

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 14, 2018



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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!

Today's Sermons

Morning Service

Go Our and Be Separate
2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Afternoon Service

Guyana Report by John Langham

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

"I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst,
and be separate from them, says the Lord,
and touch no unclean thing;

then I will welcome you,
¹⁸ and I will be a father to you,
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,
says the Lord Almighty."

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 ESV

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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**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:

Middle/ High School Youth Devo at Bayfront Park in Daphne following our evening services. Girls are to bring their favorite cookies and boys are to bring drinks. Any questions, please see Tommy or Dawna Ratliff.

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Events for this week:

Tuesday:

Men's Weekly Brown Bag Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Weekly Evening Bible Study has been canceled for this week.

Douglasville church of Christ in Bay Minette is having a lectureship and Jeff King is the guest speaker. If anyone would like to attend, the church van will be leaving at 6:15 PM.

Thursday:

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

Saturday:

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

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Next Sunday:

Youth Area Wide at Margaret Street church of Christ. See Jonathan Ling if you will be riding the church van.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/14 Melinda Sanford
Gretchen Wolfe

10/16 Bill Jones

10/17 Elizabeth Till

10/19 Susan McLaughlin
Eli Ratliff

10/21 Garlin & Linda Farris

10/22 Lyndon Saint-Louis

10/23 James Christopher

10/25 Jacob Sanford

10/31 Elena McLaughlin

Ice Cream Social for our Newcomers and Truck or Treat: Saturday, October 27th at 5:30 PM here at the building. Sign up sheet for the ice cream social is in the foyer.

Hospitality Team for October is:

Dianne Jones & Jo Ann McDonald

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.

Please contact Bryant on his cell phone if you need him. His home number is no longer in service. Cell- (251) 379-0598.

Mark Your Calendar!

- 10/21 Area Wide Youth at Margaret St. church of Christ.
- 10/22 Knowledge Seekers, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 10/23 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.
- 10/27 Ladies Day at Bay Minette Civic Center, given by 14th St., Atmore & Halls Fork Church, "Living The Salty Life", 9-12 PM. More info on bulletin board across from the library.
Truck A Treat & Ice Cream Social, 5:30 PM at the church building.
- 10/28 L2L puppet practice, 4:00 PM and Bible Bowl following our evening services on Exodus 16-20.
- 10/30 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.
- 11/01 Ladies Bible Study, 11-12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 11/02 Serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- 11/03 Ladies Day at Leonard St. church. More info is on the bulletin board across from the library.
Ladies Day at Bellingrath Rd church. More info is on the bulletin board across from the library.
L2L Bible Bowl Pizza & Review at 5:30 PM. Covering Exodus 1-20.

Adversity

By: Bryant Evans

The old farmer eased out of his Ford pickup truck. He parked it in the church lot. He rocked side to side as he walked toward the door. His gait never returned to normal after a bull slammed him up against his tractor a dozen years ago.

The preacher greeted him. The farmer's weathered face smiled as he extended his hand to shake.

His hands were massive and scared.

The calluses on his fingers had calluses. His hands were clean, but a dark line of soil was embedded beneath his nails. As he grasped the preacher's soft hands the contrast was marked. It was like sandpaper along velvet. His hands told a story.

The calluses spoke of years of tossing haybales onto the back of trailer. They told of hundreds of cuts that came from pulling barbed-wire fence across the lower 40. There was a scar from a burn where he touched the hot manifold of his tractor as he repaired it. And there was the stub where a finger got too close to the chain saw blade while cutting firewood.

The hard work of his years changed this man. The calluses now protected his hands from blisters, which he almost never got anymore. He felt no splinters. His rocking walk reminded him to respect animals; his missing finger warned of danger when cutting trees.

"Good morning!" hailed the preacher. "How are you this morning?"

"I'm great!" he replied. And, he meant it.

Every scar we endure tells a story. Every trouble we face prepares us for the future. Hardship toughens the sufferer.

Adversity is good.

Paul suffered. He plead with God to remove his troubles. Three times he begged, and three times God said "no." *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness,"* said the Lord ([2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#)).

You and I are strengthened when we are weak. It doesn't seem to make sense, but it is true. Weightlifters work their muscles until they fail so that the renewed muscle will be stronger.

Are you struggling?

God strengthens and ensures our ultimate strength ([1 Corinthians 10:13](#)). He gives grace as needed ([James 4:7](#), [1 Peter 5:5](#)).

How could the untrained Moses lead 2 million people through wilderness for 40 years? How could commoner David rise to lead the Israelites? How could a dozen blue-collar Galileans lead the fledgling church against Jewish and Roman assaults?

God strengthened them.

He will strengthen you. We leave you with Isaiah's inspired words:

"Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who have an anxious heart,
Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you." ([Isaiah 35:3,4](#)).

Please keep in your prayers:

Sue Long– recovering from knee surgery and will be in rehab.
David Gill– recovering from bypass surgery (brother of Don Gill).

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).
Ankitha Valdez- a 3 year old who was diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkins Lymphoma. (classmate of John & Sandra Sibley’s grandson, Cameron).
Judith Sluger- cancer (Daughter of Bob & Linda Ledford).

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: TR & Marvetta Clevenger
Usher: Dakota Clevenger
Jr. Usher: Seth Ratliff
Communion: Sandra Sibley
Building Lockup: John Sibley
Treasurer Assistants: Scott Lloyd and Peter Verrett
Yard Team: Johnny McLaughlin and Peter Verrett

Sunday Morning

Lord’s Table (presiding): Scott Lloyd
(serving): Tony Jackson
Jerry Brown
Bill Jones
Danny Velazquez
Leading Prayer: Fritz Saint-Louis
H.T. Bear
Leading Singing: Noah Evans
Scripture Reading: Logan Ling
Nursery: Chastity Ford

Sunday Afternoon

Leading Prayer: Robert Jones
Andy Ford
Leading Singing: Jesse Olive
Nursery: Bobbi Evans

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