

August 19, 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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“Madness” by Stefano Mugnaini

Once a year, much of the nation is captivated by “March Madness.” That is the name given to the NCAA men’s basketball tournament. Every year, 64 teams are chosen to compete in what may be the sporting world’s most exciting event. Even to casual fans, this often means weeks of trying to predict how the tourney will play out, arguing over who’s the better team, and making up a mock bracket to compete with friends.

For employers, this means workers calling in sick for a few days or taking three hour lunches to watch the games. Many employees spend their day comparing brackets and talking sports, rather than doing any actual work. It has been estimated that over **three billion** dollars was lost last year in worker productivity because of the NCAA tour-

namment! Considering the tournament only lasts about two weeks, that’s two hundred million dollars a day! And that doesn’t account for the fact that only the first few rounds of games take place during the day.

It is easy for us, with our busy schedules and myriad responsibilities to let our lives give new meaning to the phrase “March Madness.” In fact, just as the sports fan gets so sidetracked by the ongoing tourney, we often lose sight of the important because we are controlled by the minutia of our daily lives. Our priorities get shifted because of the desire (need?) to earn a living, do yard work, and socialize with friends and neighbors. Sometimes, we forget to stop and focus on the things that are really important. In the madness of our daily

lives, we spend more time balancing our checkbook than thanking God for what we have. We spend more time working out details of our life than asking the Creator and Sustainer of our lives for His will to be done. We forfeit time in Bible study for time with the TV.

In several interviews, Fred Rogers of the beloved children’s show “Mr. Rogers,” pointed out our need for silence. He said that the greatest thing we can do for our children, and for ourselves, is daily set aside some quiet time. Time to spend in prayer, in Bible study, in silent contemplation of our lives. God’s Word, in Psalm 46:10, recommends the same course. “Be still, and know that I am God.” We all need to take a step back from the madness that is our lives and quietly recognize the One who is in control of all things.



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 08-12-07*

Bible Classes: 68
 AM Worship: 130
 PM Worship: 57
 Wednesday Evening: 77
 Contribution: \$4,100.00

*Communion Preparation
 & Baptismal Garments*

Prepare Communion:
 Agnes McLawhorn
Baptismal Garments:
 Peggy McLawhorn
Elder of the Month:
 David Wakeland

*Program
 of Worship*

Announcements:
 David Wakeland
Song Service:
 Keith Dee
Opening Prayer:
 Jim Lamm
Communion:
 Jack Crabtree
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 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.

Nell 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, has cancer and is not doing well.

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 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...

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.

Ladies Bible Class

The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Class will begin again on September 11th at 10:00 am. All ladies are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

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 Birthday!

Children

The Children's Library will be open for story time and to check out books on August 19th at 5:00 pm.

Youth Rally

Let no one look down on your youthfulness
Characteristics of Young Christians

2007 Myrtle Beach Youth Rally
Myrtle Beach Church of Christ

Speakers Chip Pugh and Chad Brinker

November 9th and 10th

Concordance

Josh & Angela Underwood will be leaving us and we would like to give them a parting gift. We have a concordance out in the foyer on the table for everyone to sign.

Prayers

Steve McLawhorn was released from the MUSC on Tuesday.

Shelli Mugnaini has recently had more complications with her pregnancy. Mom & baby are fine but would like prayers.

Food Pantry

If you would like to donate to the food pantry, we could use the following items: canned fruit and dried beans. Thanks to all of those who make this work possible. With every bag of food given, we also give a Bible study and an invitation to worship.

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Howard Streets

8/21

Candace Basnillo

8/25

Paige Henderson

Bulletin Board

Myrtle Beach Church of Christ

Ladies' Day

Saturday, September 22, 2007

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

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

St. Andrew Road Church of Christ

Ladies' Day

Saturday, September 22, 2007

Time: 9:30 am till 2:30 pm

Theme: What is my Life?

Maturing?- or -Simply Enduring?

Guest Speaker: Sandra Humphrey former editor of "Christian Woman Magazine"

A light breakfast will be available and a delicious lunch will be served.

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
<i>The Begging Place</i> by Peggy Blackmon Ladies class taught by Louise Rogers & Carla Haselden	Wednesday evenings

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