O infidel, there is no God, no heaven, no hell! Tell me not O infidel, there is no risen Christ!

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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 05-12-10**

**Elder for the Month
of May**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 67
AM Worship: 121
PM Worship: 44
Wednesday Evening: 40
Contribution: 3,179.00

Howard Streets 766-7727



Announcements:
Howard Streets

Song Service:
Keith Dee

Opening Prayer:
Ray Boyntnon

Communion:
Jim Lamm

Serving:
Ron Herman
Chuck Spence
Tex Patton
Durwood Collins

Sermon:
Howard Streets

Closing Prayer:
John Jenkins, Jr.



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, had a biopsy and scan last week and there was no evidence of disease. More tests will be run over the next few weeks to determine if her port can be removed.

Mary Crabtree had knee replacement surgery on Monday and is doing well.

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.

Agnes McLawhorn was released from St. Francis on Wednesday afternoon. She is scheduled to return for surgery on Tuesday.

Nell McIntire has cancer and is the sister of Lois Ott.

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...

VBS

There will be a meeting immediately following our morning service for anyone interested in teaching or helping with the games on Saturday.

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.

Thank you...

Dear Brethern,
Your love has overwhelmed me during my hip replacement and recovery. I want to thank each of you for the prayers lifted up on my behalf along with your many visits, phone calls and get well cards. I would also like to thank you for the flowers, bal-

loons and food sent to me. Through your love and kindness, your presence was always with me.

Love you all,
Larry

1 John 4: 7-12

Article continued...

What intelligence less than God's could fashion the human body? What motive power is it, if not God, that drives those throbbing engines of the human heart, sending the crimson stream of life bounding through every vein and artery?

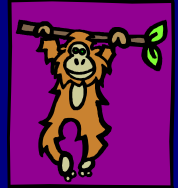
Whence and what, if not God, is this mystery we call "mind"? What is it that thinks, and feels, and plans, and acts? O, who can deny the divinity that stirs within us?

God is everywhere and is in everything. His mystery is in every bud, and blossom, and leaf, and tree; in every rock, and hill, and mountain; in every spring, and rivulet, and river.

The rustle of his wings is in every zephyr; his might is in every tempest. He dwells in the dark pavilion of every storm cloud. The lightning is his messenger, and the thunder is his voice. His awful tread is in every earthquake and on every angry ocean. The heavens above us teem with his myriads of shining witnesses—the universe of solar systems whose wheeling orbs course the crystal dread halls of eternity, the glory and power and dominion of the all-wise, omnipotent, and eternal God.

Vacation Bible School

*June 9th—
12th
Bring a
friend!*



Happy Birthday!

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.

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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

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Hilton Googe 766-4670

Lynn Smallwood 766-8579

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Durwood Collins 869-4199

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