

June 24, 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



REFLECTIONS

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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“Riches” by Stefano Mugnaini

Last year, billionaire Warren Buffet shocked the country by donating 85 % of his fortune to charity, an astonishing 35 million dollars. Second only to Bill Gates, Buffet’s assets totaled over 42 billion dollars. This amount of money is beyond our ability to grasp (in more ways than one). It is said that individuals like this would lose money if they stopped their normal business earnings long enough to pick up a hundred dollar bill. Most of us, upon finding a hundred dollars, could take the rest of the day off!

In our materialistic society, wealth is generally associated with success. Status and value are based on what we acquire. It is easy for us to forget that all material things are temporary, and that striving after them is meaningless. Even if we’re trying to

live a faithful Christian life, it is easy for us to get caught up in the quest for earthly treasure. We need to remember that there is an immeasurable treasure within our grasp. By the grace of God, we stand to inherit so much more than any material blessing. By his mercy, the promises of God, both in this life and the next, are made available to us. Christ offers life: abundant and eternal.

In Matthew 13:44, Jesus said “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Notice something about this passage: The treasure in the field was great enough that the man SOLD ALL HE HAD. What does that mean? Consider this: Jesus told his disciples

to expect hardship, homelessness, poverty, persecution for the sake of the kingdom. He said they could expect to suffer as he was to suffer. He said that all of these things were necessary for those who desired to be a part of the kingdom of God. In this light, the lesson of Matthew 13:44 becomes clear. The kingdom of God is such a great treasure that it is worth forfeiting all that we have to be a part of it. Worldly goods? Yes. But so much more than that; We must count all else as dispensable in order to truly enjoy what God has in store for us as members of His kingdom.

Are we willing to sell all we have? Will we forfeit all that this world can offer for the great treasure of the kingdom?



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

VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



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

*For the Record:
 Week of 06-17-07*

Bible Classes: 82
 AM Worship: 132
 PM Worship: 62
 Wednesday Evening: 62
 Contribution: \$3,246.00

*Communion Preparation
 & Baptismal Garments*

Prepare Communion:
 June: Brenda Streets
 July: Mary Beth Christy
 Janie Polutta
Baptismal Garments:
 June: Jean Hilton
 July: Frances Wakeland
Elder of the Month:
 Howard Streets

*Program
 of Worship*

Announcements:
 Howard Streets
Song Service:
 Royce Akers
Opening Prayer:
 David Wakeland
Communion:
 Jim Lamm
Sermon:
 Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer
 Tex Patton



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 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.

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.



Please remember to pray for the family & friends of the firefighters.

Here's What's Happening...

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Angie Schooff today at 2:30 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 or Ona White.

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!

6/30

Leonard & Lottie McNeill

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 :-).

Speakers for the adults will be:

6/27 Chris Gallagher

from Mt. Pleasant - "The Purpose"

6/28 Don Blackwell from N. Charleston - "The Expectation"

6/29 Frank Shepard from Walterboro - "The Result"



Happy Birthday!

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
Essex Village Church of Christ
736 Savage Road
Charleston, South Carolina

Dinner Reception will be held at Alhambra Hall in Mt Pleasant immediately following the ceremony. All those planning to attend, please respond by July 6th either by calling 843-709-0333 or by email to bstreets@kwcharleston.com

6/24

Clara Haselden

6/25

Gil Blackburn

Gayla Moseley

Janet Jenkins

6/30

Robert Smith

Matthew Collins

On the Bulletin Board

Come join us at the
North Charleston Church of Christ
for the first
NATIONWIDE GOSPEL MEETING
July 1st—3rd
Theme: “The Hardeman Tabernacle Sermons
Today”

Time:
Sunday, July 1st
7:00 pm Congregational Singing
7:30 pm “Repentance” by Tom Holland

Monday, July 2nd
8:00 pm “What Church to Join”, B. J. Clarke

Tuesday, July 3rd
8:00 pm “What Church to Join”, B. J. Clarke

Place:
North Charleston Church of Christ
8415 Patriot Blvd.
North Charleston, SC

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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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