

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 3, 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
Peter Verrett
Jesse Olive

Sunday

Worship 10 AM
Bible Study 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Today's Sermon

Speaker: Jeffrey King

Blessings Through Burdens

Habakkuk 1:2, 3

- ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
- ³ Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

Habakkuk 1:2, 3 ESV

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:

Lads to Leaders: will have Bible Bowl practice at 4:30 PM on Joshua 7-8.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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

A graphic for a shoe drive fundraiser. It features a red background with various shoes and boots scattered around. The text reads: "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.", and "Please see Linda Chupek for any questions."/>

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FUEL 2021 Youth Fall Retreat

Gulf Coast Bible Camp
November 12th—14th
\$55/per teen and \$25/adult
Grades 6th - 12th

Please let Noah know if you plan to attend by Oct. 15th so he can register our group.

“Grace: A Working Definition”

By: Bryant Evans on February 18, 2012

Grace is grossly misunderstood by many. It is not a blanket forgiveness which allows, condones or encourages rebelliousness. Paul is clear about that (Romans 6:1-2).

Grace was always described to me as *“getting what you need but do not deserve.”* That’s still pretty close but it is not nuts and bolts. It is not an everyday working definition.

Grace is God providing me with a way to get what I cannot get on my own. Examples:

Noah

Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8). Mankind was on the verge of destruction and there would be nothing Noah could do. However God gave him a divine plan. He told him to build a boat (Genesis 6:14 ff). Indeed, the flood came, all was destroyed except Noah and those in the grace-given ark (Genesis 8:18). But in the middle of all this Noah had something to do. God gave him a command to build and Noah did so as God said (Genesis 7:5).

Between the prediction of certain destruction and Noah’s glorious deliverance we find a task. Is this story any poorer because Noah obeyed? Is there even a smidgen less glory to God because Noah did something? Did Noah earn his place in the ark? No! But he was obedient.

Abraham

Abraham lived among idol worshipers. Like all of mankind Abraham was in need of salvation. God chose Abraham as the venue for that grace which would come to all men (Titus 2:11). God made promises to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3). Abraham obeyed (Genesis 12:4; Hebrews 11:8-10).

Abraham never saw the blessings God promised; they came much later. He was obedient. He did as he was told to do. Is Abraham any less of a great Bible character because he obeyed? Is his reputation harmed because he did something? Is the glory of God tarnished because he used a man to bring salvation to mankind? Did Moses deserve or earn his place before God? No! But he was obedient.

Paul

Paul (Saul) was a devout Jewish man on the fast track to success and notoriety in Judaism. Jesus stopped him on the Damascus Road (Acts 9:3 ff). By a direct intervention in his life this man was changed. He turned from executing the church to encouraging it. He stopped persecuting and began preaching. Paul was a walking testimony to the grace of God (Acts 20:24).

Paul could say near the end of his life that glory awaited him (2 Timothy 4:6-8). He was a recipient of grace and bound for glory. But in the middle Paul was simply an obedient servant (Acts 26:19). But even with the thousands to whom Paul preached and even with the multiplied beatings and finally death, would any one say God owed salvation to the chief sinner (1 Timothy 1:15). No! Is God less glorious because Paul was obedient? Never!

In every case, men were given the required knowledge. In every case their unforgivable sins were forgiven by the grace of God. But God has always demanded obedience from his people. As lowly servants we ought comply.

Grace then is simply God giving us the gospel and the chance to obey that gospel (Romans 10:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; 1 Peter 4:17).

Grace is a much deeper topic than can be covered in a single article but maybe this will whet your appetite and help answer the search for a working definition of grace.

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.

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.

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 Jacqueline 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:	TR & Marvetta Clevenger
Usher:	Tim Kenney
Building Lockup:	Chad Chupek
Treasurer Assistants:	Jerry Brown and Jonathan Ling

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Sid Chupek
Leading Prayer:	Chad Chupek Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Scripture Reading:	Seth Ratliff

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	John Sibley William Hill
Leading Singing:	Logan Ling

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