

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

AUGUST 26, 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

We Persuade Others
2 Corinthians 5:11

Evening Service

Imitating Good; Avoiding Evil
3 John 11

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

2 Corinthians 5:11 ESV

 **Kick Off following evening services!**
BUILDING GODLY LEADERS

Events for today:

L2L Kick-Off is 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
(all meet in the Fellowship Hall).

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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.

John Langham leaves for Guyana on Friday to teach at Guyana Christian University. This is a great work overseen by the congregation here. We will be graduating our 6th class of students while he is there. Please keep him in your prayers.

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**
09/01 **Ray & Beatrice Rogers**
09/04 **John & Jamie Langham**
09/06 **Bill & Dianne Jones**



Sight & Sound Theater presents "Moses" for 2 days only on Sept. 13th & 15th. Lads to Leaders will be going on Sat., Sept. 15th if anyone would like to join us. The movie is at 12:55 PM at the AMC Jubilee Square 12 in Daphne.

Mark Your Calendar!

- 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.
L2L will be going to see the movie "Moses", 12:55 PM at the AMC Jubilee Square 12 in Daphne.
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.

Are the Disobedient Saved?

By: Bryant Evans

We recently wrote of the alleged clash between grace and works. Our conclusion was that a man cannot be saved apart from God's grace. We also affirmed that there is a response, an obligation on the part of man which is also essential. Today, I want to pursue that idea a bit further.

It is common among some to assert that man has no role in his own salvation. They claim that there is absolutely nothing required of a man in order to be saved. That is a popular view and a view that holds some comfort in that we can live any way we desire without consequence. Our eternal salvation is fatalistic occurrence far beyond self. What does the Bible say?

Obedience is commanded

God's word commands obedience. As the Israelites gathered at Sinai, God commanded them, saying, *"if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples..."* (Exodus 19:5). Again, *"And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil"* (Deuteronomy 11:13, 14).

Peter declares that the salvation gift of the Holy Spirit is given to those that *"obey him"* (Acts 5:32). The writer of Hebrews speaks of the glorious Christ, who, *"being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him"* (Hebrews 5:9). John says obedience is confirmation of our love for the Lord and our place in his family. *"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome"* (1 John 5:2,3).

Disobedience is condemned

Even more prevalent in Scripture is the condemnation of the disobedient. Instead of asking if obedience is required for salvation we should ask if a man can be saved in his disobedience. Again, it is the Bible that gives the answer.

Israel was warned of its own demise if they did not obey. Moses warned, *"Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God"* (Deuteronomy 8:20). He repeats, *"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse; the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known"* (Deuteronomy 11:26-28). There is no question that God's people were required to obey God and were warned of punishment if they did not.

Perhaps the clearest warning against disobedience is from Paul. He writes that Jesus will return and will inflict *"vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus"* (2 Thessalonians 1:8). Peter wonders of the end result of those who *"do not obey the gospel of God"* (1 Peter 4:17). The Bible student must see that obedience is required and disobedience is condemned.

It is only because of God's stunning love for a lost creation that we have a plan of escape from coming doom. It is only because of his extreme love that we have a savior. It is no blow to his glory that we comply with his commands. Instead, our obedience reflects his goodness and his glory throughout creation!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Please keep in your prayers:

Wanda Bland— recovering from a TIA and pneumonia.

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

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
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:	Eli Ratliff
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:	Todd Sanford
	Scott Lloyd
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Scripture Reading:	Logan Ling
Nursery:	Brenda Davis

Sunday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Johnny McLaughlin
	Tim Kenney
Leading Singing:	Quincy Saint-Louis
Nursery:	Erin Chupek

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