

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 14, 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

Forgotten Virtues: Thankfulness 1 Chronicles 16:8-13

- ⁸ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
- ⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
- ¹⁰ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- ¹¹ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
- ¹² Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,
- ¹³ O offspring of Israel his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

1 Chronicles 16:8-13 ESV

Events for today:

We need volunteers to help pack the holiday food boxes after our evening Bible Classes.

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Events for this week:

Tuesday:

Men's Weekly Brown Bag Bible Study, 9-10 AM 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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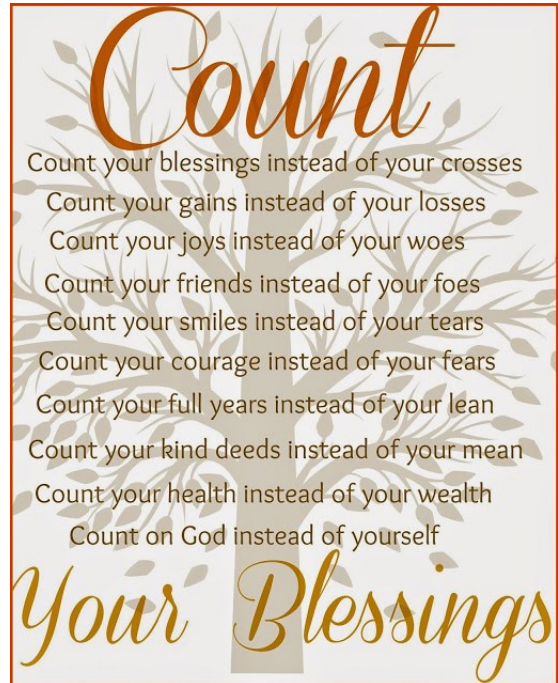
2022 Monthly Service Sign Up Sheets are located on the bulletin board next to the Family Board. We need volunteers for Communion Prep, Building Lock-Up, Greeters & Transportation for the Rogers.

There will be a new Young Adult Class taught by Robert Cagle starting this Wednesday. If you have any questions, please see Robert.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/14 James & Becky Day
11/15 John Langham
11/18 Johnny McLaughlin
11/20 Jacquelyne King
11/24 Dakota Clevenger
James Day
11/25 Johnny & Susan McLaughlin
11/26 Anna Sharpe



Mark Your CALENDAR

- 11/16 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 11/20 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item to share.
- 11/23 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Our Mid-week Bible Study has been moved to Tuesday evening due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- 11/24-26 Thanksgiving Holiday- office is closed.
- 11/28 L2L forms and half of registration fees are due.
L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 4:30 pm on Joshua 13-15.
- 11/30 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 12/03 Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 12/05 All single ladies are invited to the home of Cindy Hatcher for a Christmas Luncheon following our morning services.
- 12/07 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 12/08 2021 Corporate Meeting following our evening services.
- 12/10 Pensacola Ice Flyers Game for the Youth. Please see Noah Evans for any questions.
- 12/11 Holiday Open House at the home of Bryant & Bobbi, 9-11 AM.
- 12/19 Mark Your Calendar Meeting following our evening Bible Classes. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

“Part 3: Understanding Forgiveness”

By: Wayne Jackson for the *Christian Courier*

Two Kinds of Forgiveness

For lack of a better expression, what we’ve been talking about thus far is **vertical** forgiveness — the forgiveness we all desire from our loving Father for the sins we have committed against him.

But there is also forgiveness that we might designate as **horizontal**. It is the forgiveness we are required to extend to each other.

In the model prayer, Christ taught his disciples to pray these thoughts:

Our Father forgive us our debts [vertical], as we also have forgiven our debtors [horizontal] (Matt. 6:9ff).

Or note Paul’s encouragement to the Colossian saints. They ought to be forbearing to:

“one another, forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye” (Col. 3:13).

Can We Actually Forgive Sins?

When the Lord Jesus once asserted his divine nature by forgiving a man’s sins, his Jewish antagonists were chagrined. They silently thought, “Who can forgive sins but one, even God?” (Mk. 2:7).

The fact is, they were correct. In the ultimate sense, only God can pardon sin.

A man cannot say to the thief who has stolen his car, “I forgive you,” and the sin account be **fully settled**. In the full analysis, all sin is against God (Gen. 39:9; Psa. 51:4).

It is rather well-known, that Roman Catholic theology claims the authority to grant **actual forgiveness** lies within the domain of that church. When an erring Catholic confesses his sins to a priest, the priest responds with what is designated as “actual absolution.”

I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen (Van Doornik, Jelsma, and Van De Lisdonk 1956, 286).

It is alleged, however, that Christ granted to the apostles the right of forgiving sins. A text from John’s Gospel is cited for proof:

“[W]hose soever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven unto them” (Jn. 20:23).

However, the passage does not provide the coveted support.

The second verb, “are forgiven,” in the original text is a perfect tense form. The impact of this verb tense describes an action that has occurred already, with the effect remaining.

The sense thus is: “Whose sins you declare to be forgiven, must be those forgiven already [by God].”

The text merely suggests that one’s declaration regarding forgiveness must be in harmony with the divine pronouncement.

Robertson noted:

What [Jesus] commits to the disciples and to us is the power and privilege of giving assurance of the forgiveness of God by correctly announcing the terms of forgiveness (1932, 315).

And the narrative in Acts 2 demonstrates that this is a correct view of this passage.

In that case, the Lord’s apostles did not personally forgive anyone. Rather, they merely proclaimed the conditions of pardon (Acts 2:38). God himself bestowed the actual forgiveness.

For further study see our comments elsewhere (Jackson 1993, 43-45).

To be continued.....

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Mike Martin– is recovering surgery.

TR Clevenger– has suffered a bad back injury and will be having surgery Dec. 8th.

Brenda Pound– was admitted to the hospital in Nashville for a mild heart attack and mild stroke (cousin of Dwight Isenhower).

Carolyn Moore– fell and broke her other leg just below the hip. She is in Thomas Hospital and requests no visitors at this time.

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

Jamie Langham, Mike Sanford, Bryant Evans, 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 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 Jane Betts.

Privileged to Serve

Greeters:	Scott & Amanda Lloyd
Usher:	TR Clevenger
Building Lockup:	John Langham
Treasurer Assistants:	Chad Chupek and William Hill

Sunday Morning

Lord’s Table (presiding):	James Day
Leading Prayer:	John Langham
	Scott Lloyd
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Logan Ling

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	James Day
	Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Logan Ling

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