

July 8, 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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“How Beautiful Heaven Must Be” by Stefano Mugnaini

What does God look like? Can anyone answer this question? I John 3 says “When He appears we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is.” The implication is that we cannot see God as He is because we are mortal and he is eternal. It is only when we shed this earthly body for an eternal body that we will be able to see and to contemplate God.

The same question can be asked of Heaven, and the same concept applies: If Heaven is His dwelling place, than it must be that we cannot truly picture or understand what it will be like. It was with this knowledge of our own limitations that John, through the Holy Spirit, described it this way:

“Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal clear jasper. It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gate twelve angels, and names were written on them, which were the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the East and three

gates on the North and three gates on the South and three gates on the West...The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper, the second; sapphire, the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysochryse; the eleventh, jacinth and the twelfth, amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.” (Revelation 21)

This description of gemstones and precious metals is not intended to make us believe that we are going to spend eternity in a high dollar jewelry store: rather, to describe, in words we can understand, the beauty, the perfection, the splendor of Heaven. We can't picture the real thing, but we can all get a taste of it. It is incredible to think that it will be even more

beautiful than it is described!

Perhaps most significant and encouraging to the faithful is the passage that precedes this one, in verses 3-4:

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people and God Himself will be among them. And he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain, for the first things have passed away.”

This is truly the promise of Heaven, and that which we can understand now: an end to sorrow, to mourning, death and suffering. There is much we cannot know until we get there, but of this we are sure: Heaven is where the faithful will spend eternity in the presence of the Creator free from death and sorrow. How beautiful indeed.



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 07-01-07*

Bible Classes:
 AM Worship: 144
 PM Worship: 78
 Wednesday Evening: 102
 Contribution: \$3,885.00

*Communion Preparation
 & Baptismal Garments*

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

*Program
 of Worship*

Announcements:
 Larry Casbeer
Song Service:
 Royce Akers
Opening Prayer:
 Wes Meador
Communion:
 Ray Brown
Sermon:
 Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer
 Matthew Vergne



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.

VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



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

Here's What's Happening...

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower is planned for Angela Branham this afternoon from 1:00 - 3.00.

For more information, please see Mary Bolen or Ona White.

Carowinds Trip

A trip is being planned for Carowinds on July 31st. We will meet here at the building at 7:00 am. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for all of those interested in going...anyone under 12 must

Food Pantry

If you would like to contribute to the food pantry, we could use the following items: peanut butter, jelly, canned meat & vegetables. Thank you for contributing!



Happy Anniversary!

7/8 Kenneth & Debra Scott

7/10 Howard & Brenda Streets

7/11 Gene & Norma Ashburn

7/12 Raymond & Beverly Boynton

Anthony & Jean Hilton

Eric & Michelle Zink

Prayer Requests

Surgery

Family and Friends, Bill will be having surgery on July 18th. He has had problems with the veins in his legs again as he did almost 2 years ago. (It is genetic.) Please pray that all goes

well. He would appreciate all the prayers so much. Donna

Ghana Mission Trip

Please remember to pray for Raymond Boynton, Ethel Harrelson & Stephen Hughes as they

begin their mission work in Ghana.



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

7/8 Victoria Boynton

7/9 Michelle Porter

7/10 Ashlynn Moseley

7/13 Savannah Moulton

Cameron Scott

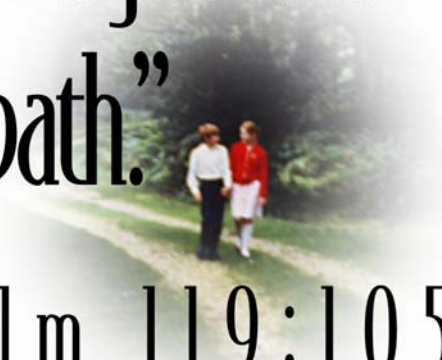
Chelsea Dee

7/14 Paul Rogers

Darren McComb

“Thy word is a
lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto
my path.”

Psalm 119:105



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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