

October 28, 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



“Backgrounds” 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
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

We live in a society that is overwhelmingly concerned with backgrounds. It is certainly necessary and beneficial to be conscious of our heritage, background, and the values and principles of our forefathers; these things have shaped who we are. However, it is not uncommon for individuals to feel that their backgrounds have a deterministic effect on the rest of life. The prevalent view is that “I cannot rise above my history.” What a tragic mentality to carry through life! But it is not a new one.

Ancient Israel, even up to the time of Christ, clung to their status as a chosen race, based on their past. Israel had been unfaithful to God, and subsequently rejected by Him, yet they boasted that they were Abraham’s descendants, children of

Moses. The Hebrew letter seems to have been written to Christian converts from Judaism who were contemplating a return to the Old Law—they could not overcome their past!

In Jesus’ day, the Pharisees rejected Him because they knew His earthly parents and hometown. Today, we see this manifested in children who, it is claimed, can’t learn because of where they’re from, or who their parents are. People resist the pure Gospel message of Jesus, because they come from a lineage that likewise rejected Christ and His Church.

But this mentality overlooks one crucial fact: Man was not intended to permanently reside on this planet. God’s plan seems always to have been for this planet as a proving ground of

some sort, a “haven for soul-making.” We were created with the potential for obedience or rebellion, but that carries with it the necessary promise of reward or punishment. In short, it is not where we came from that is important, but where we are headed. Our eternal home is of far more significance than any Earthly abode. In the words of Paul, “...Our citizenship is in Heaven, from which we eagerly await for a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory...” Let us not be held back by our past limitations, but recognize that God has something far greater prepared for us. Let us press on toward the goal of Heaven, and let us bring others there.

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Military

Robert Bagley
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 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 10-2107

Bible Classes: 82
 AM Worship: 138
 PM Worship: 47
 Wednesday Evening: 55
 Contribution: \$3,195.00



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 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.

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:

Royce Akers

Opening Prayer:

Durwood Collins

Communion:

Eddie Haselden

Sermon:

Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:

Carl Bowles

Clara Haselden is in Roper Hospital.

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 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.

Here's What is Happening...

Ladies Bible Class

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

Trunk or Treat

The children are encouraged to wear their costumes after class on Wednesday evening and collect candy from the trunks of our cars.

Lunch for College Students

Anyone interested in pre-

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

Pantry

If you would like to contribute to the food pantry, we could use the following items: sugar, flour & grits. Your contributions are appreciated!

Baby Shower

There will be a baby

shower for Claire Faith Moulton on November 4th at 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall. For the group gift, we would like to buy a double stroller for Meghann. If you would like to contribute, please see Louise.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men are invited for breakfast and a time of prayer on November 10th at 9:00 am.



Happy Anniversary

11/6
Larry & Sarah
Polk
11/9
Johnny & Melissa
Murray

Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards and food during my recent surgery and recuperation. I was truly blessed to receive good results from the biopsy but even more blessed by the support from my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you so much.

In Christian love,
Terri, Edia Juan & James Pat Fagan

Gospel Meeting

Date: November 11th - 13th
Guest Speaker: James Pharr

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:00 am - Barriers to love - I Cor. 13
Sunday Morning 10:00 am - Blessed Unity - Psalms 133
Evening: 6:00 pm - When Christians disappoint us - II Tim. 4:16-17
Monday: 7:00 - The Peace that comes with Forgiveness
Tuesday: 7:00 pm - Let Brotherly Love continue



Happy Birthday

10/31
Carol Emery
11/2
Ronnie Rush
11/5
Sheena Knight
11/6
Ken Janicki
11/7
John Rogers

Bulletin Board

**Family & Friends Day
Fall Gospel Meeting**

Theme: What Really Matters? - Rev. 14:13
Where: Berkeley Church of Christ
Hwy 52 N past Woody Bilton Ford from Goose Creek
Hwy 52 S before Woody Bilton Ford from Moncks Corner
When: November 4th-8th
Time: Monday - Thursday 7:30 pm nightly
Guest Speaker: Roy Knight from St. George Church of Christ

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
The Begging Place by Peggy Blackmon Ladies class taught by Louise Rogers & Carla Haselden	Wednesday evenings

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