

September 30, 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 Gooze 766-4670
Lynn Smallwood 766-8579
Grounds
Eddie Haselden 767-5511
Financial
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Youth Activities

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“Biblical Worldview” By Stefano Mugnaini

Everyone has a worldview, but few have one that is biblical.

That's the conclusion of a national survey by Barna Research, which found that just 4 percent of American adults have a biblical worldview. Additionally, only 9 percent of those categorized as Christians have a biblical worldview, Barna said. The most prominent modern-day worldview is postmodernism --a belief system that rejects the notion of absolute truth. This is often expressed in the statement, "That may be true for you but it's not true for me."

Not surprisingly, the Barna research found that adults without a biblical worldview and those with such a worldview had vastly different views of immoral and unethical behavior. For instance, those without a biblical worldview were:

- * Around 100 times more likely to endorse abortion (46 percent of those without a biblical

worldview believed it to be OK, compared to less than 1 percent of those with a biblical worldview).

- * Around 80 times more likely to say exposure to pornography is morally acceptable (39 percent vs. less than one-half of 1 percent).

- * 31 times more likely to believe living together before marriage is morally acceptable (62 percent vs. 2 percent).

- * 15 times more likely to believe homosexual sex is acceptable (31 percent vs. 2 percent).

- * 108 times more likely to endorse drunkenness (36 percent vs. 2 percent).

- * 12 times more likely to accept profanity (37 percent vs. 3 percent).

- * 11 times more likely to say adultery is OK (44 percent vs. 4 percent).

What did Barna define as a Biblical worldview? The conviction that absolutes exist and a belief that the Bible defines them. Additionally, the

definition stipulated a belief that: Christ lived a sinless life; God is the "all-powerful and all-knowing Creator of the universe and He still rules it today"; salvation is by grace and not by works; Satan is a real being; Christians have a responsibility to share their faith; and the Bible is "accurate in all of its teachings."

What is the point of all this? I believe it establishes two facts that we must absorb. The first is that there is truly no such thing as a "silent, moral majority." while most Americans go to church somewhere, and are nominally Christian, those who actually accept the full implications of the faith are few. The Bible is or is not the word of God. As such, we must either accept it as authoritative, or reject it wholesale. The Bible is the source for absolute truth. We must treat it is such.



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

VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



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

**For the Record:
 Week of 09-23-07**

Bible Classes: 80
 AM Worship: 132
 PM Worship: 60
 Wednesday Evening: 66
 Contribution: \$2,696.00



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, has been taken off of dialysis due to his decline. They are trying to keep him as comfortable as possible.

Martha Broom, a friend of Ona White, has cancer.

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 under-

**Communion &
 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:
 Tex Patton

going chemo to treat his cancer.

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.

Debra Langford, sister-in-law of Carl Bowles, had a stroke. Debra lives in Georgetown.

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.

Mac Patterson, a family member of Earline Smalls, is in St. Francis Hospital room 311.

Larry Polk has been released from the hospital and recovering at home.

Mike Polutta, Larry & Janie's son, is recovering from a heart attack. He has returned to work and is regaining his strength.

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

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 necessary 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

Pot Luck Dinner

We will have a pot luck dinner on October 3rd before the Wednesday evening worship service. The doors will be open at 5:00 pm.



Happy Anniversary

9/30

Paul & Ethel

Harrelson

10/2

Stefano & Shelli

Mugnaini

10/3

Gil & Violet

Blackburn

"Biblical Worldview" continued...

Secondly, these statistics, while perhaps a little extreme, indicate that the majority of those who claim the name of Christ are adept at compartmentalizing their faith. Perhaps this stems from our need to be IN the world, but not OF the world. A response to this challenge is to essentially have two selves—a Christian self and a worldly one. This is seen in the way people conduct themselves in the menial areas of life. Someone who would never lie has no qualms about cheating on their taxes. A Christian who loathes immorality nonetheless makes voting decisions

based on the charisma or economic views of a candidate, with no thought for their moral views. All of our actions must reflect our allegiance. Paul taught plainly, in Romans six, that the old self, the worldly, was put to death when we became a Christian. For many of us, seemingly, it merely sleeps. It must be put to death!

This is, essentially, a call to recognize that our Christianity cannot be part of our life; it is our life! It cannot merely inform our decisions and behavior; it must dictate it. Christianity must be the lens through which

we view all of life.

1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. **3** For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.-- **Colossians 3:1-4**



Happy Birthday

9/30

George Brown

10/1

Myra Reininger

Carl Bowles

10/2

Tyler Thornley

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

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

SECH

“Change for Children
2007”



Adult Classes

Classes & Teachers	Location
Towards Spiritual Maturity Taught by P. Harrelson	Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall
Gospel of John Taught by Stefano	Sunday mornings in the Auditorium
Christian Characteristics Taught by Keith Dee	Wednesday evenings in the Auditorium
The Begging Place by Peggy Blackmon Ladies class taught by Louise Rogers & Carla Haselden	Wednesday evenings

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