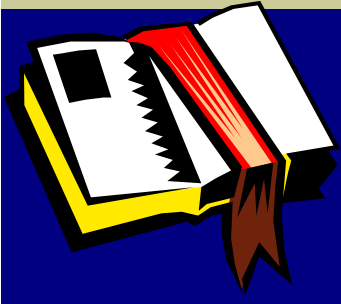


Sunday

June 6, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Reflections

## *“The Importance of VBS”* *By: Stefano Mugnaini*

I came across this article about the importance of VBS. I urge everyone to think about it, and get involved.

Summertime brings many activities, but few are as fun and worthwhile as Vacation Bible School.

From our childhood — when we heavily anticipated screaming the “Booster, Booster” song at the top of our lungs — to becoming teachers and wishing the child sitting next to us wouldn’t, VBS has become a part of our history and a staple in churches across the country and even around the world.

Our local theme this year centered on teaching the parables, and none could be closer to capturing the essence of VBS than the parable of the sower.

Sowing the seed in the hearts of children is not only a privilege but also a great responsibility and one not taken lightly by the VBS team.

**Children:** While the world presents numerous struggles and adult-sized problems, these few days provide a safe haven for children to pile into Suburbans, minivans and buses and make the journey to the local church building. There they will be greeted by people who truly care for them and have taken time out of their hectic schedules to prepare lessons from God’s word.

Those teaching are fully aware that the name is misleading — there is no vacation involved. Teaching the Bible to happy, over-excited kids is no small feat, but getting the opportunity to watch a child who has never sat in a Bible class answer questions about the lesson by the end of the day or a child who has never heard the song “Jesus Loves Me” sing it by week’s end is worth every ounce of spilled Kool-Aid and cookie crumb-covered floors.

When statistics show that some of our young people are leaving the church, there is no reason why a congregation can’t come together for a few days to focus its time and energy completely on youth. What an enjoyable and significant way to prove to them how interested we are in their spiritual growth.

**Community:** VBS also offers the possibility of establishing relationships with parents. It opens avenues of communication, displays servanthood and invites them into our building, giving them a chance to meet local Christians. Whether it’s a sign at the local grocery store, a sign in front of the church building or

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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 05-30-10**

**Elder for the Month  
of June**

**Program of  
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 76  
AM Worship: 146  
PM Worship: 36  
Wednesday Evening: 53  
Contribution: 3,030.00

Larry Casbeer 795-0429



**Announcements:**  
Larry Casbeer

**Song Service:**  
Roddy Akers

**Opening Prayer:**  
Jim Lamm

**Communion:**  
John Such

**Serving:**  
Andy Streets  
Herman Porter  
Deron Casbeer  
Larry Polk

**Sermon:**  
Stefano Mugnaini

**Closing Prayer:**  
Bill Ragland



**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*

**Preparing communion:** Christine Herman

**Baptismal Garments:** Frances Wakeland



**We Are Praying For...**

**Judy Cox**, the mother of Natasha's friend, had more test done to see if she was in remission. Instead they found another mass that is growing rapidly.

**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.

**Thomas Matherly**, Clara Haselden's brother, has a tumor on his spine and is going through extensive treatment.

**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...*

### **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.

### **Ladies’ Retreat 2010**

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

### **Thank you...**

*Dear Essex Village Church,*

*Thank you so much for the prayers and support you gave me during my surgery and stay in the hospital. We appreciate the many cards, visits, and beautiful flowers. The food was delicious. We thank you and love you all.*

*Agnes & Mac*

Vacation  
Bible  
School



*June 9th– 12th  
Bring a friend!*



**Happy Anniversary!**

6/12

**Rick & Donna  
Porter**



**Happy Birthday!**

6/8

**Debra Scott**

6/9

**Faye Spence**

6/12

**Eddie Haselden**

6/13

**Kenneth Scott**

## *Article continued...*

television or radio spots, advertisements are noticed and many parents will take advantage of the offer, granting us an occasion to show their children Jesus.

**Creativity:** Many church members happily break out of their comfort zones by donning hand puppets and Bible costumes all for the amusement of children and the glory of God, knowing that acting silly for one week out of the year can work wonders for helping kids learn the Bible.

The creativity involved is astonishing. Whether it is colossal sets being built within the auditorium, games that rival primetime television, in-depth skits or simple-yet-relevant crafts, God’s people are a clever bunch and there is no better time to showcase that talent than at VBS. Nevertheless, we must be cautious not to allow ourselves to get so caught up in the entertainment aspect that we forget the main objective is evangelism.

**Christ:** There are naysayers who question the effectiveness of VBS, but for those of us who have seen hearts being touched and eyes being opened, we know, without a shadow of a doubt, that it is still an excellent tool in teaching Jesus. And whether we’re teaching a child’s Bible class, offering adult classes for their parents, or using this week to hold a gospel meeting, taking Christ to the people is what VBS is all about.

Seriously, isn’t that what life is all about?

Support your VBS. You may have more fun than the kids!

## Bulletin Board

### Palmetto Bible Camp Senior Week

Grades 7-12 Date: July 18—24, 2010

Check it out on the web at: [www.palmettobiblecamp.org](http://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.

### 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.

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Larry Polutta 795-5266  
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Bill Ragland 810-0227  
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