

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

AUGUST 19, 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**

Good Courage  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10

### **Evening Service**

Exodus Then and Now  
Exodus 3:10-12

<sup>6</sup> So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10 ESV**

**Kick Off**  
**L** is Next Sunday!  
L2L  
**BUILDING GODLY LEADERS**

## Events for today:

**Youth Area Wide** at Summerdale 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  
(all meet in the Fellowship Hall).

### Friday:

**Knowledge Seekers**, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.  
Please bring finger foods and drinks.

### Saturday:

**Ladies Monthly Bible Study**, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item to share.

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

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### Next Sunday:

**L2L Kick-Off** following our evening services. Please bring finger foods and drinks.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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**

**Our deepest sympathy is extended** to the Ford family in the passing of Andy's uncle, Frank Carroll in Kentucky. He was recently diagnosed with Leukemia and was the brother of Dianne Ford.

**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!

- 08/26 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.
- 09/18 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.
- 09/20 Ladies Bible Study, 11-12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 09/21 Knowledge Seekers, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

# Seven Steps to Greater Bible Understanding

## By: Jason Jackson of “*The Christian Courier*”

Some claim that the Bible is too old, too long, too boring, or too difficult. Yet amazingly, the United Bible Society distributed 23,200,000 Bibles in 2001 alone — an average of 44 Bibles per minute throughout the year.

It is necessary to do more than just own a copy of the Bible, or engage in some superficial reading. We must learn to understand it and live by it.

### Step One — One Theme

The resurrected Christ met some disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were distressed while his identity was hidden from them. It was then the third day, and they had hoped he would redeem Israel. The Lord said to them, “O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken” (Lk. 24:25; see also vv. 26-27,44-47).

We must familiarize ourselves with the single theme of Scripture — salvation through the suffering of Christ.

### Step Two — Two Covenants

Failing to understand the divine purposes of the Old and New Testaments will invariably lead to misunderstanding the Bible. The Old Testament was not given to teach how one becomes a Christian. It is not a guide for Christian worship. A pattern for the church is not given in the Old Testament; that must be read in light of New Testament revelation.

We do study the Old Testament, however, to satisfy life’s basic questions (cf. Gen. 1:1), to perceive that our relationship with God is one of Creator and creature, to understand the nature of sin and its consequences, and to learn the principle that God rewards the obedient and punishes the rebellious.

In the Old Testament, we also see valuable apologetic material in predictive prophecy. As we see God’s design in the Old and New Testaments, we come to understand the Bible better.

### Step Three — Three Ages of Time

The point of this step is this: we must familiarize ourselves with the content of the Bible, and we must follow its history from beginning to end. We must actually read the content of Scripture to understand it better. Otherwise, we may pick up facts here and there and fail to have a comprehension of the wonderful unity of Scripture. Its single theme is to be followed through three vast periods of time — the Patriarchal Age, the Mosaic Age, and the Christian Age.

### Step Four — Four Gospels

The four gospels, like four witnesses, testify to the person and work of Jesus Christ. Without any appearance of collusion, these independent witnesses provide accounts of the ministry, death, and resurrection of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Since they contain the foundation for faith (Jn. 20:30-31), the Gospel accounts need to be read and re-read by Christians regularly. Since the one theme of the Bible is the redemptive work of Christ, how valuable it is to rehearse those events that are the focal point of human history.

### Step Five — Five Steps to Salvation

Some characterize the idea of “five steps” in the “plan of salvation” as legalism, calling those who preach it “five-steppers.” No matter how many requirements there might be, the truth is that people must **hear** the gospel (Rom. 10:17). Individuals are required to **believe** the gospel of Christ (Jn. 8:24). All men are commanded by God to **repent** (Acts 17:30). They must **confess** their faith in Christ, that he is Lord and that God raised him from the dead (Rom. 10:9-10; cf 1 Tim. 6:12; Matt. 10:32-33). And the Lord requires penitent believers to be **baptized** in water for the forgiveness of sins (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38). According to Ms. Hudson, my first grade teacher, that makes five.

There is no need to be ashamed of what the Lord requires, and anyone who criticizes such demonstrates that he has been influenced by the trends of denominationalism.

### Step Six — Six Things God Hates

“Yeah seven!” With this numerical proverb, Solomon indicates that his list is by no means exhaustive (Prov. 6:16-19). But this is the point. It *does matter* how we live. Even after we become Christians, we must continue to take sin seriously and stop doing anything that the Lord hates.

### Step Seven — Seven Churches of Asia in Revelation 2 and 3 Teach Valuable Lessons

These congregations were all held to the same doctrinal standard. They all belonged to Christ, and there were no different religious brands. The Lord knew what was going on, and he commended their efforts or condemned their sins.

There is only one way to right wrongs — repent and do right. Seeing our individual and collective responsibilities, we learn that understanding the Bible translates into lives and congregations that are pleasing to the Lord. “Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only” (Jas. 1:22).

## 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).

**Linda Jones**— having problems with her thyroid.

**Wanda Bland**— recovering from a TIA and pneumonia.

**Richard Davis**— having health problems (father of Dawna Ratliff).

**MaeBelle Perry**— having pain in both knees and having a hard time walking.

**Lum Morrison**— having a series of shots to help with pain in his hips.

### 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.

**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:	Lance Velazquez
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:	Jerry Brown
	Kent Purser
Leading Singing:	Chad Chupek
Scripture Reading:	Quincy Saint-Louis
Nursery:	Melinda Sanford

## Sunday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Jeffrey King
	Garlin Farris
Leading Singing:	Colby Sanford
Nursery:	Marvetta Clevenger

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