

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 25, 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!

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

The Church in Samaria
Acts 8:4-8

Evening Service

Tomorrow Never Comes
James 4:13-17

⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city.

Acts 8:4-8 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:

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

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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-Sunday

2018 L2L Convention in Orlando. Please keep our youth and those of us traveling in your prayers this week.

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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.



03/25 John Sibley
03/28 John & Sandra Sibley
04/04 Megan Kenney
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
04/24 Jamie Langham
Travis Purser
04/25 Faye Pirtle
04/30 Phyllis Gill



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Eastern Shore Church of Christ
to see more!

We will be posting pictures, announcements, and more here each week, so please check it out! If you cannot find the page, see **Bryant**.

Mark Your Calendar!

- 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.
- 04/17 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.
- 04/19 Ladies Bible Study, 11-12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 04/21 Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item.
- 04/22 Ladies Day Planning Meeting, 4:00 PM at the church.
Area Wide at Scenic Hills in Pensacola.

Kingdom Thinking

By: Bryant Evans

I have been thinking about the kingdom lately. I suppose that all of the tension among worldly kingdoms has me thinking about God's kingdom of peace and security. From what I read a lot of believers are confusing the earthly kingdoms with the kingdom of Christ. That's a big mistake and leads to some pretty horrible errors.

People are not alone in thinking that we – Americans – are special before God. America is blessed enormously, but America is not the chosen nation.

Jesus' own apostles were confused too. After three years of preaching throughout Galilee, Judea, and Samaria they still thought Jesus was going to restore Israel to its former prominence. Read Acts 1:6-11. Our Lord was heading up the mountain to return to his prior home, and they were thinking about nationalism. A few weeks before the Jews rejoiced to see Jesus return to Jerusalem. They proclaimed him "King Jesus" and glorified his coming ([Mark 11:9](#); [John 12: 13](#)).

Roger Dickson, in his Bible notes, refers to the nationalistic Jews who thought their redeemer would restore the splendor of the pre-Babylonian nation as a jewel among the nations. They were wrong then, and we are wrong now if we think the kingdom is a mere earthly government.

"Jesus answered: 'My kingdom is not of this world...'" ([John 18:36](#))

God's new kingdom had been preached by John the Baptist who declared it was near ([Matthew 3:2](#); [Mark 1:15](#)). Jesus picked up the theme and preached the same good news ([Matthew 4:17](#); [Luke 4:43](#)). The kingdom was coming. It just did not look like the royal procession they imagined.

The kingdom of heaven was to overlay all earthly rule, dominion, and kingdoms. It would not replace earthly kingdoms nor would it be centered upon the earth. It was a divine assembly of the righteous out of every tribe and tongue upon the earth ([Revelation 5:9](#); [14:6](#); c.f. [Acts 2:5-11](#)). All nations would come into the kingdom ([Isaiah 2:2](#)). Paul says earthly rule will continue and must be respected by Christians ([Romans 13:1](#) ff).

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. "
([Colossians 1:13](#))

According to the Holy Spirit, through Paul, the kingdom is no longer at hand but exists today. Citizens of that divine kingdom have been transferred by God's power from denizens of Satan's world to residents of the Kingdom of God. We have found the city with foundations ([Hebrews 11:10](#); [13-16](#)). Now, through steadfastness and with all glory to God, we are moving toward that beautiful habitation!

"...strangers and exiles on the earth." ([Hebrews 11:13](#))

Our time on this earth is brief. James says it is *"like a vapor that vanishes"* ([James 4:14](#)). We are just visitors, travelers who have no permanence here but look to return home. Because we are just visiting, we do not become encumbered with this world's affairs. And, this is important, we have no interest moving here. We want and expect to go home one day. As the song says, "this world is not my home." When we understand the kingdom of Christ and our place in it we will focus all of our efforts on revealing its glory to this world. We do what we can here and now to improve the world in which we live because we are the Lord's salt ([Matthew 5:13](#)). But our goal is the kingdom of God.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Please remember to continue to pray for:

Les Bland- is home recovering from surgery.

Bill Jordan- having a pacemaker put in on Tuesday.

Dianne Ford- In Thomas Hospital with low immune system. Please no visitors at this time.

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).

Dina Von Campe- Breast cancer.

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
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:	Logan Ling
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:	Scott Lloyd
	Curt Wolfe
Leading Singing:	Scott Kelly
Scripture Reading:	Dakota Clevenger
Nursery:	Susan Ling

Sunday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Jerry Brown
	Andy Ford
Leading Singing:	Chad Chupek
Nursery:	Bobbi Evans

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