

July 22, 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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“Strangers & Pilgrims” by Stefano Mugnaini

Whenever I travel, I always feel strange. Sort of uncomfortable and out of place. Living out of a suitcase always does that to me. Whether it is a week-long vacation or a couple of days visiting family, I don't really feel normal until I get home. I am prone to a touch of homesickness. Having lived in a lot of places over the past few years, this doesn't really make much sense, but I feel this way nonetheless. As I was thinking about this, it suddenly occurred to me: “This is how Christians are supposed to feel everywhere!”

Beloved, I beg of you, as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against your soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.—1 Peter 2:11-12

Peter tells us, in no uncertain terms, that we are pilgrims and travelers in this world, no matter where we are. That means we should expect to feel out of place, away from home. Worldliness and Humanism teach that this Earth is our beginning and ending place, that we have our span of eighty years and then we cease to exist. “Get comfortable,” they say, “because this is all there is.” But God's Word paints a totally different picture. In the verses preceding those mentioned above, Peter calls us (as Christians) a “Holy Nation.” Thus, by “Gentiles,” in verse 12, he means ANYONE not of our number.

The point Peter is making is that we, as Christians, are currently citizens of the Kingdom of God, the same idea Paul expressed in His letter to the churches at Philippi

and Colossae. We are here as visitors, not residents. Essentially, we spend this time on Earth to get our passports stamped. If this is true, then we should no more feel comfortable in Charleston or Jacksonville than we would on the moon. One of the great messages of the Bible, even of the Epistles of Peter, is that this world is temporary and will not last forever. If, in just a few days, we may pine for our Earthly home, how much more should we long for our Eternal Home, that place of promise where our TRUE citizenship lies?

For we are citizens of a heavenly kingdom, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. —Philippians 3:20-21



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 07-15-07*

Bible Classes: 84
 AM Worship: 144
 PM Worship: 78
 Wednesday Evening: 76
 Contribution: \$3,666.00

*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:
 Keith Dee
Opening Prayer:
 Jim Lamm
Communion:
 Ray Brown
Sermon:
 Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer
 Herman Porter



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 pace-maker 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.

Margaret Mills, a member of Cairo Church of Christ, had a heart attack.

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.

Violet Sharp, Nancy Walden's mother, is having some health problems.

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

Here's What's Happening...

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.

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

Ice Cream Social

It's time for our annual Homemade Ice Cream Feast so if you have a churn and are willing, please plan to fix a churn of ice cream for August 26th after evening services.



Happy Anniversary!

7/28

Terry & Nancy

Morrow

Farewell to Vergnes & Meadors

We are sorry to be losing two very faithful families from Essex Village. Matt, Paula and Sophie will be packing up and leaving on July 27. Wes and Jennifer will be leaving the last week of August. We

will be having a little get-together on Wed. night after services, July 25th, to tell them good-bye. It will be appreciated if those here at Essex could bring finger foods for this occasion and plan to

stay for a little while to tell them good-bye. To the Vergnes and Meadors, we love you and will miss you, but hope you will come back to visit whenever you can.

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.

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 843-668-5005, cell phone 843-814-3062



Happy Birthday!

7/23

William Mitchell

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

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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