

September 2, 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



REFLECTIONS

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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“Are You Excited”

Electronic Arts, a game development company best known for their sports titles, recently ran commercials to pump up the release of Madden '08, their annually updated football game. The gist of the commercials was that Madden devotees would be taking off work, scheduling “Madden parties,” and generally forfeiting a massive amount of their time to celebrate the newest edition of the Madden Franchise. There are many others who get more excited about the start of the *actual* football season, which is finally upon us. Can't relate to football? The next few weeks, to the avid football fan, are like all of your favorite holidays in a tidy, regularly scheduled package. Exciting? We all have hobbies, pastimes, and special occasions to which we devote our time. When football season ends, I immediately begin to pine for the next. For

months, fantasy football publications and preview magazines have been for sale, with teams of “experts” making their predictions. We love our diversions.

What would happen if we put the same amount of energy into the work of the church that we put into our leisure activities? What would our worship be like if we were as excited about praising God as we are about the beginning of football season? Imagine what the budget would be if our entertainment spending was exceeded by our weekly contributions! Consider what spiritual heights we would reach if we studied the Word of Truth the way that some pore over the stock reports or the latest issue of Golf magazine! How many souls could we reach if we focused our energy on personal evangelism rather than speck removal?

I believe that this is specifically what the He-

brew writer meant when, in 10:24-25, he said “Let us consider how to stimulate one another on to love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...” The command is that we consider, literally, “think about,” how we may encourage one another to do the Lord's work. I believe God wants his children working for him, not out of compulsion or fear, but out of genuine excitement that we are His children, that He has adopted us into His family, and that such a price has been paid for our adoption. We must daily ask ourselves two questions: What can I do to care more about the Lord's body at Essex Village? What can I do to encourage my brother to be as devoted as I intend to be? We are *only* limited by how much we desire to work



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 08-26-07*

Bible Classes: 82
 AM Worship: 124
 PM Worship: 68
 Wednesday Evening: 71
 Contribution: \$3,608.00

*Communion Preparation
 & Baptismal Garments*

Prepare Communion:
 Sandy Dee
Baptismal Garments:
 Ginnie Fowler
Elder of the Month:
 Howard Streets

*Program
 of Worship*

Announcements:
 Howard Streets
Song Service:
 Keith Dee
Opening Prayer:
 Howard Streets
Communion:
 Carl Bowles
Sermon:
 Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
 Tee Bolen



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 doing better now. Thank you for your prayers.

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.

Directory Update

Clara Haselden

Telephone # 693-4499

Ron & Christine Herman
875-1333

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.

Southeastern Children's Home

"Change for Children 2007" campaign is underway. If you would like to participate, please pick up a can in the foyer and return your can by Sunday, November 18th.

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 & 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.

Searching for Truth

We have purchase DVDs from World Video Bible School titled "Searching for Truth". They are on the table in the foyer for anyone that would like to have one.



Happy Anniversary

9/5

Ronnie & Sharon
Rush

9/5

David & Frances
Wakeland



Happy Birthday!

9/2

Lois Ott

9/4

Lloyd McLawhorn

9/6

Lisa Thornley

9/8

Mandy Noyes

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

North Charleston Church of Christ

Friday, September 14th - Sunday, September 16th

Time: 7:00 pm

"Hand Me Another Brick"

Guest Speaker: Frank Shepard from Walterboro Church of
Christ

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
Towards Spiritual Maturity Taught by P. Harrelson	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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