

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

AUGUST 12, 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**

The Source of Our Strength  
2 Corinthians 4:13-18

### **Evening Service**

Mission Report from France:  
Nathan Evans

<sup>13</sup> Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup> knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup> For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**2 Corinthians 4:13-18 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:

**Promotion Sunday** for all Bible Classes.

**Money for tickets to both shows** for the Family Movie Night at the Saenger Theater in Pensacola is due today. All money is to be given to Linda Chupek so she can purchase the tickets.

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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  
(all meet in the Fellowship Hall).

### Thursday:

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

### Saturday:

**Ladies Monthly Bible Study** has been moved to Saturday, Aug. 25th.

**Family Movie Night at the Saenger Theater in Pensacola** to see "The Wizard of Oz", at 7:00 PM.

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**Our deepest sympathy is extended** to the Velazquez family in the passing of Sarah's mother, Carolyn Tucker. Services were held Thursday at Phenix City church of Christ.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/13 Holland Chupek  
08/14 Nelda Sanford  
08/16 Ann Christopher  
Ed Hudson  
08/18 Robert Jones  
08/19 Kent & Susan Purser  
Cindy Warren  
08/22 Tim & Patrice Kenney  
08/23 Jeffery King  
08/26 Robert & Linda Jones  
08/29 Gerald Seales  
08/30 Jesse Olive  
08/31 Bob & Linda Ledford

**Hospitality Team** for August is:

**Lucretia Owens & Sherran Brown**

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.

**If you are not receiving our email, phone or text alerts**, please let Glenda know by emailing her at [glenda.verrettescoc@gmail.com](mailto:glenda.verrettescoc@gmail.com).

## Mark Your Calendar!

- 08/21 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.
- 08/24 Knowledge Seekers, 6:30 PM. Location is TBA.
- 08/25 Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item.  
Family Movie Night at the Saenger Theater in Pensacola to see "The Sound of Music" at 7 PM.
- 08/26 L2L Kick-off following our evening services.
- 08/28 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.
- 09/04 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.
- 09/06 Ladies Bible Study, 11-12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 09/07 Serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- 09/08 Men's Breakfast at 8:30 AM.
- 09/11 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.
- 09/15 Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item.  
Girls Day Out at Creekwood church, 9:30 AM. More info is on the bulletin board across from the library.

# Grace & Works: Is There a Clash?

By: Bryant Evans

There is no clash between grace and works. Both are undeniable biblical concepts. Christians are “*saved by grace through faith*” ([Ephesians 2:8](#)). They are also created to do good works and must be obedient to the Lord’s commands ([Ephesians 2:10](#); [Acts 6:7](#); [Romans 1:5](#); [Romans 6:17](#)). Any clash between grace and works is man made and just plain wrong.

## It Begins With My Personal Sin

We all sin. It’s not absorbed from someone else; it is not hereditary. “*The soul who sins shall die*” ([Ezekiel 18:4](#)). “*The wages of sin is death*” ([Romans 6:23](#)). All have sinned ([Romans 3:23](#)) and none is righteous ([Psalm 14:1-3](#); [Psalm 53:1-3](#)). Sin is the horrible dark bond that every person shares.

The upshot is that we are neither deserving nor worthy of salvation. We are corrupt and saturated with sin and cannot be in the presence of the Holy God for even one second, not to mention an eternity.

## My Sin Cannot Be Overcome

It’s natural, especially in our culture, to think that with enough work we can overcome and fix almost any problem. Advances in science have given us the idea that we can conquer any obstacle. It’s a nice thought, even comforting, but it is just wrong. We cannot fix everything. Just like there are some illness that cannot be overcome even with the finest healthcare, there is a spiritual problem that cannot be overcome. That illness is sin.

Speaking of our salvation as a work of grace, Paul says “*this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God*” ([Ephesians 2:8](#)). Our works do not justify us as worthy for salvation ([2 Timothy 1:9](#); [Titus 3:5](#)). When all is written we are still unworthy. Jesus said, “*Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty’*” ([Luke 17:9-10](#)). The servant’s work and obedience were expected; that was their duty.

## My Obedience is Expected and Necessary

As the servant in Jesus’ parable above, we do our duty. When God determined to bring a massive flood to destroy the terrible wickedness on the earth, he made Noah the object of his grace ([Genesis 6:8](#)). Then, God gave Noah a plan of escape. He warned him and told him how to escape. However, it was up to Noah to obey. God did not tell him where to find an ark, nor did he remove him from the earth. Noah survived because God showed him grace by giving him a plan and then because he obeyed the plan ([Genesis 6:22](#); [7:5, 9](#)). Consider Abraham who was the object of God’s love and affection. Abram was told to leave his home and travel to a place that God would command. What did he do? He obeyed ([Genesis 12:1-4](#)).

It is by his grace that God teaches us to avoid the coming destruction ([Titus 2:11-14](#)). Like Noah, we humbly and gratefully accept this grace and are trained to obey. Could Noah have thanked God for his grace and then refused to build the ark? Would he have been spared? Could Noah have graciously accepted God’s direction to move but remained in Ur? Would he be called the father of the faithful? Can anyone be called faithful who lives in rank disobedience to God? Of course not.

How horrible to divide God’s plan by removing grace or by knifing obedience from what God has said! John was clear: “*whoever does not obey the son shall not see life...*” ([John 3:36](#)). The Holy Spirit is given to the obedient ([Acts 5:32](#)). Put negatively, those who do not obey will face wrath ([Romans 2:8](#)). Those who do not obey the gospel will face the judgement of the returning Christ ([2 Thessalonians 1:8](#)).

Let us handle God’s word with respect and seek to understand it all.

## Please Keep In Your Prayers

### Please keep in your prayers:

**Ronnie & Pam Jones**— having back problems due to a car accident. (brother and sister-in-Law of Robert Jones).

**Hazel Rand**- having hip replacement surgery. (member of the Summerdale church).

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

**Gus Stranch**— leukemia (great nephew of Patti Van Iderstine).

**Betty Holt**- Breast cancer & Alzheimer's (friend of Glenda Verrett).

**Kristy Laster**— Liver cancer (neighbor of Isenhowers).

**Jeff Stewart**— Brain cancer. (friend of Jerry Doughty).

**Cheryl Lawrence**- cancer (friend of Jo Ann McDonald).

**Dina Von Campe**— Breast cancer.

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

**Patrick Hubble**- cancer (mother is a friend of Amanda Lloyd).

**Susan Burns**- cancer (Daughter of Sue Long.

### Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:

**MaeBelle Perry, 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:	Jerry & Sherran Brown
Usher:	TR Clevenger
Jr. Usher:	Caden Ford
Communion:	Sandy Kelly
Building Lockup:	Scott Kelly
Treasurer Assistants:	Johnny McLaughlin and Tim Kenney
Yard Team	Scott Lloyd and Jonathan Ling

## Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Fritz Saint-Louis
(serving):	Peter Verrett
	Curt Wolfe
	Danny Velazquez
	Dakota Clevenger
Leading Prayer:	John Sibley
	James Day
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Colby Sanford
Nursery:	Chastity Ford

## Sunday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Don Gill
	Andy Ford
Leading Singing:	Scott Kelly
Nursery:	Patrice Kenney

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