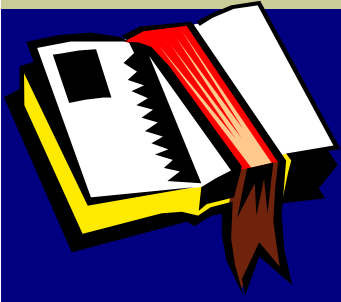


Sunday

July 18, 2010



ESSEX VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reflections

“Noah”

By: Stefano Mugnaini

Noah's story is one that can easily be allegorized. This has been the practice of today's culture of skepticism, early Christian fathers, and many at points in between. Rather than an actual boat that saved actual people from an actual flood, the ark has been made a symbolic representation of the salvation which is available in the Church.

I believe it to be a historical story, not an extended allegory. However, there are great lessons to be learned by seeing Noah's story as a type of things yet distant. Peter makes this comparison in 1 Peter 3, where he points out that the waters of the flood were a metaphor for the waters of baptism. Just as Noah was saved from a wicked generation by a cleansing flood, so to are we saved by water through baptism. (In neither case did water supply the power, only the instrument.)

But there is another lesson that can be derived from the flood narrative. In 2 Peter 2:5, Noah is called a “preacher of righteousness.” This implies that he proclaimed a message during the 100 years he worked on the ark. “Repent or be drowned by a flood!” It also implies that room would have been made on the ark for any who chose the path of penitence, rather than wickedness.

But only Noah, his wife, sons, and their wives were saved. 8 out of the entire population of Mesopotamia.

The rest died in a flood. They did not die in ignorance of either the threat, or the means of deliverance; they chose active rebellion.

So too it is with the world today; few people are living who have not heard about Jesus. We are rarely condemned for ignorance but willful disobedience destroys many.

This places upon us a tremendous responsibility to behave according to our highest ideals. To live in such a way that our lifestyle will be a drawing influence to others. And even if we last a hundred years, keep proclaiming the message of Christ to any that will listen. They may have heard it before, and they may reject it, but our commission is to be preachers of righteousness, sowers of seed.

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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 07-11-10**

**Elder for the Month
of July**

**Program of
Worship**

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

Bible Classes: 41
AM Worship: 116
PM Worship: 41
Wednesday Evening: 43
Contribution: 2,355.00

Howard Streets 766-7727

Announcements:
Howard Streets

Song Service:
Keith Dee

Opening Prayer:
Eric Zink

Communion:
Deron Casbeer

Serving:
Norman Ricker
Eddie Haselden
Jack Crabtree
Ray Brown

Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:
Ron Herman



Preparing communion: Ginnie Fowler

Baptismal Garments: Peggy McLawhorn



Military

*Robert Bagley
Kristopher Black
RJ Boris
Adam Bowles
Chris Branham
Adam Carlucci
Russell Coble
Ryne Collins
James Dalton
Kevin Dee
Ellis Flenoid
Steven Hilton
Michael Hilton
Matthew Lemieux
Katie McCaskill
Derrick Menrique
Kevin Mitchell
Scott O'Connor
Shawn Reynolds*



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.

Rebecca Durant, Elizabeth Hamm's daughter, has pancreatic cancer.

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 Standefler'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 Truscillo, 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...

Ladies' Day Service Project

Please bring toiletry items & snacks for our military before August 1st. A box has been placed in the foyer for the collection of these items.

House to House, Heart to Heart

The latest edition of House to House, Heart to Heart arrived in the mail this week. It has been placed on the

table in the foyer. Please be sure to pick up a few copies to share with your friends and neighbors.

Food Pantry

If you would like to donate to the food pantry, we could use the following items: canned meat & vegetables, sugar & flour. Thanks to all who make this work possible.



Happy Anniversary!

07/20

**Robert & Geraldine
Smith**

07/23

**Norman & Twylah
Ricker**

2010 Change for Children Campaign...

The Southeastern Children's Home Change for Children campaign will begin on Sunday, July 11 and run through Sunday, September 26th. Families and individuals are encouraged to take a can and fill it with coins.

This is a great opportunity for parents to teach their children about saving and giving for a good cause. The proceeds from this effort sup-

port the daily ministry of SECH to hurting children and families.

Change for Children also presents an opportunity for group projects such as Bible Classes, youth group, or senior group.

If you would like to know more about the mission and ministries of Southeastern Children's Home, brochures are available.



Happy Birthday!

07/19

**Doris Akers
Gene Ashburn**

07/20

Kenton Akers

07/21

Terry Morrow

07/23

William Mitchell

Ladies Retreat...

Ladies,

Catheryne Porter and I welcome you to join us August 6th & 7th at Camp St. Christopher for "Bootcamp: Preparing for the Lord's Army." Our guest speaker is Glenda Wall from Tennessee and she has a fantastic message to strengthen each one of us. We have some fun and uplifting activities planned, but we need everyone's participation in order to make Ladies Retreat 2010 a success. Please bring an object that repre-

sents who you are or is special to you for our "warm-up" game on Friday night. On Saturday, everyone desiring to join in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped present (limit \$10). More information will be provided as the date approaches, but please sign the list in the foyer by July 18th.

Respectfully,
Natasha Streets

Bulletin Board

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 infor-
mation.

2010 Mid-Atlantic Evangelism Seminar

Theme: "Join the Struggle"

Date: September 17th—19th

Where: Brooks Avenue Church of Christ
700 Brooks Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27607

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