

June 3, 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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Thoughts for the Week:

“Then Peter came to Him and said, ‘Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.’”---Mt 18:21-22

This passage is yet another example of the soon to be apostle’s misunderstanding of the message of the Christ. Peter was accustomed to keeping the letter of the Law, while Jesus strove to teach the attitude behind it. The Law taught that forgiveness was a chore, a requirement, something to check off the “to-do” list of righteousness; Jesus saw it as the mindset his followers must have. Not a limited action, but a continuous state of the heart. We know that Jesus was not telling Peter to forgive 490 times; rather he was commanding him to continuously forgive others. By what Jesus tells Peter, and the parable that follows, we see a quality that is abso-

lutely essential for the child of God.

Beyond reflection on how we should live, however, there is a lesson to be learned about the nature of our God. This passage shows us that He is a God of second chances. In Ephesians 5:1, Paul told us to “be imitators of God.” Sometimes it is helpful to explore the reason behind a commandment. I believe it is because of God’s willingness to forgive us that he demands the same attitude from us toward others. Jesus never made a demand on us that he was unwilling to carry out himself. Hebrews 4:15 says we have in Christ a high priest who is sympathetic to our weaknesses and temptations. Our mediator doesn’t demand from us what he himself wouldn’t give. Indeed the history of the Jewish nation was a tale of the overwhelming forgiveness of the Lord.

Our God’s willingness to give us opportunity after opportunity is nowhere made clearer than on the Cross. As His only Son hung on the tree to pay the penalty for our sins, He asked the father to forgive us our ignorance.

There are many that claim God is a God who seeks to condemn and destroy. Many struggle with forgiving themselves for things they have done, ways they have rebelled against God. But the Bible is the unfolding of God’s plan to reconcile us to Him, and Christ’s insistence that His followers forgive others is indicative of how much the Lord desires to forgive us. Indeed, He desires that “none should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” The sacrifice of Christ ensures that when we turn back to God, he always offers another chance.

Stefano Mugnaini



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 05-27-07*

Bible Classes: 88
 AM Worship: 128
 PM Worship: 72
 Wednesday Evening: 69
 Contribution: \$2,703.00

*Communion Preparation
 & Baptismal Garments*

Prepare Communion:
 June: Brenda Streets
Baptismal Garments:
 June: Jean Hilton
Elder of the Month:
 Howard Streets

*Program
 of Worship*

Announcements:
 Howard Streets
Song Service:
 Royce Akers
Opening Prayer:
 Carl Bowles
Communion:
 Jim Lamm
Sermon:
 Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer



Thanks for Praying...

**VISITS TO OUR
 SHUT-INS**



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

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.



*Linda Stoddard
 4280 Weston Drive
 Lilburn, GA 30247*

Here's What's Happening...

Bridal Shower

There will be a drop in bridal shower for Ginnie Streets this afternoon from 2:00 - 5:00. Ginnie is registered as Virginia Streets at Belk & Bed, Bath & Beyond

Baby Shower

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

Ghana Mission Trip

Please remember to pray for Raymond Boynton, Ethel Harrelson & Stephen Hughes as they make their preparations to begin their mission work in Ghana.



Happy Anniversary!

6/3

Steve & Peggy
McLawhorn

6/4

John & Rosie Such

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

With Gratitude To All of You

Once again Essex Village, I wish to give God thanks for making me a part of this family. The loving care you have shown me, the prayers for me and Eloise, the encouraging cards, the beautiful flower arrangement, your visits at the hospital and the transportation from the hospital. Again many thanks and may God bless you always.

Love and prayers,
Earline Smalls.

Dear Essex Village Family,

Thank you all for thinking of me on my graduation. I really appreciate the topical Bible that I was given and know it will be very useful while I'm at Faulkner. I've grown very close to many— and many will

be missed! Thank you all for everything you have done over the past twelve years!

Mandy Noyes

Dear Essex Village,

I would like to thank you for the topical Bible and graduation party on Sunday night. I appreciate all of the encouragement I have been given.

Brittany Herman



Happy Birthday!

6/3

Will Loomis

6/8

Debra Scott

Matt Durling

6/9

On the Bulletin Board...

You are invited to attend our

GOSPEL MEETING

Church of Christ

1316 Rutledge Avenue

Charleston, SC

June 11th—June 15th, 2007

7:30 each evening

**Guest Speaker: Bro. Orpheus Heyward, Minister at
the West Side Church of Christ in Atlanta, GA**

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
Bible Basics	Wednesday evenings in the Auditorium
Fragrance of Faith Ladies class taught by Louise Rogers & Carla Haselden	Wednesday evenings

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