

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 11, 2018



**Minister:** Bryant Evans **Youth Minister:** Jonathan Ling

**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!

## 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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## Today's Sermons

### Morning Service

Jonah: An Image of Christ  
Jonah 1:12-16

### Evening Service

Guyana Report: John Langham, Andy  
Dukes and Kent Purser

<sup>12</sup> He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore they called out to the Lord, "O Lord, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." <sup>15</sup> So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup> Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

**Jonah 1:12-16 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!**

## **Events for today:**

**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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## **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 for a salad luncheon at the home of Sherran Brown.

### **Saturday:**

**Lads to Leaders** will be having Bible Bowl practice from 5-8 PM. Pizza will be served. Bring your own snacks and electronic device.

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### **Next Sunday:**

**Lads to Leaders** will be having puppet practice at 3:30 PM. No Bible Bowl. Puppets will perform following our evening services.

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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**  
04/04 **Megan Kenney**  
**Travis Purser**  
04/07 **CJ Wolfe**  
04/09 **Frank Sunday**  
04/11 **Gus Velazquez**  
04/12 **Carly Wolfe**

**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!**

03/18 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.

03/21 Ladies will meet during Bible Class to hear L2L girls give speeches and lead singing.

03/23 Knowledge Seekers, 6:30 PM at the home of Patti Van Iderstine. Please bring food & drinks.

03/25 L2L puppet practice at 3:30 PM and Bible Bowl practice at 4:15 PM.

Mark Your Calendar Meeting following our evening services. Please bring finger foods & drinks.

03/27 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.

03/30 L2L Convention in Orlando, FL.

# Thinking About Drinking: Do We Have any Guidance? Part 3

By: Bryant Evans

In two previous articles, we have assessed social drinking from a secular perspective. We tried to show that consumption of alcoholic beverages carries certain risks to the imbibers as well as to his family, friends, and even those people he does not know but who happen to cross his path. All of these risks are viewed in the light of the unnecessary, voluntary place of alcohol in life. In this article, we will examine numerous Biblical passages which speak to alcohol consumption. The reader should understand that there is no “thou shalt not drink” passage found in Scripture. There are, however, many passages that teach a principle of abstinence. These are the teachings we will address.

## Drunkenness

Excessive drinking is condemned.

*“Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Galatians 5:19-21)*

Observe that while Paul specifically classifies drunkenness as sin, he also condemns many behaviors that often arise from intoxication like fits of anger and orgies. He further expands his list with the phrase, “things like these.” A happy drunk or a fighting drunk both sin by their drunkenness and by their alcohol influenced actions.

Paul echoes the same thought in Romans 13:13, 1 Corinthians 5:11, 1 Corinthians 6:10 and Ephesians 5:18. Without a doubt, drunkenness is condemned by the Holy Spirit.

## Tipsy Drinking

Some like to walk a line between drunk and sober. They enjoy alcohol and the social environments where alcohol is served. What says the Bible?

Proverbs 20:1 divides drinking into two types, wine, and strong drink. He says *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.”* Shortly he adds, *“Do not look at the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly. In the end, it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder” (Proverbs 23:31, 32).* He seems to have in view the progressive nature of alcoholic consumption, the movement from first drink until crossing that undefined line into drunkenness.

## Abstinence

The Christian is better off without any alcohol. Consider Proverbs 31:4, 5, *“...its is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to take strong drink lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and perverts the right of the afflicted.”* God himself prohibited Aaron and the priests from drinking while serving in the Tabernacle ([Leviticus 10:9](#)). In assessing a man for the position of elder the Scriptures warn that he must not be known as one who lingers over the wine. His reputation is enhanced by abstinence.

A reader might quickly assert that these passages are offered for kings, priests, and elders. That is true. But it is also true that this high quality of life should be sought by all Christians. Shouldn't all Christians seek to rise to the qualities of an elder? Why not?

## Conclusion

Given all of the reasons in these three articles against alcoholic beverages, and given that consuming so-called adult beverages is never required and completely unnecessary, and noting the Bible condemnation of drunkenness and even the dangers of light drinking, does it not lead to the conclusion that the Christian should avoid alcohol?

Seek purity and godliness and separate yourself from the traits of the world.

## Please Keep In Your Prayers

### Please remember to continue to pray for:

**Dianne Ford**- will be having more chemo.

**Les Bland**- admitted to Thomas Hospital and is recovering from surgery on his colon.

**Family of Gwynn Weaver**- Member of the Robertsdale church who passed away last week.

### 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 Isenhower's).

**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).

**Dawn Gilley**- cancer (mother of Ryan Purser's friend).

### 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](mailto: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

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## Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Johnny McLaughlin
(serving):	Ed Johnson
	Jerry Brown
	Bill Jones
	Danny Velazquez
Leading Prayer:	John Sibley
	Andy Dukes
Leading Singing:	Chad Chupek
Scripture Reading:	Colby Sanford
Nursery:	Chastity Ford

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## Sunday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Don Gill
	Garlin Farris
Leading Singing:	Scott Kelly
Nursery:	Addison Chupek

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