

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

FEBRUARY 25, 2018



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Minister, Sand Creek Church of Christ in Guyana: Innocent Marcello
Minister, Awarawaunau Church of Christ in Guyana: Elvis Bernard



Thank you for joining us today at Eastern Shore Church of Christ!

Whether you are a long-time member here or a visitor, we are thrilled to have you. Please be sure to stick around following services so we can get to know you a little better, and let us know if we can do anything for you!

Today's Sermons

Morning Service

The Undenominational Church
Matthew 16:13-20

Evening Service

Who is Jesus?
Matthew 16:13

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Matthew 16:13-20 ESV



We have a wide variety of events, such as game nights, trips to various local events, singings, and devotionals for all ages.

**See more
details inside the bulletin!**

Elders

Sid Chupek
Bill Jordan
Scott Kelly
John Langham

Deacons

Chad Chupek
Tim Kenney
Jonathan Ling
Scott Lloyd
Kent Purser

Sunday

Bible Class 9 AM
Worship 10 AM
Worship 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Events for today:

Youth Area Wide at Margaret Street church of Christ.
See Jonathan Ling if you will be riding the church van.

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Events for this week:

Tuesday:

Men's Weekly Brown Bag Bible Study, 9-10 AM
Men's Weekly Evening Bible Study, 6:30 PM
(both meet in the Fellowship Hall).

Thursday:

Ladies Bible Study, 11-12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Friday:

We are serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

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Next Sunday:

Lads to Leaders will be having puppet practice at 3:30 PM and Bible Bowl will be at 4:15 PM for a mock competition with the adults.

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Our deepest condolences are extended to the Chupek family in the passing of Johnny Chupek. Please continue to keep them in your prayers during this time.



03/01 Chad Chupek
03/02 Chastity Ford
03/06 Addison Chupek
Juston Day
03/08 Linda Ledford
Lucretia Owens
03/12 Beatrice Rodgers
03/17 Patti Van Iderstine
03/18 Jesse & Amanda Olive
03/20 Les Bland
03/25 John Sibley
03/28 John & Sandra Sibley

Hospitality Team for February is: **Phyllis Gill**

If a need arises, these ladies will help provide food to the sick or bereaved. If you would like to help, please contact the ladies in the Hospitality group.

Lads to Leaders need your help!

We are asking for the following items to be donated that we use every year when we go to convention in Orlando, FL. If you would like to donate money instead that would be greatly appreciated too. Any questions, please see Dianne Jones.

- 2- toasters (4 holes)
- 6- ice chests with wheels
- 2- flat heavy duty dollies
- 3- large griddles
- 2- light weight folding tables
- 2- good quality, non-electric can openers

Mark Your Calendar!

- 02/27 Men's Brown Bag Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Men's Evening Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 03/01 Ladies Bible Study, 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 03/02 Serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- 03/04 L2L Puppet Practice at 3:30 PM, and Bible Bowl at 4:15 PM. (Mock competition with the adults).
- 03/06 Men's Brown Bag Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Men's Evening Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 03/10 Titanic Exhibit at the History Museum in Mobile. Leaving the church at 1:30 PM if you need a ride.
- 03/11 Bring a picnic lunch for your family (peanut free) and join us at Blakeley State Park for lunch and outdoor fellowship. \$3 per person. Kids under 6 are free. See Frank & Toni Sunday with questions.

Thinking About Drinking: Do We Have any Guidance? Part I

By: Bryant Evans

Intoxication is common today. Alcoholic beverages are ubiquitous. Advertisements during sporting events seem predominated by the likes of Budweiser, Miller, Coors, and Dos Equis. It may seem like everyone drinks booze in some form. The church has, for the most part, argued against the consumption of alcoholic substances but recently I observed an exchange between a longtime member of the Lord's church and some other brethren in which he argued that occasional imbibing is acceptable. While admiring his courage, I find error in his reasoning. I thought it wise to reduce my thoughts to a brief article on the subject.

We need to define some things. This has nothing to do with medicinal alcohol. Alcohol is a fairly common ingredient in some medicines and had a place in ancient medicinal practices. Second, this is not about what is lawful in your jurisdiction. Remember the old saw that what is legal is not necessarily right. Third, this is about any recreational drink that contains alcohol and has the potential to cause any level of intoxication. Finally, intoxication is any level of reduced mental or emotional functioning, observed or latent, caused or enhanced by the beverage in question.

Alcohol Is Not Necessary

Certain products are *required* for human life. Water and air come to mind as products that a person cannot survive without. Alcohol is not in that category. The point is that to consume alcohol is a voluntary choice made by the imbibers. We can add that for some; booze can become so addictive that the individual is unable to function without it.

It is possible to do extreme harm to the body with necessary items. Overeating and gluttony arise from the profligate consumption of necessary items. Even water can be consumed in such quantities as to cause profound neurologic disorders and death. But alcohol is an unnecessary addition which can and should be avoided.

Early Intoxication Is Not Obvious

Christians agree that drunkenness is sinful. Warnings are evident from Deuteronomy 21:20, Luke 21:34, Romans 13:13 and, of course, Galatians 5:21. However many social drinkers insist that they do not drink to the point of intoxication. They do not become drunk. When pressed for an explanation of drunkenness they assert that they do not slur their words nor stagger as they walk. These are subjective and later signs of drunkenness.

Alcohol has the insidious ability to induce a sense of well-being long before subjective symptoms occur. One of the earliest symptoms of intoxication, occurring at very low blood alcohol levels, is euphoria. This sense of well-being masks the reality of the intoxication. Such early and masked intoxication is so dangerous that Federal Aviation Regulations prohibit commercial pilots from flying within 8 hours of consuming "*any alcoholic beverage.*" Some operators follow the rule of 12 hours from bottle to throttle. Why? Because even slight ingestion of alcohol can have profound effects.

Alcohol Blunts Judgement

We know the horrors of drunk driving. We have seen that intoxication is involved in many crimes. But we miss the role played in smaller, almost imperceptible troubles of life.

Upon ingestion, alcohol is broken down into a central nervous system depressant. At high enough levels it will slow breathing until the person dies. At lower levels, it slows normal responses and assaults those parts of the brain responsible for judgment and self-control. Some non-religious people abstain from any use of alcohol for this very reason.

So how does this blunting present itself? Perhaps the drinker is not sensitive to the needs of his spouse or children. Perhaps he responds too harshly to some comment. Maybe he becomes a tad too friendly with a co-worker. He may not actually *do* anything he shouldn't, but he has surely moved in a dangerous direction. Is a beer or a quick glass of wine so important that we would risk offending our spouse or child?

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Please remember to continue to pray for healing:

Recovering from surgery: - Gerald Seales, Mike Sanford, Frank Bramblett and Galya Porter.

Please remember our friends and loved ones who are fighting cancer:

Dianne Ford- reoccurring cancer (Andy Ford's mother).
Gus Stranch- leukemia (great nephew of Patti Van Iderstine).
Betty Holt- Breast cancer & Alzheimer's (friend of Glenda Verrett).
Angie Cox- Breast cancer (friend of Julia Isenhower).
Kristy Laster- Liver cancer (neighbor of Isenhowers).
Mike Sims- Lung cancer (Julia Isenhower's uncle).
Jeff Stewart- Brain cancer. (friend of Jerry Doughty).
Cheryl Lawrence- cancer (friend of Jo Ann McDonald).
Mary Dene Wages- reoccurring cancer (member of the Vancleave church of Christ and friend of Patti Van Iderstine).
Edna Hensley- Breast cancer (friend of Joy Hill).
Arturo- cancer (brother of Dina Von Campe).

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:

MaeBelle Perry, Glenn Singleton, Vi Vines, Lum Morrison, Elizabeth Till, Hampton and Gail Bush, James & Ann Christopher.

Help us keep our **bulletin & sick list** up to date!
Please email *Glenda* at glenda.verrettescoc@gmail.com
to have someone added, updated or removed from the
sick list. Thank you!

Privileged to Serve

Greeters:	Scott & Sandy Kelly
Usher:	John Sibley
Jr. Usher:	Caden Ford
Communion:	Marvetta Clevenger
Building Lockup:	Chad Chupek
Treasurer Assistants:	Jonathan Ling and Johnny McLaughlin

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	James Day
(serving):	Tim Kenney
	Fritz Saint-Louis
	Peter Verrett
	Dakota Clevenger
Leading Prayer:	Jerry Brown
	Andy Ford
Leading Singing:	Scott Kelly
Scripture Reading:	Quincy Saint-Louis
Nursery:	Patrice Kenney

Sunday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Jonathan Ling
	Fritz Saint-Louis
Leading Singing:	Chad Chupek
Nursery:	Erin Chupek

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