

September 9, 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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"What if Jesus is God?" By Stefano Mugnaini

The most important question anyone will ever answer is this: Was Jesus of Nazareth God? In his little book, *Your God is Too Small*, J.B. Phillips wrote the following passage, which I believe makes an excellent statement about the implications of such a claim: "...To decide that Jesus really was the embodiment of God in a human being is not a merely intellectual decision. Our unconscious minds will sense (even if the conscious mind does not) that to accept such a unique fact cannot but affect the whole of our life. We may with complete detachment study and form a judgment upon a religion, but we cannot maintain our detachment if the subject of our inquiry proves to be God Himself. This is, of course, why many otherwise honest intellectual people will construct a neat bypass around the claim of Jesus to be God. Being people of insight and

imagination, they know perfectly well that once to accept such a claim as fact would mean a readjustment of their own purposes and values and affections which they may have no wish to make. To call Jesus the greatest figure in History or the finest moral teacher the world has ever seen commits no one to anything. But once to allow the startled mind to accept as fact that this man is really God brought into focus may commit anyone to anything."

Phillips well states the crucial point of Christianity: if I accept that Jesus is, in fact, Lord and Christ, then I am utterly indebted to serve Him, follow Him, and accept His as the supreme authority in my life. Jesus clearly claimed to be God, made manifest in the likeness of man. In John 5, He emphasized that his Deity is testified to by the prophets of old, Moses, the miraculous works He performed,

and the Heavenly Father. The words, the signs, the resurrection—all make it plain that Jesus is God! It not often a lack of evidence that restrains individuals from believing; it is a lack of willingness to accept the Lordship of another, even if that other is the Divine Creator. If the world sees Christians who have not fully committed, how does that reflect on the reality of our faith? We each have an obligation to strive toward a better understanding of God's will for us, as revealed in the word of truth. It is only by understanding His word that we can hope to grow in conformity to His will.



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 09-02-07*

Bible Classes: 88
 AM Worship: 157
 PM Worship: 70
 Wednesday Evening: 61
 Contribution: \$3,673.00

*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:
 Roddy Akers
Opening Prayer:
 David Wakeland
Communion:
 Carl Bowles
Sermon:
 Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
 Larry Polk



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.

Candice Spence, needs our prayers for health problems and is the granddaughter of Chuck & Faye.

Marcia Steckel is undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Marcia is a friend of Sharon Rush

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.

Teacher Appreciation Dinner

All Bible Class Teachers, Substitute Teachers, One-time teachers of all grades and ages including adults, and those who are even remotely interested in the teaching program, please plan to attend the Teacher Appreciation Dinner on September 15 at 6:00 PM. Please come prepared to talk about ideas you have about Teacher Training, Student Attendance Im-

provements, Scheduling and Curriculum Concerns, and Teacher Recruitment and Retention.

If you are a Bible class student or the parent (not a teacher) of a Bible Class student, please come at 5:30 and help us provide this great meal for your teachers. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please Direct all questions to Keith Dee, 259-8972



Happy Birthday!

Directory Update

There are new directory sheets on the table in the foyer. Please be sure to pick up the ones you need to keep your directory current.

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.

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.

9/9
Collin Cooper
9/9
Christine Herman
9/11
Evelyn Pack
9/11
Paul Harrelson
9/12
Grace Akers
9/14
Krystal Scott
9/14
Catheryne Porter

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



**FOOD
PANTRY**

*Items needed this week:
rice & dried beans.
Thank you!*

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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