

September 16, 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



### *“Eve of Destruction”* by Stefano Mugnaini

#### 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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Why are Americans so blessed? Why do we have the freedoms that we have, which we so often abuse and take for granted? Why has the worldwide threat of extremist, totalitarian government never really taken hold on our shores, despite the pervasive efforts of Socialist activists and those with impure political agendas?

Some would say it is because of our Constitution. It provides protection for our civil liberties and adequate planning for a balanced, self-checking government. Some would say that it is because of the ideals of freedom upon which this country began to be populated; freedom for which men fought, suffered, and died. These explanations, despite what the various talk radio hosts and politicians may say, do not adequately provide us with a basis for the liberty which we enjoy. If they did, other nations, wrapped in turmoil and strife, would need simply to write a Constitution, or photocopy ours, and usher in a new period of prosperity and peace! Alas, constitutions can be amended, checks and balances can be overcome by a dictatorial executive or, as is obvious, a judiciary composed of activist judges. Democracy itself, self-rule by the people, can

be used as a tool of terror—consider the actions of the mob during the French Revolution. There must be some other reason to account for our freedom. Francis Schaeffer, in How Should We Then Live, offers another answer: The Christian Worldview.

Throughout history, those nations who, by and large, have embraced Christianity as a total worldview, a specific way of looking at life, have generally brought fair and equitable government, social order, and peace to their people. Ultimately, a nation founded upon Christian principles, who recognizes the Divine origin of their moral and civil laws, has a foundation, a standard, upon which to build. A nation without the Christian base has no such standard, no such basis for objective moral judgments. Schaeffer points to the horrors of Marxist rule in Eastern Europe, Naziism in Germany, and the turmoil among Muslim countries for a glimpse of a world without Christ. Horrific, isn't it?

Increasingly, as America secularizes, we see the erosion of Liberty and the destruction of Justice. Now, the unborn are destroyed without reservation—who is next? Espousing moral views is deemed “hate

speech,” while corrupt politicians steal from the rich to oppress the poor. A tree has more value than a human life, and among many, it is more acceptable to be a Muslim terrorist than a humble Christian. Our society mirrors dramatically the situation in the Roman Empire as they approached destruction. To quote Bob Dylan, we too, are on the eve of destruction.

So what can be done? Our nation, above all else, is starving for spiritual renewal. This begins with individual Christians. It is not acceptable for us to live compartmentalized lives, where our faith receives but a meager portion of our energy, and our relationship with God and His church is crowded out by daily cares. We must truly accept the idea that we have been reborn, not of perishable seed but of imperishable. Rebirth, as described in Romans 6, involves a total shift in allegiance, in worldview. Freed from slavery to sin, we must become slaves to righteousness. Christianity, our faith, that most glorious cause of Christ, must be the vantage point from which we view the world. We must live for Christ and His church above all else! Nothing less will be enough to turn us from the path of utter destruction.



**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 09-09-07*

Bible Classes: 68  
 AM Worship: 111  
 PM Worship: 62  
 Wednesday Evening: 66  
 Contribution: \$3,323.00

*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:**  
 Royce Akers  
**Opening Prayer:**  
 Andy Streets  
**Communion:**  
 Carl Bowles  
**Sermon:**  
 Stefano Mugnaini  
**Closing Prayer:**  
 Ron Herman



*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 pacemaker 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 doing much better. Thank you for your prayers.

**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.

**Tex Patton** is in Roper Hospital room 4045.

**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.



*Condolences to Stephen Hughes. His mother passed away.*

**VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS**



Ava Bullard  
 Helen Embry  
 Scotty Hall  
 Mildred Inabinett  
 Leonard McNeill  
 Lois Ott

## Here's What's Happening...

### **Ladies Retreat**

LADIES, October 5 and 6 is fast approaching. Our Ladies Retreat is just around the corner. We want to encourage all the ladies at Essex Village to please consider attending this year. Seabrook Island is a beautiful place and in the fall of the year, it is perfect. Everyone seemed to really enjoy retreat last year. The Chef is a great cook and being together as a group of Christian ladies is a real treat. Please sign the list if you plan to go. It is neces-

sary to let us know if you plan to be there and for which meals. We also have to have a list of the ladies' names to turn in at the gate so you will be admitted and we have to do this 15 days in advance if possible so please consider attending and sign up asap. You won't be sorry!! 2007 Planning Committee

### **Baptism**

Drew Altman, our grandson, was baptized last Sunday, September 9, 2007. We are so happy for him

and proud of his decision to accept Christ into his young life. Drew is 13 years old and states that he started thinking more seriously about this while at Palmetto Bible Camp this summer. PBC is a great place to further impress on young people the importance of Christ in their lives. We should all support (with money and attendance) Palmetto Bible Camp for our young people. Larry and Janie Polutta



*Happy Anniversary*

9/17

Larry & Janie  
Polutta



*Happy Birthday*

### **Directory Update**

Wes & Jennifer Meador  
35 Richard Road  
Gales Ferry, CT06335

### **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.

### **Congregational Potluck**

There will be a potluck on Wednesday, September 19th before service. Please bring fried chicken or a side dish. The doors will be open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be at 6:00 pm.

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Helen Embry

9/17

Jean Hilton

9/18

Shaylah Collins

9/18

Larry Polutta

9/19

Bill Ragland

9/20

Andy Streets

9/21

Rick Porter

9/22

Ethel Harrelson

### **Youth Rally**

Youth Enlightenment Retreat  
When: Saturday, September 29th  
Time: 8:30 AM - 2:00 pm  
Where: Church of Christ  
539 Old Moncks Corner Road  
Goose Creek, SC  
Breakfast & lunch will be served

"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

## Bulletin Board

### Friday Song Fest!

*Come, let us blend our voices together in congregational songs of praise to the Lord!*

Church of Christ in Goose Creek  
Friday, September 28th @ 7:00 pm

### 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.

**SECH**

"Change for Children  
2007"



### Adult Classes

<b>Basic Bible for Adults</b> Taught by Jim Lamm	Sunday mornings in the Elder's Office
<b>Towards Spiritual Maturity</b> Taught by P. Harrelson	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><i>The Begging Place</i> by Peggy Blackmon</b> Ladies class taught by Louise Rogers & Carla Haselden	Wednesday evenings

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