

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 18, 2018



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**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**

A Picture of the First Church  
Acts 2:41-47

### **Evening Service**

Justified in Christ  
Romans 5

<sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**Acts 2:41-47 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:**

**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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## **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).

### **Wednesday:**

**Ladies will meet** during Bible Class to hear the L2L girls give speeches and lead singing.

### **Friday:**

**Knowledge Seekers** will meet at 6:30 PM at the home of Patti Van Iderstine. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

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## **Next Sunday:**

**Lads to Leaders** will be having puppet practice at 3:30 and Bible Bowl at 4:15 PM.

**Mark Your Calendar Meeting** will be tonight following our evening services. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

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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**  
04/15 **Autumn Ling**  
04/19 **Juston & Ammie Day**  
04/23 **Scott & Amanda Lloyd**

### **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!**

03/25 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.

03/30-04/01 L2L Convention in Orlando, FL.

04/03 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.

04/05 Ladies Bible Study, 11-12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

04/06 Serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

04/08 L2L Recognition Fellowship following our evening services.

04/10 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.

# Radical Criticism and “Christian” Education

By: Wayne Jackson

“Higher criticism” purports to be the “science” of exploring the backgrounds of the biblical books so as to discover the “actual” truth regarding the composition of these documents – in contrast to the alleged “superficial and traditional” views that prevailed over the prolonged centuries of a by-gone era.

For example, to the modern “critic,” who fancies himself a citizen of that rarified “ozonosphere” of the intellectually elite, it does not matter what the New Testament record says with reference to such matters as the authorship of the Old Testament documents. For example, Jesus Christ and the inspired writers of the New Testament indicated that *Moses* penned the Pentateuch (the first five books of the OT, called “the law” — cf. [Jn. 5:47](#)). Too, they affirmed that *Isaiah* was the author of that Old Testament document that goes under his name ([Isa. 1:1](#)). Additionally, Jesus said that *Daniel* spoke the prophecies recorded in his book ([Mt. 24:15](#)).

To the contrary, “Dr. Critic” supposes that modern analytical tools render obsolete the plain testimony of the Lord and the New Testament writers.

The critics have determined that the “real” authors of the five books of Moses are J, E, P, and D (symbols for imaginary editors), who allegedly produced these works in their present form. Then First, Second, and Third Isaiah (i.e., anonymous editors) supposedly crafted most of the messianic prophet’s work. And some Maccabean-age novelist is believed to have fabricated the book of Daniel centuries after the death of the prophet.

But think about this.

If Jesus Christ was wrong about the writers of the Old Testament, how does the Bible student know that he was right about *any* issue?

For example, Christ affirmed that his existence did not commence here on earth; rather, he existed eternally ([Jn. 8:58](#)), and came down from heaven to sojourn among men as a Redeemer ([Jn. 6:51](#)). Are we to surmise that this testimony may be erroneous? Did Jesus sincerely, though mistakenly, believe this – though it actually never happened that way? Did the Son of God merely accommodate his teaching to a flawed messianic expectation on the part of the Hebrews?

When Christ claimed that he cast out demons ([Mt. 12:28](#)), did he erroneously confuse ordinary “mental illnesses” with some sort of superstitious, yet seemingly-supernatural phenomenon? This is the common claim of the self-styled “critic.” But at the very heart of such rationalization is a mentality that has its origin in raw *skepticism* – the disposition to reject the miraculous elements of the Bible.

How may one be certain that the teaching of the Savior about human redemption, and the manner that such is to be accessed, is reliable – if he cannot trust the plain records of the New Testament writers? He can’t! Once that deadly journey down the “critical” road (with its modernistic presuppositions) has been embarked upon, all confidence and hope is dead.

Over the last half-century many educational institutions, promoted as “Christian” colleges/universities, have become so obsessed with “scholasticism,” and the acquisition of teachers who have studied at prestigious, liberal institutions, that most of these schools now are corrupted with the worst forms of theological modernism.

Critical theories, such as those alluded to above, are common fare. Parents spend tens of thousands of dollars to send their children to “Christian” schools for their education, only to have the faith of these youth corrupted with teachings that have their roots in infidelity.

Radical criticism, though “sanctified” by a “Christian” academic environment, is still what it always has been – *anti-Christian rationalism*. And folks who continue to fund these hot-beds of modernism share a responsibility in this corruption.

## Please Keep In Your Prayers

### Please remember to continue to pray for:

**Les Bland**- is home recovering from surgery. Please contact Wanda before visiting.

**Ann Christopher**- in Room 5505 at Mobile Infirmary, waiting on results of tests.

**Judy Hendricks**- recovering from back surgery (cousin of Linda Farris).

### 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).

**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:	Todd Sanford
	Jeffrey King
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Quincy Saint-Louis
Nursery:	Holland Chupek

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### Sunday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Jonathan Ling
	Fritz Saint-Louis
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Nursery:	Susan Purser

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