

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 21, 2021



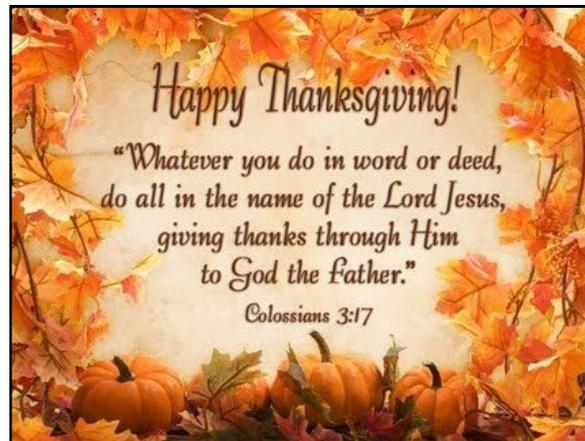
Minister: Bryant Evans

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
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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: Thankfulness 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

2 Corinthians 9:10-15 ESV

Events for this week:

Tuesday:

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

Our Mid-Week Bible Study will be on Tuesday evening due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Next Sunday:

Lads to Leaders: will have Bible Bowl practice at 4:30 PM on Joshua 13-15 and puppet practice following our evening Bible Classes.

L2L Fees: half of the registration fees are due.

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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.

New address for Juanita Bramblett:

The Brennity at Fairhope
50 Spring Run Dr., Room 114
Fairhope, AL 36532
Her phone number is (251) 928-7322.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/24 Dakota Clevenger
James Day
11/25 Johnny & Susan McLaughlin
11/26 Anna Sharpe
12/01 Sharon Hovater
Jenny Jessee
12/03 Glenda Verrett
12/08 Pat Locke
12/09 Mike Martin
12/10 George & Lucretia Owens
12/11 Faye Sirmon
12/12 Sharen Brown
12/13 Dwight & Julia Isenhower
Sandra Sibley
12/14 Dianne Jones
Judy Parrish
12/17 Chad & Erin Chupek

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

Mark Your CALENDAR

- 11/28 L2L forms and half of registration fees are due.
L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 4:30 pm on Joshua 13-15 and Puppet Practice following our evening Bible Classes.
- 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.
- 12/21 Our Mid-week Bible Study has been moved to Tuesday evening due to the Christmas holiday.
- 12/27-30 Exposure Youth Conference in Huntsville. See Noah Evans for any questions.
- 12/28 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

“Part 4: Understanding Forgiveness”

By: Wayne Jackson for the *Christian Courier*

In What Sense, Then, Do We Forgive One Another?

Our forgiveness of each other has to do more with an **attitude** than a specific act. Reflect on the following principles which highlight the sort of temperament that we must cultivate if we would be Christ-like (Lk. 23:34).

- The forgiving person does not attempt to take revenge upon those who have wronged him (Rom. 12:17ff).
- The forgiving person does not hate the offender. Rather, in spite of the person’s evil, he loves (agape) him still. For the meaning of agape love, see our article, [The Challenge of Agape Love](#).
- The forgiving person is kindly disposed and tenderhearted toward his adversary (Eph. 4:32).
- The forgiving person is approachable. He leaves the door for reconciliation wide open and longs for the welfare of the transgressor.
- The forgiving person is not merely passive in waiting for the offender to repent. He actively seeks the repentance of the one who wronged him (Matt. 18:15-17).

There is, though, a passage that puts these principles into sharper focus. Jesus said:

If your brother sins, rebuke him; if he repents forgive him (Lk. 17:3).

The two imperatives (“rebuke” and “forgive”) are conditional. I may not rebuke my brother for a sin he has not committed. Nor am I to declare him forgiven of the sin for which he refuses to repent.

Does this instruction conflict with what we’ve said above?

It does not. While we are to cultivate the disposition detailed earlier, we are not at liberty to simply dismiss a brother’s evil, thus freeing him, as it were, from his obligation to make things right with God.

The offender still must be held accountable for his reprehensible conduct.

Forgiveness From the Heart

In addressing the smugness of Peter, Jesus cautioned that we can only expect pardon from God when we are willing to extend forgiveness to others “from your hearts” (Matt. 18:35).

There is a difference between lip forgiveness and heart forgiveness.

A lovely Christian woman I know had a son who was brutally murdered. She struggles with how to sincerely forgive the vicious killer who forever disrupted her mental tranquility.

Few of us will ever face such a rigorous challenge. What shall we say to help her with this problem?

First, as indicated above, forgiveness does not mean that the sin is to be ignored. There are both moral and civil consequences to a horrible act such as we have described.

The wounded mother is not obligated to frustrate the legal process by which her son’s murderer is brought to justice. Even though the killer could obtain pardon from God through obedience to the gospel (even as Saul of Tarsus did—see Acts 26:10; cf. 22:16), he still must suffer the temporal consequence of his violation of civil law.

That aside, here are some truths that may help us to cultivate the type of compassionate and forgiving spirit that is God-like (cf. Matt. 18:27) as difficult as that may be to achieve.

We must take note of the **value of the human soul**. Any soul and every soul is worth more than the entire universe (Matt. 16:26).

Paul once spoke of “the brother [a solitary person] for whose sake Christ died” (1 Cor. 8:11). If the Lord Jesus died for all (1 Tim. 2:6), who are we to be selective with those we are willing to forgive?

Some sins have greater temporal consequences than others. Murder carries a greater penalty than shoplifting a pack of gum.

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.

David Condon— had a stroke (nephew of Jackie & Fred Hicks).

Rodney Jones— admitted to hospital in Huntsville for a serious brain ailment requiring surgery (friend of Robert & Susan Cagle).

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), **Paula Wyer** (cousin of Glenda Verrett) .

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:	Kent Purser
	Garlin Farris
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans
Scripture Reading:	Andrew Ashley

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Sid Chupek
	Noah Evans
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans

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