

July 29, 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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### *“Foundations” by Stefano Mugnaini*

My Mother has a friend who, by the sound of her, is the most pious, religiously minded person I've ever met. She constantly speaks of prayer, of God, of her desire for His help. There is, however, something incredibly ironic in this. In the fifteen or so years that I have known her, she has never attended any worship service of any kind, nor seriously attempted to study the Bible. How then does she profess that which she doesn't know, or long for the intercession of One whom she does not serve?

I think this illustrates the greatest problem faced by the church today: many who profess to be Christians, but with no foundation. There is invocation of the name, but not submission to the authority, of God. The result of this is a “faith” that does not change us—a cognitive acceptance of some ideas about God, but no desire to conform to His will, and certainly no ability to “... give an answer to the hope that is within us.” Is this not what Jesus referred to

as rocky soil in Matthew 13:21? “Yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.” Jesus further addressed this subject with the parables of the two foundations in Matthew 7. Obedient hearers, He said, have a firm foundation. If we neglect to shore up the foundations of our faith, what hope do we have to stand fast? We are like the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus said, “You worship what you do not know.” How many of us could be told the same thing? Certainly this describes much of the religious world, adrift on a sea of vain philosophy and sophistry, neglecting or rejecting the pure truth of the Gospel.

How do we develop a foundation? I believe it begins with deep, committed study of the Bible. Not listening to the preacher a few times a week or reading a little religious fiction, but intense study, like most

of us neglected to do as students. Next, it is increasingly important to develop a greater knowledge of Christian Apologetics. Apologetics is the field concerned with providing logical arguments and evidence in favor of the existence of God and the veracity of the Bible and of Christianity as conceived not by man, but by the mind of God. Lastly, in order for us to bolster our foundation, it is imperative that we actually live what we believe. Jesus himself said that our foundation consists not merely of sound doctrine, but also of obedience to His word. Let us shore up our foundation, lest we be washed away by the rising tides of wickedness and unbelief!



**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 07-22-07*

Bible Classes: 83  
 AM Worship: 150  
 PM Worship: 71  
 Wednesday Evening: 85  
 Contribution: \$3,276.00

*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**  
 Jack Crabtree



*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.

Mike Polutta, Larry & Janie's son, had a heart attack.

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

**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!*

7/31

Doug & Carol  
Emery

## *New Member*

We are happy to announce that Mac White has expressed his desire to worship and work with us here at Essex Village. Please update your directory with Mac's address and telephone number:

1551 Sam Rittenberg Blvd. # 106  
Charleston, SC 29407

Telephone # 556-3059

## *Food Pantry*



*Happy Birthday!*

7/30

Richard Runey

8/1

Nina Fowler

Diana Byrd

8/3

Keith Dee

## *Wedding Invitation*

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

## *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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