

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



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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
Scott Kelly
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Sunday

Worship 10 AM
Bible Study 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Today's Sermon

Forgotten Virtues: Love One Another 1 John 4:7-12

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:7-12 ESV

Events for today:



Friends & Family Day: We invite all our guests to stay and have lunch with us today following our services.

Lads to Leaders: will have Bible Bowl practice today at 4:30 PM on Joshua 4-6.



Events for this week:

Tuesday:

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



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Creekwood Girl's Day 2021

Saturday, October 2nd

Grades 6-12

Registration is at 9:30 AM

More info is on the bulletin board across from the library.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 09/26 Joy Hill
- 09/27 Jerry Brown
- 09/28 William Hill
Colby Sanford
- 09/29 Gerald Seales
- 09/30 David & Rebekah Perry

- 10/05 James & Ann Christopher
- 10/09 Ed Johnson
Tommy & Dawna Ratliff
- 10/14 Melinda Sanford
- 10/16 Bill Jones
- 10/17 Elizabeth Till
- 10/19 Susan McLaughlin
Eli Ratliff
- 10/21 Garlin & Linda Farris
- 10/23 James Christopher



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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**.

If you are not receiving our email, phone or text alerts, please let Glenda know by emailing her at glenda.verrettescoc@gmail.com.

SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Help raise funds for Bright Beginnings Academy by donating your gently worn, used shoes!

GOAL = 2500 pairs of shoes by Nov. 13th.

Please see Linda Chupek for any questions.

“Part 2: Our Own Crucifixion”

By: Bryant Evans

Fruit of the Spirit

in opposition to the nasty traits listed in verses 19 — 21, Paul next lists what he terms “the *fruit of the spirit*.” Ironically, these characteristics are probably the most admired characteristics in humanity. However, they are generally thought to be associated with weakness and a lack of success.

Love is the first of the fruits of the spirit. We should not be surprised because love is an all-encompassing characteristic. All of the other fruits of the spirit arise from biblical love. This is the ultimate, sacrificial love. We should note here that it is a choice a person makes and not merely a feeling. While this love may include a sexual component in the marriage relationship, it does not have to. Remember, Jesus taught us to love our neighbor (Matthew 22:34 — 40) and he surely was not suggesting that we have sex with our neighbor. No, this kind of love is a serving love. It is a decision to give our very best to someone else. Can you imagine what life would be like if everyone truly loved his neighbor? It’s an amazing thought!

The next three fruits of the spirit, joy, peace, patience, are all attributes of happiness. Happiness may be the most sought-after condition of mankind. I suspect that even the meanest man among us wants to be happy. Look at Matthew 5:1 – 12. This is a section of Scripture called the Beatitudes. Like the list here in Galatians 5, the Beatitudes provide a listing of things that produce blessings. The list in Matthew 5 and the list in Galatians 5 are dimensions of the Christian life that we should work to develop every day.

The remaining attributes in Galatians 5:22, 23, all flow from the previous four. Love, joy, peace, patience, help us to be people who are kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. One who is self-controlled can effectively avoid the works of the flesh. That is, the more we build on the fruits of the spirit, the better we can avoid the works of the flesh.

The Crucifixion

It is not enough for the Christian to merely resist the works of the flesh. He must destroy them in his own life. *“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires”* (Galatians 5:24). Paul is really taken with this idea of crucifixion in the book of Galatians. In Galatians 2:20 the apostle writes, *“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* In chapter 6:14 he says, *“but far be it for me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.”* The idea is the same in all three verses. We die to the world.

Of course, we remain in the world. But the scriptures teach that we are now walking in a new way of life (Romans 6:4). But putting to death our old worldly ways is never easy. Our sins have become like our favorite old pair of sneakers, they’re very comfortable and we hate to give them up. Still, to be pleasing to our Lord, we must purge out our fleshly ways. We must change.

While change is always difficult it is not impossible. The Lord will walk with us and even carry us when we become so weak that we cannot continue on. He will help us as we seek to be the kind of people he wants us to be. Let us seriously consider this brief paragraph among all of Paul’s writing and make immediate application to our lives.

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Mike Martin— is in room 2308 at Mercy Medical Rehab and can receive visitors now.

Billy Morris— passed away from COVID (member of the Leonard Street church).

Bob & Linda Ledford— Bob is recovering from hip surgery due to a fall. His mental condition continues to decline and Linda is confused by this change in routine.

Thomas George— underwent surgery to remove a tumor in his sinus cavities (director of our school in Lethem).

Angel Ashley— will be undergoing more tests due to having high iron.

Don Tucker— his health has improved and was released from the hospital (friend of Garlin & Linda Farris).

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), **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, Don & Phyllis Gill and Sue Long.

Privileged to Serve

Greeters:	Rickie & Sharon Hovater
Usher:	Peter Verrett
Building Lockup:	Sid Chupek
Treasurer Assistants:	Peter Verrett and Tim Kenney

Sunday Morning

Lord’s Table (presiding):	Scott Kelly
Leading Prayer:	Robert Cagle
	TR Clevenger
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans
Scripture Reading:	Caleb Ratliff

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	George Owens
	Noah Evans
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive

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