

July 15, 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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### *“One church?” by Stefano Mugnaini*

The religious pluralists that have invaded the theological thought are in an uproar about a statement made by the Catholic pope this week. In a document to be released soon from the Vatican, the pope has decreed that “Christ only established one church.” In this, he is absolutely correct—Christ plainly said that He would establish one church. In Ephesians 3, the Apostle Paul showed us that that church had existed in the mind of God from eternity, that it was the fulfillment of His “eternal purpose.” The real problem with the pope’s statement is not that it identifies the truth that there is but one church; the problem is that he identifies that church with a body that bears little resemblance to the church of the New Testament in organization, in doctrine, or in worship. The disparity between Roman Catholicism and

the New Testament are so great that numerous interpreters throughout the ages have identified her, albeit wrongly, with the beast of Revelation!

The indignation felt by many religious groups only seeks to point out the inherent problem with denominationalism and division of the Bride of Christ. If it is acceptable for each to do what is right in his own eyes, like the Israelites before the crowning of Saul, then how can one be more right than another? If it is perfectly acceptable to “teach as doctrine the precepts of men,” (Mk 7:7) then who can say which tradition is correct.

Truly the fruit of denominational thinking is religious plurality—I’m ok, you’re ok—and the ultimate fruit of plurality is to utterly destroy all conviction. If it doesn’t really matter what you

believe, then why be convicted about it?

Christ did establish His one church. He did, through the revelation of His perfect will in written form, leave for mankind a lasting testimony of His love. He left us a book that tells us how to be a part of the greatest fellowship this world has ever known, and left us explicit instructions regarding how we ought to conduct ourselves and direct our paths. He left us a message about which we must be convicted, for which we must have a passion, and to which we must strive for complete obedience. No one is acceptable to God—unless we abide in His word, and direct our steps according to it. It follows that no church is His church, no matter what the sign on the wall says, unless there is scriptural authority for the things it teaches and practices.



**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 07-08-07*

Bible Classes: 76  
 AM Worship: 147  
 PM Worship: 81  
 Wednesday Evening: 47  
 Contribution: \$3,548.00

*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:**  
 Roddy Akers  
**Opening Prayer:**  
 Andy Streets  
**Communion:**  
 Ray Brown  
**Sermon:**  
 Stefano Mugnaini  
**Closing Prayer**  
 Raymond Boynton



*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.

**VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS**



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



*Please remember to pray for the family and friends of the firefighters.*

## Here's What's Happening...

### **Ladies Retreat**

Please mark your calendars, Ladies, for our upcoming Ladies Retreat on October 5-6, 2007 at Seabrook Island (same location as last year). The 2007 Retreat Committee consists of Mary Bolen, Mary Crabtree and Janie Polutta. If you have any questions,

please see one of them. PS It will be here before we know it!!!!!!

### **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 have an adult attend.

### **Pantry**

If you would like to contribute to the food pantry, we could use the following items: peanut butter, jelly and canned meat. Thanks for all that you do!



*Happy Anniversary!*

7/20

Robert & Geraldine  
Smith

## 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 Ray, Ethel & Stephen and their families while they are in Ghana.



*Happy Birthday!*

## Wedding Invitations

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Allen Streets  
request the honor of your presence at the  
marriage of their daughter  
Virginia Kathleen to William Scott  
son of Mr. & 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.

Mr. & Mrs. William Branham  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Angela Marie Branham  
to  
Joshua Richard Underwood  
Saturday, the fourth of August  
Two thousand seven at five o'clock  
Summerall Chapel  
Charleston, South Carolina  
With a reception to follow at  
Cypress Gardens in Monks Corner.  
Please RSVP ASAP if planning to  
attend the reception 843-688-5005,  
cell phone is 843-814-3062.

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Ashlynn Murray

7/16

Jessie Boozer

7/17

John Such

7/19

Doris Akers

Gene Ashburn

Marie Green

7/20

Kenton Akers

7/21

Terry Morrow

## *Bulletin Board*

### **St. Andrews Road Church of Christ**

425 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC

All-Night Singing  
Friday, August 3rd  
7:30 Until...

Join us for a great congregational singing.  
Refreshments will be served.

### **The Church of Christ at Folly Road**

Invites you to our 2007 Revival Meeting

August 5-9, 2007  
Speaker: Brother Paul Sanders  
Lithonia, Georgia

Nightly services at 7:30

### **Myrtle Beach Church of Christ**

Ladies Day  
Saturday, September 22, 2007  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Joanne Howe  
Author of "A Change of Habit"

### 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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