

August 26, 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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“Churches Within the Church”

Everyone familiar with the Scriptures, and the pattern for New Testament unity, is aware that the Lord's church was designed to be "one" (1 Cor. 1:10ff; 12:12ff; Eph. 4:1-6; Phil. 2:1ff). Clearly, this is the Father's will. Tragically, however, this is not always the case. Within the broad scope of churches of Christ we have many splintered groups. Some are identified by doctrinal peculiarities (e.g. "One cup," "no class," "non-institutional," etc.). Others are not clearly distinguished, but exist nonetheless—dispersed throughout the brotherhood, and **within** many congregations.

The Worldly Church

First, there is the "worldly" church. This is that segment of our fellowship that identifies with us in "name," but not in practice. These want an affiliation with "Christianity," for they are fearful of being unbelievers. Yet they have never made the commitment of purity to Christ. They are the sexually promiscuous, profane, revelers, and fleshly. These have but a pretense of godliness (2

Tim. 3:5).

The Superficial Church

Some must be identified as members of the "superficial" church. In his parable of the sower (Matt. 13; Mk. 4; Luke 8), Christ spoke of those who "believed," but they could not produce because their "soil" was so **shallow** that the grain could not take root. In a similar category were the "thorny" disciples—those who had so many distractions they were virtually worthless to the cause of Christ. These are those who may not be overtly worldly, but just hang on by their fingernails to the bare bones of the body of Christ. They believe their traditions, yet have no foundation is Scripture. They are zealous for fleshly family members, but care little for association with Christians. They are addicted to sports, shopping, and jobs. The church runs a distant **last** in their lives.

The Pharisaical Church

Then there is an element that can only be characterized as the "Pharisaical" church. This disposition is

reflected by those who are "church of Christ's." They want it known that they are members of the "Church of Christ"; they were "baptized by immersion" (is there any **other** way?) by a "Church of Christ preacher." Their folks were members of the church so they have the pedigree. In reality, however, their identity with the **true** church is more formal than factual. They "teach as doctrine the traditions of men." (Mk 7:7) Their concern is not with being righteous, but right. They may not actually do anything to spread the Gospel, but they will know where to stand on Baptism, worship and moral issues. Not with the scriptures, but firmly planted on their tradition.

The Modernistic Church

The "modernistic" church is that elitist clique whose doctrinal ministers have matriculated through the hallowed halls of Harvard, Princeton, and the University of Skepticism. The clerics of this rarified atmosphere have taught their flocks that Moses did not author the Pentateuch;

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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 08-19-07*

Bible Classes: 80
 AM Worship: 132
 PM Worship: 70
 Wednesday Evening: 71
 Contribution: \$2,853.00

*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:
 Royce Akers
Opening Prayer:
 Howard Streets
Communion:
 Jack Crabtree
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, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Condolences

We would like to express our condolences to Sharon Rush. Sharon's friend, Geneva Sims, passed away on August 18th. Thank you for all of the prayers offered on behalf of Geneva.



Southeastern Children's Home

"Change for
Children 2007"

Sunday, August
19th through
Sunday,
November 18th

Cans are in the
foyer.

Bulletin Article Continued...

rather it was written by anonymous writers known by the code initials JEPD. There was not one Isaiah, but likely three; Jesus Christ, poor fellow, did not know the difference, since he attributed all portions of the book simply to "Isaiah." They teach that the Gospel accounts were not authored by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, but by Q and other unknown contributors. Paul did not author some of the works ascribed to him, and Peter, too, is highly suspect.

The Contentious Church

The "contentious" church makes its obnoxious presence felt wherever it can. This is the self-deputized church posse that monitors everything and everyone within its range of knowledge. If a church across the country has an internal problem, the bully

boys quickly assess the situation, determine who is right and who is wrong, write up an analysis for the entire brotherhood, and "mark" everyone who does not come down on "their side" of the determination. These are the omniscient ones who comb through the brotherhood lecture programs and note the "heretics" who have been invited to participate. They then proceed to castigate every other brother on the program as "liberal"—because obviously they are **in fellowship** with "liberals."

Is the Lord's church really in such a disastrous shape? **Let us be encouraged to know that there yet are 7,000 precious souls "who have not bowed the knee to Baal" (Rom. 11:4).**

There are godly men and women who love Christ and who respect the authority of his word. They are faithful and dedicated servants who sacrifice for his cause, teach his truth, and have heaven as their goal. They are detoured by none of the weaknesses previously described. God's kingdom will stand forever (Dan. 2:44). There always will be the faithful remnant (Rom. 11:5). There is a core of youth who are intelligent, courageous, and deeply spiritual. It is not a day for dire pessimism. The factions described above will wither away in their own indifference and egocentric self-interest, and the cause of Christ will triumph.

Adapted from "The Word's of the Master"

Forest Hill Church of Christ



Happy Birthday!

9/1

Verdie Whitson

9/1

Sandy Dee

9/1

Aydrea McComb

9/2

Lois Ott

Bulletin Board

Kingsbury Road Church of Christ Ladies' Day

Saturday, September 15, 2007

Registration will begin at 9:00 am

Theme: We've Come This Far by Faith"

Speaker: Denise O' Quinn of Atlanta, Georgia and
Sonya Burns of Kingsbury

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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