

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

SEPTEMBER 2, 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 Christ
Matthew 16:15, 16

Evening Service

What does Baptism Mean?
Romans 6:1-11

¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:15, 16 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 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.

Friday:

We are serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

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Next Sunday:

Lads to Leaders will have puppet practice at 4:00 PM. Bible Bowl will be on Exodus 1-5 and will be held after evening services.

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Hospitality Team for September is:

Linda Farris & Linda Chupek

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

09/01 Ray & Beatrice Rogers

09/04 John & Jamie Langham

09/06 Bill & Dianne Jones

09/07 Scott Lloyd

09/10 Anna Sandrell

Carol Jordan

09/19 Tony Jackson

09/21 Mike Sanford

09/23 Judy Singleton

09/24 Barbara Stewart

09/25 Seth Ratliff

09/26 Joy Hill

09/27 Jerry Brown

09/28 Colby Sanford

09/29 Frank Bramblett



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!

09/11 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.

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

09/16 Area Wide Youth at Azalea City church of Christ.

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.

09/23 Mark Your Calendar Meeting following evening services. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

09/25 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.

09/28 Decorate for Ladies Day, 9:00 AM. Volunteers needed.

09/29 Ladies Day "Sister to Sister", 8:30 AM. Guest Speaker: Martha Ryan.

09/30 5th Sunday Fellowship.

Part 1: 8 Mistaken Ideas About Baptism

By: Wayne Jackson for “*Christian Courier*”

Some subjects in the Bible are more difficult to comprehend than others. Even Peter declared that Paul had written upon themes that are hard to understand (2 Pet. 3:16). It should be obvious, however, that things pertaining to the plan of redemption should be the easiest of all subjects to grasp.

The topic of water baptism is mentioned dozens of times in the New Testament. It is intimately connected to the divine plan of salvation. Instructions regarding this sacred obligation are very precise. So it is truly amazing that this topic has been so grossly misunderstood in a great variety of ways.

In this study, we will call attention to some of the false ideas that have arisen regarding baptism across the centuries.

“Baptism Is Obsolete Today”

Some have been taught that even though water baptism played a role in the divine scheme of things during the first century, it eventually became obsolete, and so is not appropriate today.

An Anglican clergyman named E. W. Bullinger (1837-1913) originated a doctrine that has come to be known as Ultra-Dispensationalism. Basically, ultra-dispensationalism alleges that the “water baptism” of the New Testament was a Jewish ceremonial ritual that was a part of the Mosaic economy. Further, he contended that the Mosaic system was not abrogated until the end of the book of Acts. Accordingly, when the law of Moses was terminated, water baptism became obsolete.

How then are those numerous references to baptism in the epistles to be explained? (e.g., Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27)?

Supposedly, they refer a form of “Spirit baptism,” which is effected the moment a person trusts in Christ. It is denied that these references have anything to do with water baptism.

What shall we say to these matters?

First, the law of Moses was terminated at the cross (Eph. 2:15-16; Col. 2:14), not at the end of the book of Acts—a third of a century after the cross. The water baptism mentioned in the book of Acts (cf. 8:36ff) was thus not a Jewish ceremony.

Second, the most obvious refutation of this false idea is found in Matthew’s record of the great commission. In that account, the Lord commands his followers:

*“Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them ... and lo I am with you always, **even unto the end of the world**” (Mt. 28:19).*

Now here are two important facts about this passage. First, the “baptizing” is clearly a reference to water baptism, because it has a **human administrator**—“Spirit baptism” does not (Mt. 3:11).

Second, embedded within this command is a promise that the Lord will always (unto the end of the world) be with those who are carrying out this commission. In other words, the water baptism here contemplated **will last until the end of time**. Water baptism is thus a **permanent feature** of the Christian system.

But then consider this. If there is no water baptism today, then there is no way to **enter the kingdom**, because it is by the birth of “water” (i.e., baptism) that one enters the kingdom of God (Jn. 3:5; cf. 1 Cor. 12:13).

The ultra-dispensational view of baptism contradicts the teaching of the New Testament.

“Baptism Is for Babies and Young Children”

Another common error associated with baptism is the notion that it can be administered to infants or young children, as well as adults. It is suggested, for instance, that baptism was symbolically pictured by circumcision. Colossians 2:11-12 is employed as a proof-text for this position. Since circumcision was for infants, it is contended that baptism is similarly for infants today.

There are several major flaws in this argument.

First, if circumcision typifies baptism, in the sense argued by pedobaptists, then **only males** should receive baptism because only males were circumcised.

Second, the only analogy between circumcision and baptism, as per Colossians 2:11-12, has to do with the fact that both involved “putting off the flesh.” Circumcision severs the flesh literally. But in baptism one determines to sever himself from **fleshly pursuits**. That exhausts the connection between circumcision and baptism.

Thirdly, since baptism is “for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38), it is not appropriate for infants or young children, because they have no sin (Mt. 18:3; 1 Cor. 14:20). Infant baptism is unknown in the New Testament. As J. L. Jacobi, a Lutheran theologian, confessed: “Infant baptism was established neither by Christ nor the apostles” (287).

To be continued.....

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Please keep in your prayers:

Harry Cooper— has fluid on his heart. (father of Gayla Porter).

Stan Cooper— tests show a spot on his lung. (brother of Gayla Porter).

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 Isenhawers).

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:	Scott & Amanda Lloyd
Usher:	Peter Verrett
Jr. Usher:	Seth Ratliff
Communion:	Lynd Saint-Louis
Building Lockup:	Scott Lloyd
Treasurer Assistants:	Chad Chupek and Tim Kenney
Yard Team	Tim Kenney and Fritz Saint-Louis

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Tim Kenney
(serving):	James Day
	Ed Johnson
	Robert Jones
	John Sibley
Leading Prayer:	Fritz Saint-Louis
	Bill Jones
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Logan Ling
Nursery:	Jamie Langham

Sunday Evening

Leading Prayer:	H.T. Bear
	Danny Velazquez
Leading Singing:	Chad Chupek
Nursery:	Susan Purser

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