

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 4, 2018



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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

Jesus: The Shepherd
John 10:7-16

Evening Service

Guest Speaker: Guyton Montgomery
Northwest Florida School
of Biblical Studies

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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⁷ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.
⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and go in and out and find pasture.
¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.
¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.
¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 10:7-16 ESV

**What's
Happening**

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!**

Events for today:

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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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).

Saturday:

Titanic Exhibit at The History Museum of Mobile

\$10 per person. The church van will be leaving at 1:30 PM. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

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Next Sunday:

Lads to Leaders hotel fees are due. See Jonathan Ling with questions.

Picnic Lunch at Blakeley State Park \$3 per person. Kids under 6 are free. Bring your own lunch (peanut free) for your family following morning services. See Frank & Toni Sunday with questions.

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

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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 March is: **Beatrice Rogers**
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!

- 03/11 L2L Hotel fees are due.
Bring a picnic lunch at Blakeley State Park for lunch and outdoor fellowship.
Area Wide Youth at Regency church of Christ in Mobile.
- 03/13 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.
- 03/15 Ladies Bible Study, 11-12 PM, salad luncheon at the home of Sherran Brown.
- 03/17 Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item to share.
Bible Bowl Practice, 5-8 PM. Pizza will be served. Bring your own snacks.
- 03/18 L2L Puppet practice at 3:30 PM. No Bible Bowl. Puppets will perform after PM service.
L2L Puppet Meeting after puppet show.
18th-22nd Faulkner Lectureship in Montgomery.
- 03/20 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.

Thinking About Drinking: Do We Have any Guidance? Part 2

By: Bryant Evans

Previously we noted that adult beverages are unnecessary and potentially dangerous. We observed that early signs of intoxication might easily be missed leading to drunkenness. It is also beyond dispute that alcohol, even at lower levels, blunts judgment while giving the drinker a sense of wellbeing. This feeling that all is well may mask attitudes, behavior, and conduct that are harmful and sinful. Now, we examine more reasons why alcoholic beverages should be avoided.

Alcohol is Dangerous

Alcohol does more than blunt judgment. It blunts reaction times and slows our ability to respond to physical dangers. Drunk driving is probably the best known physical danger associated with alcohol. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 12, 514 Americans were killed in crashes where a driver had some level of alcohol in their body at testing (2016 data). That is 33% of all deaths. In 28% of the deaths, at least one driver was legally under the influence (31% and 27% in Alabama). In 2004, The U.S. Department of Justice data showed that 36.8% of state prison inmates reported being under the influence of alcohol at the time of their crime. That's over 200,000 inmates in which their crime was committed while drinking.

All of this because of an unnecessary drink.

Alcohol is Destructive

Beyond physical dangers, alcohol destroys integrity, productivity, and trust. The latest figures are from 2006, but the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism show a cost to society of \$223.5 billion dollars. Most of that is from lost productivity. Consider the damage done to the family. In a report published in the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs* shows that about half of all people with serious alcohol abuse problems divorce. This compares to about 30% who divorce absent an alcohol issue.

As before, we observe that these damaged relationships suffer, at least in part, from an unnecessary product.

Alcohol is Sneaky

Those who make up the statistics never thought they would be involved in crime, divorce, and fatalities. Beverages companies, like the tobacco companies, never reveal the true cost of their product. Adult beverages slowly entrap the unwise and bring them down to despair.

Not all who drink become alcoholics. Not all who drink become a statistic in some depressing report. But some do, but no one can foresee who those people will be. Could it be you? I cannot say, but neither can you. Therein lies the problem. Alcohol use is insidious. By the time the drinker accepts that he has a problem, great damage is already done. All because of an unnecessary, unneeded product.

If these secular facts were not enough for you, God has spoken about alcohol use. Next week we delve into the Scriptures for a look at the divine wisdom of abstinence.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Please remember to continue to pray for:

Bruce Schoonmaker- - hospitalized in Florida with numerous cysts on his stomach and pancreas (Toni Sunday's father).

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:	Chad & Erin Chupek
Usher:	Fritz Saint-Louis
Jr. Usher:	Lance Velazquez
Communion:	Glenda Verrett
Building Lockup:	Peter Verrett
Treasurer Assistants:	Curt Wolfe and Scott Lloyd
Yard Team	Kent Purser

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Johnny McLaughlin
(serving):	Ed Johnson
	Jerry Brown
	Bill Jones
	Danny Velazquez
Leading Prayer:	Kent Purser
	Tim Kenney
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Scripture Reading:	Bobby Hirst
Nursery:	Marvetta Clevenger

Sunday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Chad Chupek
	Frank Sunday
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Nursery:	Jamie Langham

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