

June 17, 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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Steroids by Stefano Mugnaini

Over the summer, Major League Baseball announced that they are going to launch a serious investigation regarding the use of steroids and amphetamines among their athletes. While they have already implemented a stricter testing policy, it is still alleged that as many as half of all major league ball-players use either steroids or amphetamines! While that may be shocking, I am more surprised by the irony of this all: Top level athletes, most of whom have followed rigorous diet and exercise plans for many years, shamelessly injecting and ingesting substances that are known to destroy many of the major organ systems of the body. It is widely known that both groups of substances can destroy the heart, liver and kidneys, yet they are willing to take the risk. What is

even stranger is that these are not over-the-counter remedies, but controlled substances... illegal drugs.

I think it is safe to say that many steroid users are not involved with other "recreational" drugs. Perhaps they are wise or fearful enough to avoid cocaine or heroin, which are just as illicit as THG or Nandrolone, popular Steroids. So why take the many health and legal risks associated with using steroids? There is always a goal, an end result, that seemingly outweighs the risk. Maybe the opportunity to set home run records, to play a few extra years, compete with the younger players is perceived a reward enough to outweigh the consequences.

Religious people are often guilty of the same thing. This often is

manifested in our treatment of The Scriptures. Sometimes, we want so badly to make a point, we will misuse or misquote a passage to get the idea across. Taken out of context, Bible passages are used to make an argument; sometimes a scriptural one, sometimes not. So much for "rightly dividing the word of truth." This is something that is often done unintentionally, but nonetheless is dangerous. Misusing God's word, even to teach something that happens to be true, is wrong.

Perhaps a more pervasive issue comes as a result of the search for oft-elusive "church growth." Many congregations and "churches" want so badly to grow that they lose sight of the truth. They present an easy religion, one that demands little and makes people feel warm and fuzzy, and sweeps



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 06-10-07*

Bible Classes: 103
 AM Worship: 173
 PM Worship: 66
 Wednesday Evening: 67
 Contribution: \$3,649.00

*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:
 Keith Dee
Opening Prayer:
 Eddie Haselden
Communion:
 Jim Lamm
Sermon:
 Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer
 Larry Casbeer



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.

Marcus Cox, a co-worker of Carl Bowles, has a newborn son with breathing difficulties.

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.

Neil 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.

Condolences

We would like to express our condolences to family and friends of Georgia Pruitt. Georgia passed away on Thursday, June 14th.



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...

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Angie Schooff at 2:30 on June 24th in the fellowship hall. Angie is registered at Babies R Us and Target. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please see Agnes McLawhorn or Jane Snyder.

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower is planned for Angela Branham on July 7th from 1:00 - 3.00.

For more information, please see Mary Bolen.

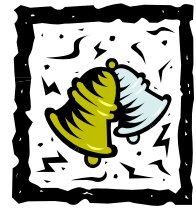
Secret Sister

The Secret Sister revealing will be on Friday, June 22nd at 7 pm at the home of Herman and

Michelle Porter. Directions will be on the table in the foyer . Please see Sandy Dee if you have any questions.

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!

6/20

Hilton & Mary Ann

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6/23

Norman & Twylah Ricker

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!

6/19

Sue Janicki

6/23

Mark Embry

6/24

Clara Haselden

Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen Streets
request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Virginia Kathleen

to

William Scott

son of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Fowler

Friday, the twenty-seventh day of July Two thousand and Seven

at six-thirty o'clock in the evening

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the harsher truths under the rug. Preachers get on TV and promise people riches and earthly treasure as a direct result of religious conversion, rejecting Christ's plea that His "kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36) We condone and accept any lifestyle because someone may not want to give up their old habits to accept Christ. But Jesus says we can't come after Him unless we deny ourselves, and daily take up our cross. (Mk 8:34) Everywhere we look, the doctrine is advanced that anyone who says unto Him, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of Heaven. But what did our Lord say in Matthew 7? Exactly the opposite. Christ never preached

easy religion. He promised a hard road. But he promised to walk with us.

We, as Christians need to better understand our role as servants of God. We are entrusted with "preaching the Gospel," not rewriting it. We are to impress His words on our heart and on our soul, not edit out the parts we don't like until it bears no resemblance to the original. We are entrusted to be His ambassadors bearing His message to a lost world. God forbid we bear a message perverted by our own opinions! No lofty goal of our own is worth being unfaithful in our stewardship of the "oracles of God."

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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