

October 14, 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
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

“Daniel & Elijah” by Stefano Mugnaini

In discouraging times, it is helpful to consider two prophets: Daniel and Elijah. They preached essentially the same message, that which has under girded God’s revelation from cover to cover. “God is in charge!” they both proclaimed. Though the wording has changed, that is the basic message of Genesis 1, and it is the message of Revelation. God, the Creator, King, and Judge, is sovereign—he is always in charge. This message, alternately, may comfort or terrify, but it remains the foundational truth for all knowledge. While the “song remains the same,” the reactions have been drastically different.

First, consider Daniel chapter 5. Belshazzar, son of Nabonidus, Grandson of Nebuchadnezzar, is in the midst of a feast. While his city is besieged, confident in his own power, he parties. As the celebration escalates, Belshazzar calls for the ceremonial cups and bowls which Nebuchadnezzar seized from the temple at the Jerusalem. In effect, he denigrates the God who had allowed his own temple to be desecrated. He over-

looked the lessons learned by his Grandfather, and in his pride, profaned the sacred. As a hand appeared, scribbling a message on the wall, Daniel was brought to interpret the writing: Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin. The interpretation given by Daniel? “you have been weighed and found wanting...your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and the Persians.”

Belshazzar’s response? Verse 29 says he gave orders to clothe Daniel with purple, put a robe on him and a gold chain around his neck, and make him the third ruler of the kingdom! In the face of terrible news, the messenger was exalted!

This is completely unlike the reaction to Elijah, in 1 Kings 18. Elijah challenges the priest of Baal to see whose God is real. When they futilely call on Baal to deliver fire to burn up their sacrifice for most of the day, they are utterly without response. After Elijah’s prayer, God, with fire from Heaven, burns up every bit of Elijah’s sacrifice, proving His superiority to the false idols worshipped by the people.

While the crowd resolved to obey the God who answered, even putting to the sword the prophets of Baal. Note, however, the response of Jezebel, the king’s wife: “So may the gods do to me and even more if I do not make your life as one of them by this time tomorrow.”

Daniel and Elijah both preached the same message: the sovereignty of God and His displeasure at man’s rebellion. However, Daniel was exalted by the recipient of his message, while Elijah was chased into hiding. Drastically different were the responses to the prophets of God Almighty. What is the message in this for us today?

We cannot change God’s message to make it more palatable to our hearers, we cannot change the response we get; we only control the decision to proclaim the message of hope, or remain silent about our faith. We are called to sow seed. May we never lose sight of this fact: God’s messenger is to proclaim truth, whether the responses be many or few. Nothing should deter us from this purpose.

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Military

**Robert Bagley
 Kristopher Black
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 James Dalton
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 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 10-07-07***

Bible Classes: 100
 AM Worship: 160
 PM Worship: 50
 Wednesday Evening: 70
 Contribution: \$3,353.00



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.

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

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.

Wesley Hahn is in need of prayers for his health and employment. His mother is a close friend of Faye Spence.

***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:

Keith Dee

Opening Prayer:

Ray Boynton

Communion:

Eddie Haselden

Sermon:

Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:

Andy Streets

and broke a rib.

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, is now cancer free. Thank you for praying

John Torres, Johnny Murray's brother-in-law, has cancer and is not doing well.

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.

Bea Patton, Tex's wife, fell

Here's What is Happening...

Ladies Bible Class

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

Elders & Deacons Meeting

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

Directory

Anthony & Barbara Halbert
2 Apple Circle
Goose Creek, SC 29445

Johnny & Melissa Murray
314 Anadale Court, North Charleston, SC 29418

Ladies Retreat

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for taking the time to attend Ladies Retreat this year. We were blessed with wonderful speakers who had timely topics to share with us. We appreciate all those who were so willing to help when asked whether it was a prayer, leading our songs, leading our de-

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.

Gospel Meeting

James Pharr will be here to speak to us on Nov-

Pantry

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

votionals on the beach, printing our program, providing our entertainment and just being so helpful if someone needed help with moving in or moving out of the cabins. The food was wonderful as usual and we thank the elders for allowing us to once again enjoy a great

ember 11th—13th.

Sunday (Bible Class) - Barriers to love - I Cor. 13

Sunday (AM) - Blessed Unity - Psa. 133

Sunday (PM) - When Christians disappoint us - II Tim. 4:16-17

Monday - The Peace that comes with Forgiveness

Tuesday - Let Brotherly Love continue

Just Born

We are pleased to announce the birth of Claire Faith Moulton

10/10/07

10 lb 9 oz

21 3/4" long

Mom and baby are doing GREAT! Thanks for your thoughts and prayers!



Happy Anniversary

10/16
MARVIN & ANNIE
Woudwyk
10/21
JOHN & LOUISE ROGERS
WATTIE & PENNY ZEIGLER



Happy Birthday

10/16
MARY ANN GOODE
10/17
DAMIEN SCOTT
10/18

weekend of fellowship with our Christian sisters. We witness God's creation every day and the ocean and the beautiful sky make a great setting for our devotionals on the beach. It allows us to realize what God has done for us. THANK YOU ALL, The 2007 Committee.

Bulletin Board

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"*



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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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