

November 4, 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



‘It’s Not the Economy!’ 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

In the 1990’s, the Clinton campaign took up the slogan “it’s the economy, stupid!” This statement served to legitimize the common practice of voting based on economics, to the exclusion of any other political concerns. “Values Voting,” not exactly a Clinton strong suit, was disregarded in favor of a focus that put personal wealth above all. Long before Clinton, politics had become synonymous with economics, and votes were not earned, but purchased; Leftists run on increased entitlements, government handouts, and a move toward Socialism; Conservatives on a platform of tax cuts and “laissez faire” economics. Despite their ideological polarity, both espouse the same philosophy, tweaked to favor a specific constituency: “We will make you happy by supplying your financial needs.” Our society has consistently clung to what Francis Schaeffer called “personal peace and affluence, those two impoverished values.” Understand Schaeffer’s point: there is nothing

wrong with either peace or affluence, but when the only values that under gird our society are wealth and freedom from being bothered, we have a very poor basis for life, hope, and joy.

This “economic” mentality is fundamentally flawed; Possessions have never produced happiness. Greed, by its very definition, cannot be satiated. Numerous studies show that happiness is at best, unrelated; at worst, inversely related, to the accumulation of wealth. Gregg Easterbrook, in his book “The Progress Paradox,” cites numerous cases to show that depression, and suicide rates increase exponentially with the increase of wealth, while self-reported “happiness” and “contentment” show an inverse relationship to wealth. In short, (and this is the subtitle of the book), things keep getting better, while people feel worse. It’s not the economy. It never has been. Wealth cannot produce happiness or real peace, it is merely another idol placed in

between man and the true source of joy. Only a proper relationship with God can produce contentment. The apostle Paul, in Philippians 4, stressed the fact that contentment, happiness, is derived from God, not mammon. Paul said that in poverty, weakness, homelessness and abuse, he was content, at peace, because of Christ who strengthens him. Herb Schlossberg pointed out that this explains the Marxist aversion to religion—it is antithetical to the grasping materialism that provided the only momentum for his theory. If it is possible for people to be content without riches, then Marx’s image of history as a struggle among economic classes is proven false. Religion became the enemy, because Christ and His apostles taught that we can be happy, content, blessed, irrespective of our financial status. It is only by knowing God we can have peace. Let us strive to know Him better

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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**

***For the Record:
 Week of 10-28-07***

Bible Classes: 73
 AM Worship: 141
 PM Worship: 52
 Wednesday Evening: 53
 Contribution: \$3,315.00

***Communion &
 Baptismal Garments***

Prepare Communion:
 Jim & Esther Lamm
Baptismal Garments:
 Ona White
Elder of the Month:
 David Wakeland

***Program
 of Worship***

Announcements:
 Howard Streets
Song Service:
 Keith Dee
Opening Prayer:
 Rick Porter
Communion:
 Andy Streets
Sermon:
 Stefano Mugnaini
Closing Prayer:
 Carl Bowles



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.

Clara Haselden has been released from Roper Hospital and is recovering at home.

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

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

**VISITS TO OUR
 SHUT-INS**



Ava Bullard

Helen Embry

Scotty Hall

Mildred Inabinett

Leonard McNeill

Lois Ott

Here's What is Happening...

Ladies Bible Class

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

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.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving food baskets will be given only to members of Essex Village. If you would like to contribute to this effort

or need a basket, please see Jim Lamm.

Nursery

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for anyone that would like to help with the nursery. If you have any questions, please see Louise.

Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Class

The ladies will begin a new book on Wednesday, November 7th. The book is titled *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna

Weaver.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby-shower for Claire Faith Moulton this afternoon at 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

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!

Dear Sisters,

I would like to express my gratitude again for the opportunity to speak at your ladies retreat. It was truly a blessing for me to be with each of you and share some thoughts from God's Word. I am really enjoying the nice picture also.

The retreat was encouraging and provided an opportunity for the ladies to grow in their love for each other and to offer up praises to our Heavenly Father.

I pray that the Lord will bless each one as you continue to use your talents in His Service.

With Christian Love,

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 - Psa. 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

11/5 SHEENA KNIGHT

11/6

KEN JANICKI

11/7

JOHN ROBERTS

11/9

HARVEY BYRD

11/11

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

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
Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver Ladies class taught by Louise Rogers & Carla Haselden	Wednesday evenings

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