

October 1, 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

Bulletin Article by Stefano Mugnaini

Everyone with a television has heard, in detail about Atlanta Falcons Quarterback Michael Vick and his brutal treatment of dogs. Media outlets have been constantly reporting on the story, to the point that ESPN even hosted a "Town Hall Meeting" in Atlanta to discuss the treatment and expected punishment of Vick. As a dog lover, I am horrified by the concept of pitting dogs against one another for sport; even more horrified by the brutal and torturous way they are treated to train them to fight. However, there is something far more significant to this story that is not being reported. The state of our society has sunk to the point where animal cruelty is infinitely more criminal than infanticide.

One illustration may better explain: In the wake of the Michael Vick situation, several new laws have passed, without opposition, to stiffen penalties for dog fighting and animal cruelty. This is well and good. Conversely, a 2003 law banning partial birth abortion, a gruesome procedure which actually delivers a baby and then

murders it, has only this year been allowed past the court systems. Four years of deliberation in the courts, before a law, that absolutely does not limit the "right" to murder, but only the technique, can escape the courts!?! To what have we descended?

We are absolutely harvesting the fruit of Naturalism. The belief that we are here by chance, that God created nothing, that Nature, our uncaring mother has produced us, leads ultimately to once conclusion, expressed by Oliver Wendell Holmes: "I see no reason for attributing to man a significance different in kind from that which belongs to a baboon or a grain of sand." If we all arrived by blind chance, then he is absolutely right. There are no morals, no standards, no purposes whatsoever to our existence. We have no value. It is in such a world that we exist. Our children are being taught, from an early age, that it is all about chemicals. Love, joy, sorrow-all are purely chemical reactions. Lust, greed, hatred-purely

natural urges that we may choose to act on, or not. Guy N. Woods said if we tell someone they are nothing but naked apes, then that is precisely how they will act.

The Bible preaches a wholly different point to our existence. It teaches that man, alone among all the animals, is created in God's image. We may not even fully grasp what that entails, but it gives each of us value and purpose, a significance that cannot arise out of humanist theory. The Psalmist says that God formed us, and knew us even in the womb. Consider the gravity of that statement: God KNEW us, the apex of His creation, before we were born! Before the laws of this nation would grant "personhood," the Ruler of the Universe granted us value!

We must fight the tide of materialism that threatens to destroy the basic principles that undergird our national law. We are a nation founded on the foundation of individual value before God, on endowment by our Creator with "certain unalienable rights." We are also a

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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

VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



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

For the Record: Week of 09-30-07

Bible Classes: 82
 AM Worship: 130
 PM Worship: 59
 Wednesday Evening:
 Contribution: \$3,910.00



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, passed away on September 28th.

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 undergoing chemo to treat his cancer.

Communion & Baptismal Garments

Prepare Communion:
 Ruby & Tina Cooper
Baptismal Garments:
 Andrea Hanlon
Elder of the Month:
 Larry Casbeer

Program of Worship

Announcements:
 Larry Casbeer
Song Service:
 Royce Akers
Opening Prayer:
 Herman Porter
Communion:
 Eddie Haselden
Sermon:
 Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
 Hilton Googe

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 well.

Here's What is Happening...

Spaghetti Dinner

On Wednesday, October 10th, we will have a spaghetti dinner before service. Doris Akers will prepare the spaghetti and we are asked to bring salads, garlic bread, deserts and drinks. The doors will be open at 5:00 and

dinner will be at 6:00.

Ladies Bible Class

The ladies meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 in the annex for Bible study.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men will meet on

Saturday, October 13th at 9:00 am for breakfast and a time of prayer.

Elders & Deacons Meeting

The elders and deacons will be meeting on Saturday, October 20th at 9:00 am.

Placing Membership

John Jenkins has expressed his desire to worship and work with us here at Essex Village. Please add his name to your directories.

751 Swan Avenue
Charleston, SC 29414

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Pantry

If you would like to contribute to the food pantry, we could use the following items: peanut butter & jelly. Your contributions are appreciated!

Lunch for College Students

Anyone interested in preparing lunch for our college students to be served after services on Sunday mornings, please see Rick, Donna or Ona.



Happy Anniversary

10/7

William & Sharon
MITCHELL

10/10

RUSTY & Lori
AKERS

10/11

Bill & Pam RAPLAND

10/12

ROYCE & Doris AKERS

Bulletin Article continued...

Lord of our lives. We are staring down the precipice-only Christians, not lawyers, teachers, or politicians can save us. We must gird ourselves for action, prepare our minds to defend not just the basic tenets of faith, but the basic truths underlying our faith. We must present God-

Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omni benevolent, and Omnipresent, to a world languishing without meaning, hope, or purpose. Only Christians can redirect our nation, because only we have the proper course. Let each of us consider how we can

help present the hope of life to the "culture of death" which surrounds us!



Happy Birthday

10/8

Sharon Mitchell

10/10

Roddy Akers

10/13

Robbie Runey

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Women's Devotion

"Her Mind, Body and Soul"

October 20, 2007

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Orangeburg Church of Christ in Columbia, SC

Ladies Day Program

"We Should Be Soft Spoken Women"

Saturday, October 20th

9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Berkeley Church of Christ in Moncks Corner, SC

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

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*"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
<i>The Begging Place</i> by Peggy Blackmon Ladies class taught by Louise Rogers & Carla Haselden	Wednesday evenings

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