

May 13, 2007

Essex Village Church of Christ

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Class 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday
7:00 pm



ELDERS

Larry Casbeer 795-0429
Howard Streets 766-7727
David Wakeland 766-3601

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
Bill Noyes 278-1808
Technical
Larry Polutta 795-5266
World Bible School
Bill Ragland 556-6711
Building Maintenance
Hilton Googe 766-4670
Lynn Smallwood 766-8579
Grounds
Eddie Haselden 767-5511
Financial
Durwood Collins 869-4199
Youth Activities

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Sheep : By Stefano Mugnaini

The New Testament makes numerous metaphorical references to things. Christ is called a “door,” a “cornerstone” and “the way” (literally, “road”). We are called “trees” and “springs.” Christ’s use of parables was a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah (Psalm 78:2). More importantly, however, Jesus used figures of speech as a technique to explain Heavenly concepts to mortal men. One common example that was used both by Jesus and the apostles after His resurrection is the image of Christ as Good Shepherd, and believers as sheep.

In John 10, Christ repeatedly calls Himself the “Good Shepherd.” In Verse 11, He says he “lays down His life for His sheep.” Peter refers to Christ as the “Chief Shep-

herd” in his exhortation to elders in 1 Peter 5:4. We often consider Peter’s words in 1 Peter 2:25, “For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.”

There are several sides of this metaphor that we often fail to consider. First, the point is often made from 1 Peter 2:25 that we, like sheep, run astray and fail to keep to the proper path. However, that is not what Peter is saying. He says we WERE continually straying, BUT NOW have returned to our Shepherd. This doesn’t emphasize our ignorance and lack of direction, it emphasizes our need to abide in and depend upon our Shepherd. It is known that sheep display a dependence on their shepherd that is unparalleled among

animals. Among nomadic people of the East, it is not uncommon for sheep to share living quarters and beds with their masters. They are treated as some of us treat our dogs. The Biblical writers were not far removed from this image of an intimate relationship between sheep and shepherd. The point isn’t that we are too ignorant to lead ourselves, it’s that have been wise enough to find the only one who could truly lead us, the Good Shepherd.

Secondly, Revelation 7 characterizes Christ as both sacrificial lamb AND shepherd. What is so significant about that? I think the point being made is that Christ knows what it is to be a sheep, like one of us, and thus is qualified to be the ultimate shepherd of our souls.



Military

Robert Bagley
 Kristopher Black
 Adam Carlucci
 Russell Coble
 Barry Collins
 James Dalton
 Mark Fiorey
 Ellis Flenoid
 Steven Hilton
 Michael Hilton
 Matthew Lemieux
 Katie McCaskill
 Kevin Mitchell
 Shawn Reynolds
 Rob Weltzin

*For the Record:
 Week of 05-06-07*

Bible Classes: 93
 AM Worship: 156
 PM Worship: 62
 Wednesday Evening: 78
 Contribution: \$3,878.00

*Communion Preparation
 & Baptismal Garments*

Prepare Communion:
 Mary Ann Googe
Baptismal Garments:
 Lorraine Watkins
Elder of the Month:
 David Wakeland

*Program
 of Worship*

Announcements:
 David Wakeland
Song Service:
 Roddy Akers
Opening Prayer:
 Carl Bowles
Communion:
 Andy Streets
Sermon:
 Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
 Bill Noyes



Thanks for Praying...

Nikolas is in remission but will undergo chemo for two years and has a long road ahead. Nik is the nephew of Angela Noyes.

Mike Allen, preacher for Chesapeake Church of Christ, has bone cancer. Gary Moody has requested prayers for him.

Felicia Bennett, a member of Berkeley Church of Christ, is having health problems.

Carol Bohanna, a neighbor of Kim Koontz, has cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Tracy Boyles, Anne Marie's father-in-law, is not doing well.

Martha Broom, a friend of Ona White, has cancer.

Maxine Doll had a pace-maker put in and has other health problems. Maxine is Pam Ragland's mother.

John Donan, Norma's cousin, has terminal bladder cancer.

Dennis Flatley, a friend of Jim Lamm, is currently undergoing chemo to treat his can-

cer. Kevin Goodman, Jim & Esther's granddaughter's boyfriend, is having health problems.

Wesley Hahn is in need of prayers for his health and employment. His mother is a close friend of Faye Spence.

Judy Hennessee, a family member of Carl Bowles, has started chemo treatment following her double mastectomy.

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

Melissa Murray is being treated for cancer, please keep Melissa and her family in your prayers.

Lauren Parker, a friend of Ginnie Streets, had her baby and has begun chemo.

Elose Patterson, Earline Smalls' niece, is in a coma and the family is taking care of her at home.

Geneva Sims, a friend of Ronnie & Sharon Rush, has

Lou Gehrig Disease. Earline Smalls was released from the hospital on Thursday. She is recovering from Pneumonia.

Candice Spence, needs our prayers for health problems and is the granddaughter of Chuck & Faye.

Linda Stoddard, Tex Patton's daughter, had a cancerous kidney removed.

John Torres, Johnny Murray's brother-in-law, has cancer and is not doing well.

Frances Wakeland broke her foot on Wednesday evening.



*Linda Stoddard
 4280 Weston Drive
 Lilburn, GA 30247*

**VISITS TO OUR
 SHUT-INS**



Ava Bullard
 Helen Embry
 Scotty Hall
 Mildred Inabinett
 Leonard McNeill
 Lois Ott

Here's What's Happening...

Cards to the Military

Everybody has the opportunity to send a personal note of encouragement or thanks to someone serving in the armed forces. Please just take a moment to write a short note to let people in the military know you appreciate them, their hard work, and their dedication to our country. There are blank cards, envelopes, and pocket

cards with the plan of salvation on the table in the foyer. Your cards and messages will be distributed through an organization called "A Million Thanks.org." They will be delivered to either active duty or retired and to many USO's and Veterans Hospitals for distribution. Please refrain from using any political or negative statements in your message.

The closing date for this will be May 22.
Thank You!

In the Mail...

We received a post card from Brian & Angela Springs with a picture of their son, Gabriel. The post card is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Directory Sheets

There are new directory sheets in the foyer.



Happy Anniversary!

5/13

Keith & Sandy Dee

5/15

Bill & Angela Noyes

To All 2007 Graduates:

If you are graduating from high school or college this year, please let Janie Polutta know. For High school, I need a wallet size picture, a graduation invitation and your personal card; also where you plan to attend college and ma-

yor. For college graduates, please provide an invitation if you have one, what your degree is in and your future plans. Thanks so much and congratulations!!!
Janie Polutta

Request for Prayers

Twylah Ricker responded to the invitation on Sunday evening. She asked the congregation for prayers of encouragement.



Happy Birthday!

5/16

Amanda Smith

5/17

Rusty Akers

5/19

Jonathan Akers



Happy Mother's Day

Bridal & Baby Showers:

There will be a drop in bridal shower for Ginnie Streets on June 3rd from 2:00 - 5:00. If you are interested in a group gift or would like to know where Ginnie is registered,

please see Louise Rogers.

There will also be a baby shower for Angie Schooff on June 24th. Please see Agnes McLawhorn for more details.

On the Bulletin Board...

Creation/Evolution Seminar

Did humans and dinosaurs coexist?

Did humans evolve from ape-like creatures?

How old is the Earth?

We invite you to join us as we investigate the evidence. These lectures are free and open to all ages.

North Charleston church of Christ
8415 Patriot Blvd., North Charleston

Friday, May 25th 7:00 pm "Atheism's Attack on America"

Saturday, May 26th 6:30 pm "Is Genesis a Myth?"
7:30 pm "The Dinosaur Dilemma"

Sunday, May 27th 9:00 am "Scientific Accuracy of the Bible"

10:00 am "The Value of Human Life"

Featuring Guest Speaker: Brad Harrub, Ph.D.

Adult Classes

Basic Bible for Adults Taught by Jim Lamm	Sunday mornings in the Elder's Office
Teach the Teacher Taught by Keith Dee	Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall
Gospel of John Taught by Stefano	Sunday mornings in the Auditorium
Introduction to the Bible	Wednesday evenings in the Auditorium
Fragrance of Faith Ladies class taught by Louise Rogers & Carla Haselden	Wednesday evenings

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