

May 20, 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

### *All Things Are Possible : By Stefano Mugnaini*

Consider the power of the God that we serve! By His Word, he created the Universe. He froze the sun in the sky at the request of Joshua. He stilled storms, stopped rain and sent it, and established and struck down rulers. He gave His servants the ability to foretell the future and interpret dreams. He sent fire from heaven, and caused great walls to collapse at the sound of a trumpet. He exercises absolute dominion over nature, and yet allows us to choose to serve Him or ourselves. The Lord has always presented two options to man: "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." That's it: serve false idols or God. Worship self or the Savior. Remarkably, inexplicably, the majority of mankind has always chosen the

path of rebellion, with its sure destination in the land of eternal torment. Wickedness has been chosen over righteousness. God's people have always been a minority: The Jews were surrounded by pagans and polytheists, early Christians faced the same opposition. Modern Christians contend both with the increasingly secular society around us, and the whole range of false religion—from the hatred of the Moslem to the ignorance of the denominational majority.

As frustrating as it may be to see the opposition that Christians face, we often lose sight of two facts: First, It is through suffering that we grow stronger. It is through persecution that we are purged of impurities, refined, and prepared to better serve our purpose. It was through the agency of persecution that the early church spread, and it was probably through the selfless dedication of many early Christians that others were brought to the faith.

Few men willingly lay down their lives for a cause not worth believing in.

Secondly, our God is able to use any circumstance, whether good or evil, to the furtherance of His work. Joseph, who had been kidnapped, enslaved, imprisoned, and subsequently promoted to a position of great power said to his brothers: "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive." If God could turn the slavery and suffering of one man into preservation of an entire race, WHAT CAN HE DO IN OUR LIVES? There are NO LIMITS to God's power, and no limits to how he can work in the lives of His people, if we only will turn to Him with obedient trusting faith.

"...Jesus said to them, with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."—Mt 19:26

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**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 05-13-07*

Bible Classes: 100  
 AM Worship: 173  
 PM Worship: 72  
 Wednesday Evening: 77  
 Contribution: \$3,443.00

*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:**  
 Keith Dee  
**Opening Prayer:**  
 Eddie Haselden  
**Communion:**  
 Andy Streets  
**Sermon:**  
 Stefano Mugnaini  
**Closing Prayer:**  
 Ron Herman



*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.  
**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 pacemaker 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 cancer.  
**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 Pneu-

monia.  
**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** is doing much better now. Thank you for your prayers.

**VISITS TO OUR  
 SHUT-INS**



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



*Linda Stoddard  
 4280 Weston Drive  
 Lilburn, GA 30247*

## 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!

### **Soup Kitchen**

The next date for the soup kitchen is May 28th.

### **SBA**

Summer Bible Adventure is fast approaching and Keith is looking for volunteers. If you can help in anyway, please



*Happy Anniversary!*

5/27 Will & Lillian Loomis

### *Gospel Meeting*

Walterboro Church of Christ will be hosting a gospel meeting on May 20th— May 24th. The Speaker will be Eddy Craft from the Elizabethton Church of Christ in Elizabethton, TN. For more info., please see the bulletin board.

### *Update on Prayer Requests*

Felicia Bennett, a member of Berkeley Church of Christ, is doing much better now. She has returned to work. Carol Bohanna, a friend of Kim Koontz, passed away last week. Kevin Polk's baby is still in ICU but doing better.

### *Good News!*

We are excited to announce that Stefano & Shelli are expecting their first child sometime mid January.



*Happy Birthday!*

5/20 Esther Lamm  
5/23 Joey Hanlon  
5/24 Paul Townsend, Jr.  
5/26



*Visit the Children's Library on May 27th*

### *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**

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

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