

"View From My Window" by Pastor Everhart

I'd like to pay tribute to the nine church members in South Carolina who recently lost their lives while attending church on a Wednesday night. Our loss is great. Nine saints gathered to worship the Lord are gone and one evil, hate filled killer remains with us. First of all let me note that we have many more like them, like us, that buck the trends of our society and make the worship of our Lord a priority. I can't imagine what an intelligent, well educated, hard working pastor Clementa C. Pinckney was that he could lead a congregation and serve as a state senator. How sad that a fool could take him from us. Next I marvel at the peaceful, loving response of the community and relatives of these good people. Listening to the words of their children and grandchildren as they speak at their funerals tells us their faith was real and it has left an impression on everyone that knew them. The killer could take their lives but not their testimonies nor their influence. There is a profound difference between the response to the deaths of these innocent people than there has been to the passing of others that were killed while committing violent or illegal acts! No riots; prayer services and communities coming together. It wouldn't surprise me a bit if after having experienced their welcoming smiles the evening before his heinous act if that boy doesn't confess, repent of his hatred and run to the cross feeling the full horror of the sin that clings to his soul. That would indeed be a jewel in the crowns of those martyrs. But more, let the actions of prejudice shock us all. Let it serve as a cleansing bleach removing the stains of hatred that linger in our own souls. Take down the confederate flags in our own hearts. Refuse to use race as a reason to judge another; remove from our vocabulary derogatory words and wash from our conversation anything that smacks of racism. This is how we ought to honor these dead brothers and sisters: by walking away from their funerals with cleaner hearts. Then they will not have died in vain.

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Announcements:

- ♦ July 12-17 MEGA SPORTS CAMP: Please register your kids as soon as possible! Slots are filling up fast! Registration can be done online at eastberlinassembly.org.
- ♦ July 26, Sunday, 6 pm: Scott & Tara Jacobs in concert!
- ♦ August 2, Sunday, 6 pm: All Staff Meeting!
- ♦ No Sunday evening services in August.

This Week at NLA:

- ♦ Wednesday, 7 pm Bible Study, Girl's Club & Royal Rangers.
In this week's Bible Study we welcome Pastor Will from Nicaragua to bring us the message & tell us about being a Christian in his country.

Coming Soon:

- * Mega Sports Camp VBS: July 12-17. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Please join our staff in praying for coaches, teachers & helpers to join our Mega Sports Team. We have a great group of families from around the area *who don't attend our church* signing their kids up. **Some of them don't attend any church!** Add to them the many kids that do attend our church & the need gets even greater (and a lot more **fun**)! See Wanda to join the team.

Thank you 1) Everyone who donated blood in last week's blood drive! **2)** Melony Storm & the worship team for helping us pay tribute to Betty Keiser.

Sunday, July 5, 2015

- ♦ 9:00 am: Sunday School! Classes available for all age groups.
- ♦ 10:00 am: Morning Worship Service
Sermon: "Obedient Believers" Hebrews 11
Children's Church age 3-6th grade: Please be sure to check your child in and out at the desk outside the CC room.
- ♦ No evening service, Happy 4th!

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