

November 11, 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



“Procrastination” 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

At times, many of us are prone to procrastination. Whether it is a project for work, a paper for school, doing the taxes, paying bills, or simply changing the oil in our cars, we tend to put things off until the last minute. This is not always the best option, but it would be difficult to argue that a little procrastination drastically alters the course of our lives. There is, however, a sense in which procrastination becomes sin, and we would do well to keep it in consideration.

The prophet Haggai came on the scene after the Babylonian exile. The Hebrew people had long since been allowed to return home, and had begun the reconstruction of Jerusalem. However, after beginning the work on the Temple of God, and laying the foundation, their focus had shifted to their own homes. Sixteen years passed, wherein the Lord's house remained untouched. The prophet Haggai was sent to con-

demn the procrastination of the people, and to spur them on toward completion of the work.

The problem with the procrastination of the Hebrews was its motive. They put off building the temple out of selfishness, out of a desire for leisure and the hoarding of wealth. The prophet, in his rebuke, said this: “Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house *lies desolate?*”⁵ Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts,

“Consider your ways! ⁶ “You have sown much, but harvest little; *you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes.*”

The people were sent back from Babylon with gifts of great wealth, according to Ezra chapter 1. Economy was not the issue. Their disregard for the God who had con-

stantly been with them was the reason they had been exiled in the first place, and it was made clear that their purpose was to go home and rebuild God's house. However, they were more concerned with building for themselves fancy “paneled houses” and vineyards and fields. Because of the selfishness of their actions, they suffered. Despite it being a priority, their harvest was never bountiful. Their procrastination was a prelude to poverty, because they put off the one responsibility that can never be shunted aside: their duty toward God.

The post-exilic Hebrew community had a responsibility to build the temple; we have the responsibility to *be* the temple. Their material wealth, according to Haggai, was dependent on their faithfulness to the task; our eternal inheritance hangs in the balance. Let us not put off or grow weary in the work of the Lord.

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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 11-04-07***

Bible Classes: 96
 AM Worship: 129
 PM Worship: 54
 Wednesday Evening: 58
 Contribution: \$3,528.00

***Communion &
 Baptismal Garments***

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

***Program
 of Worship***

Announcements:
 David Wakeland
Song Service:
 Roddy Akers
Opening Prayer:
 Herman Porter
Communion:
 Andy Streets
Sermon:
 James Pharr
Closing Prayer:
 Larry Casbeer



Thanks for Praying...

**VISITS TO OUR
 SHUT-INS**



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

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.

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*

Weaver.

Potluck

We will have a potluck following our morning service. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy this time of fellowship.

James Island Light Show

Everyone is invited to go to the James Island Light Show on December 14th. We have rented a pavilion for our cook-out and will have a hayride for all to enjoy. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Happy Anniversary

11/17

James & Lisa

Thornley

11/18

Andy & Natasha

Streets

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,
Sarah Mangrum

Essex Village,

I would like to thank you all for the prayers, visits, cards and the beautiful flower arrangement given to me during my recent stay in the hospital. Your love was shown in so many ways!

In Christian love,
Clara Haselden



Happy Birthday

11/11

Tyler Ragland

11/12

Steve McLawhorn

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

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

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