

May 27, 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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### *China & Morality : By Stefano Mugnaini*

The Chinese government has recently announced that they will step up efforts to prosecute doctors who violate their anti-abortion laws. What laws? There are several.

Due to China's one-child policy, and great social pressure to have a son, it has become the practice of some to abort or abandon female babies. Because of this, China has outlawed abortions based on sonogram determinations of the baby's sex. Since the desire is for a male child, this is essentially a protection of female infants.

While this has been Chinese law for some time, until recently it was not widely enforced, or penalized only by a small fine. The recent announcement means that greater effort will be exerted to prosecute these monsters, and much steeper criminal penalties will result.

Furthermore, Chinese law does not allow abortion after the 14<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy. Currently, U.S. law offers no protection for the unborn, save the Partial-Birth Abortion Act

(condemns only a certain method) which was recently signed into law and is currently under review by the Supreme Court.

Although some will argue that this legislation may be for gender inequity reasons rather than reasons of morality or ethics, it still serves to illustrate a point. China; Godless, Atheistic, Communist China; A place where elementary students take classes specifically to destroy any flicker of faith in God, and the only worship that is promoted is of the state; is more concerned with protecting unborn babies than the United States. What have we become?

We may have God's name on our money, but not in our hearts. We may claim we are a nation "under God," but in reality we humble ourselves before no one. The words of Christ in Mark 7:6 are as applicable to our nation as they were to the Jewish people: "**And He said to them, 'Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR**

**LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.'**"

From legalized murder to the shameless embrace of homosexuality and sexual promiscuity, there are few wicked deeds that remain uncelebrated. In the name of "tolerance" we suppress virtue, in the name of "understanding" we attempt to choke out conviction. For the sake of "education," we attempt to stamp out faith. But there is always hope. The Gospel of Christ still has the power to change our world, if only it is faithfully taught.

Let us rise above. Let us stand out. Let us refuse to bow to the myriad forces of evil that would seek to destroy not only the Lord's church, but the society in which she exists. It will not suffice to hold the world at arm's length. We must show those around us the better life that Christ provides. And we must be determined that we will never yield to the embrace of ungodliness. "For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."—Hebrews 12:3



**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 05-20-07*

Bible Classes: 96  
 AM Worship: 162  
 PM Worship: 77  
 Wednesday Evening: 75  
 Contribution: \$3,547.00

*Communion Preparation  
 & Baptismal Garments*

**Prepare Communion:**  
 Mary Ann Googe  
 June: Brenda Streets  
**Baptismal Garments:**  
 Lorraine Watkins  
 June: Jean Hilton  
**Elder of the Month:**  
 David Wakeland

*Program  
 of Worship*

**Announcements:**  
 David Wakeland  
**Song Service:**  
 Roddy Akers  
**Opening Prayer:**  
 Jim Lamm  
**Communion:**  
 Andy Streets  
**Sermon:**  
 Stefano Mugnaini  
**Closing Prayer:**  
 Larry Polk



*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 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 cancer.

Kevin Goodman, Jim & Esther's granddaughter's boy-

friend, 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.

Geneva Sims, a friend of Ronnie & Sharon Rush, has Lou Gehrig Disease.

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.

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...

### **Soup Kitchen**

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

### **Young Professionals**

The next devotional will be at the home of Durwood and Lara Collins on June 2nd. We will start around 4:00 pm and ham-

burgers & hotdogs will be provided. We need you, a side/dessert and your Bible to show up, please. If you have any questions, please see Jennifer.

### **Graduation Fellowship**

On Sunday evening, following worship service, we will have a

finger food fellowship in honor of our high school and college graduates.

### **Baby Shower**

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



*Happy Anniversary!*

5/27

Will & Lillian Loomis

5/28

Wes & Jennifer Meador

6/2

Pat & Ediajuan

### **Bridal Shower**

There will be a drop in bridal shower for Ginnie Streets on June 3rd from 2:00 - 5:00. Ginnie is registered as Virginia Streets at Belk & Bed, Bath & Beyond. If you are interested in a group gift please see Louise Rogers.

### **Summer Bible Adventure**

Summer Bible Adventure (VBS) is fast approaching. This years theme is "The Miracles of Christ". The dates are June 27-29 plus our Market/Fun day on Saturday the 30th. Please plan to come. There will be classes for adults and children

each night. Bring your neighbors and any other kids you can find :-).

We still need teachers and helpers for SBA/VBS. This will be a very rewarding experience no matter what role you help. Contact Keith



*Happy Birthday!*

5/27

Haylie Moseley

5/30

Frances Wakeland

5/30

Ona

White



*Visit the Children's Library today at 5:00.*

## Condolences

We would like to extend our condolences to Earline Smalls. Earline's niece, Eloise Patterson, passed away on Monday.

Also, we would like to extend condolences to Carl Bowles. Carl's brother-in-law, Mitchell Pitts, passed away on Sunday evening.

*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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