

July 1, 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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### *“Good Fruit” by Stefano Mugnaini*

Recently, a study of graduates from Ivy League Universities produced a rather shocking result. Tests administered to Graduates of Harvard and Yale, some of whom were History majors, showed that they displayed less knowledge of American History than High School seniors. Why is this so worrisome? After investing over thirty thousand dollars per year, many of these students go on to positions in Government and administration. Ultimately, our country is being run by individuals with an extremely limited knowledge of our own History! They rail about the Constitution and founding fathers, yet do they really know what they are talking about? It has been said that “those who forget History are bound to repeat it.” Watching some of our “leaders” today, one gets the impression that perhaps they are unfamiliar with History.

However, the same principle applies to the Church. “Church History,” or as Brother Leon Crouch called it, “the History of religious error,” is replete with ex-

amples of men in leadership roles who had utterly forgotten their History, and that of Israel. We see this today with the renewed debate, in some circles, over instrumental music and fellowship with any and every person who claims the name “Christian.” Issues that were once settled have again reared their heads. But we can also examine the very processes that have produced a religious landscape scattered with thousands of denominations, efforts to divide the Body of Christ. That great Church-for which he died, for whose unity He prayed, and whose Law he inaugurated in the Covenant sealed with His blood-has been scattered and divided as a result of those who, like the Pharisees, would substitute the commandments of God for the tradition of men.

One needs only to examine the conduct of the Jewish nation, summarized in Isaiah 5:1-4, to see God’s opinion of our tampering with His law.

**Let me sing a song  
now for my well-**

**beloved, a song for my beloved concerning His vineyard. My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill. He dug it all around, removed its stones, and planted it with the choicest vines. And He built a tower in the middle of it, and also hewed out a wine vat in it. Then He expected it to produce good grapes, but it produced only worthless ones.**

After preparing, protecting, and constantly, delivering the children of Israel, their constant unfaithfulness and rebellion led the Lord, through His prophet, to say they produced “worthless” fruit. Does not the story of Israel foreshadow the religious apostasy that set in shortly after the time of the Apostles, and has continued unto this day? The time is now for faithful Christians to wake up to the threats that surround us, and dedicate ourselves, in light of the preparation, protection and love that our Heavenly Father has shown, to produce only good fruit, and in abundance!



**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 06-24-07*

Bible Classes: 102  
 AM Worship: 175  
 PM Worship: 75  
 Wednesday Evening: 118  
 Contribution: \$3,773.00

*Communion Preparation  
& Baptismal Garments*

**Prepare Communion:**  
 July: Mary Beth Christy  
 Janie Polutta  
**Baptismal Garments:**  
 July: Frances Wakeland  
**Elder of the Month:**  
 Larry Casbeer

*Program  
of Worship*

**Announcements:**  
 Larry Casbeer  
**Song Service:**  
 Keith Dee  
**Opening Prayer:**  
 Howard Streets  
**Communion:**  
 Ray Brown  
**Sermon:**  
 Stefano Mugnaini  
**Closing Prayer**  
 Bill Ragland



*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...

### **Bridal Shower**

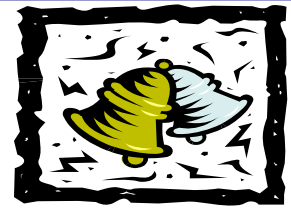
A bridal shower is planned for Angela Branham on July 7th from 1:00 - 3.00. For more information, please see Mary Bolen or Ona White.

### **Ghana Mission Trip**

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

### **Congratulations!**

Jim & Becky Kiles are proud to announce that they have a new granddaughter. Evelyn Reece was born on June 16th to Todd And Michelle Kiles. She weighed 8 lbs - 5 oz and was 21 inches long.



*Happy Anniversary!*

7/1

Roddy & Kelli Akers

7/3

Mac & Agnes  
McLawnhorn

Phillip & Kim Koontz

## Baptism

We are excited to announce that David Armstrong was baptized on Thursday evening following the SBA service David has been visiting with us for the last few weeks. Please be sure to meet him if have not had the chance.

## Summer Bible Adventure

A Message from Keith Dee...

Special thanks go out to all of those unsung heroes who really pulled VBS together. I would not have been successful if it weren't for the folks who stepped up and did the things that needed to

be done without being told, or offered their services for "whatever you need me to do". Pulling together and working as "one body" is what pleases God and made our VBS a great success.

Thanks so very much.



*Happy Birthday!*

7/1

Grace Haselden

7/2

Stefano Mugnaini

Michael Boynton

7/3

Lillian Loomis

Polly Fowler

7/5

Jack Crabtree

7/6

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> either by calling 843-709-0333 or by email to [bstreets@kwcharleston.com](mailto:bstreets@kwcharleston.com)

*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

**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>Bible Basics</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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