

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

AUGUST 22, 2021



Minister: Bryant Evans

Associate Minister: Jeffrey King

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
Scott Kelly
John Langham
Jonathan Ling

Deacons

Chad Chupek
Scott Lloyd

Sunday

Worship 10 AM
Bible Study 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Today's Sermon

God Knows Our Heart

Luke 16:14-17

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. ¹⁶"The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. ¹⁷But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

Luke 16:14-17 ESV



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We will be posting pictures, announcements, and more here each week, so please check it out! If you cannot find the page, see **Bryant**.

Events for today:

Lads to Leaders Kickoff following our evening Bible Study. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

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Events for this week:

Tuesday:

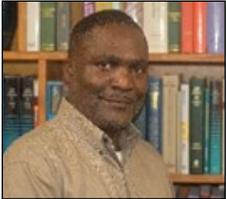
Men's Weekly Brown Bag Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

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Next Sunday:

5th Sunday Friends & Family Day We will have a fellowship meal following our morning services. Please bring food and drinks.

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The Congregation is pleased to announce that Jeffery King has been chosen as our Associate Minister. Jeff recently graduated from Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies and has been working with us at Eastern Shore as a student for about two years. Jeff and Jackie will be a tremendous asset to this congregation and to the work of Christ throughout the area. Jeff will soon have an office at the building and may be reached through the church office.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/22 Tim & Patrice Kenney
08/23 Ricky Hovater
Jeff King
08/26 Robert & Linda Jones
08/30 Jesse Olive
08/31 Bob & Linda Ledford
09/01 Ray & Beatrice Rogers
09/04 John & Jamie Langham
09/06 Bill & Dianne Jones
09/07 Scott Lloyd
09/08 Fred Hicks
09/10 Carol Jordan
09/15 Jeff & Jackie King
09/19 Tony Jackson
09/21 Mike Sanford
09/22 Rickie & Sharon Hovater
09/24 Barbara Stewart
09/25 Seth Ratliff
09/26 Joy Hill
09/27 Jerry Brown
09/28 William Hill
Colby Sanford
09/29 Gerald Seales
09/30 David & Rebekah Perry

We have men's clothing back in the fellowship hall for anyone to take. Shirts, pants, suits, ties and shoes have been organized to make it easy to go through. If you know of someone in your family that could use something, please take it. Clothing will be available for the next 2 weeks before going to the thrift store.

Mark Your CALENDAR



- 08/29 5th Sunday Friends & Family Day. Please bring a meal and drinks to share with everyone.
- 08/31 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 09/07 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Primitimers Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Open to all ages. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 09/11 Senior Fellowship Dinner, 4:30 PM at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Bayou La Batre.
- 09/12 Ice Cream Social to welcome our new members following our evening Bible Study.
- 09/14 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 09/18 Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item to share.
Congregational Game Night, 5 PM at the building. Bring your favorite game along with snacks & drinks.
- 09/19 Area Wide Youth at Gulf Shores, meet at the building at 3:45 PM to ride the church van.
- 09/21 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 09/25 Youth Game Night, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods & drinks.
- 09/26 Mark Your Calendar Meeting following our evening Bible Study. Please bring finger foods & drinks.
- 09/28 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

“Doing God’s Will”

By: Bryant Evans

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the kingdom of heaven—only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)

It is common to ignore clear Bible teaching on the subject of works. Indeed, works do not save us, and no person can cause God’s indebtedness to mankind. However, it is clear that works play a part in the Christian life and that without works, no one is saved.

There is no verse more clear than Matthew 7:21. Jesus speaks these words himself. They are a portion of the Sermon on the Mount. There is no textual issue regarding the verse.

The passage arises in the context of false teachers who creep in among true disciples. Our Lord says that words are not enough. We all know people who talk big but do nothing. These are the people targeted by Jesus’ words. Calling Jesus “Lord” is good, but it is not enough. Jesus says the only one entering the kingdom of heaven is a doer of God’s will. “Do” is an action word, a verb, which points to labor. The Christian is a worker; else, he is lost. Jesus says in verse 23, *“And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’* Those who talk big while doing nothing are “workers of lawlessness and will be eternally lost.

The Sermon on the Mount was not the only time Jesus talked about workers. In Matthew 12:46 – 50, Jesus’ mother and brothers were trying to talk to him. Jesus replied, *“For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother”* (Matthew 12:50). So again, the one who does God’s will is accepted.

Doing God’s will is also a theme in James. *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves”* (James 1:22). The one who listens, but does not do, is deceived. He has convinced himself that all is good when he is lost. In the same paragraph, James tells his readers what a genuine Christian is. He is a doer. *“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world”* (James 1:27).

You cannot discount the Lord’s words about working as a Christian. It is the purpose of our existence. Paul writes, *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”* (Ephesians 2:10). Jesus said those good works reflect the worldly man’s vision heavenward, *“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”* (Matthew 5:16).

Jesus’ true disciple is one who does God’s will.

We should add that doing good works will never place God in debt to you or anyone else. We are saved by grace, and without it, we would be lost. Thousands of prayers, untold hours of good works, and service are meaningless without the grace of God. It is impossible to overstate the necessity of God’s grace. But let no one be mistaken: Our sovereign Lord requires works of those who belong to him. Apathy and a lackadaisical attitude toward serving God is spiritually deadly!

May we be known for our good works of service!

Please keep in your prayers:

Julie Doughty is having ongoing health problems (daughter of Jerry Doughty).

Ann Christopher— recovering from a stroke at Mobile Infirmary's Rehab facility in Mobile. She is in room 3819.

Jesse Olive— recovering from surgery.

Jerry Olive— waiting to be transferred to UAB for an aortic valve replacement but at the moment there are no beds available.

Michelle — has been diagnosed with COVID for the second time (daughter of Tim & Angel Ashley).

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

Jamie Langham, Mike Sanford, Gus Stranch (great nephew of Patti Van Iderstine), **Jeff Stewart** (friend of Jerry Doughty), **Sharon Vandevender** (wife of Donna Neu's nephew), **Sarah Kennedy, Dot Oubre and Jim Bose** (friends of Patti Van Iderstine), **Darnell Jackson** (mother of Jaqueline King), **James Doughty** (brother of Jerry Doughty), **Angela Flit** (cousin of Dwight Isenhower), **Will Scott, Jim Cox and Paul Thorkelson** (friends of Dwight & Julia Isenhower), **Aaron Bell** (Youth Minister of Valley View church & a friend of the Sanford's), **Linda Widder** (Student of the Bible Correspondence Course with Madison Church of Christ), **Wanda Bobinger** (cousin of Patti Van Iderstine), **Mary Neely Hopkins** (sister of Jamie Langham).

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:

MaeBelle Perry, Lum Morrison, Elizabeth Till, James & Ann Christopher, and Don & Phyllis Gill.

Privileged to Serve

Greeters:	Bill & Dianne Jones
Usher:	James Day
Building Lockup:	Peter Verrett
Treasurer Assistants:	Chad Chupek and Scott Lloyd

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Jonathan Ling
Leading Prayer:	Sid Chupek TR Clevenger
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff
Scripture Reading:	Josh Ratliff

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Scott Kelly Garlin Farris
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans

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