

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 28, 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

**Increase Our Faith**  
**Luke 17: 5, 6**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

**Luke 17: 5, 6 ESV**

**What's  
Happening**

We have a wide variety of events, such as game nights, trips to various local events, singings, and devotionals for all ages.

**See more  
details inside the bulletin!**

## Events for today:

**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. Cost is \$40/per person.

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## Events for this week:

### Tuesday:

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

### Friday:

**Primetimer's Bible Study**, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Open for all ages. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

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### **Next Sunday:**

**Luncheon for single ladies** at the home of Cindy Hatcher at noon.

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**Jim & Mary Riley** would like to be identified with our church family. Their address is:  
525 N. Station Dr.  
Fairhope, AL 36532

**Our deepest sympathy is extended** to the family of Beverly Mann. She was the mother of Karen Schoonmaker and grandmother of Toni Sunday.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**CJ Young** was baptized last Sunday by Jeffery King. We rejoice with him over his decision and ask that you keep him in your prayers.

**If you are not receiving our email, phone or text alerts**, please let Glenda know by emailing her at [glenda.verrettescoc@gmail.com](mailto:glenda.verrettescoc@gmail.com).

## Mark Your CALENDAR

- 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 5: Understanding Forgiveness”

**By: Wayne Jackson for the *Christian Courier***

But all sin — any sin — is still a serious violation of the will of God. The inspired James noted that “the sin” (one sin, any sin) ultimately brings forth death (Jas. 1:15).

We look on murder as a particularly atrocious act, but God put it in the same catalog with strife, malice, backbiting, insolence, boasting, disobedience toward parents, covenant-breaking, idolatry, fornication, stealing, covetousness, drunkenness, sodomy, jealousy, factiousness, envy, cowardice, and lying (Rom. 1:28ff; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:8).

Here’s the point. When we consider how our holy Creator views sin, we can hardly afford to be selective in what sins we will pardon.

We must reflect on our own past and be painfully aware of how we have disappointed the Lord so terribly and frequently.

Because we have a tendency to minimize our own blunders and maximize the mistakes of others.

But inspiration puts the matter into sharper focus. We are to:

    speak evil of no man, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing all meekness toward all men. For we also once were foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving different lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, [and] hating one another (Titus 3:2-3).

It is a rather terrible thing when we forget the many sins of which we’ve been forgiven (2 Pet. 1:9).

We must learn to forgive because to do otherwise is harmful to our own state of mind and even physical well-being.

In his book, *None of These Diseases*, prominent physician Dr. S.I. McMillen has a chapter titled, “The High Cost Of Getting Even.” He vividly shows that the bitter, unforgiving spirit can bring much stress and distress to both mind and body.

Forgiving can be a matter of life and death! We must try to master the art of forgiving—for others’ sake, and for our own.

## **The Joy of Forgiveness Received**

This discussion would be incomplete if we neglected to note the attitude and corresponding action that ought to result whenever we contemplate the forgiveness we have received from our loving God.

As Jesus was visiting in the home of a Pharisee named Simon, a sinful woman (likely a former prostitute) came into the house.

She went directly to where the Lord reposed at the table. Her tears of joy flooded the Savior’s feet. Drying his feet with her long hair, she gently kissed them and anointed them with precious ointment (see Lk. 7:36ff).

The Lord later explained that her actions were motivated by the forgiveness she had received from him on an earlier unrecorded occasion (see Jackson 1998, 67ff).

Her lavish actions were issuing from a heart of profound gratitude.

From this incident, we must learn this lesson. To whatever degree we savor our forgiveness from God and entertain an appreciation thereof, to that degree will our thanksgiving be reflected in service to the Lord.

Little gratitude equals little service and vice versa.

Oh, what a revelation this is to the character of many.

May Heaven help us to treasure the redemption of our souls and demonstrate gratitude for our forgiveness in faithful daily service to God!

**Please keep in your prayers:**

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

**Mike Martin**– is in room 319 at Eastern Shore Rehab. He would enjoy some visits.

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

**James Henderson**– is in Thomas hospital with pneumonia (brother of Faye Pirtle).

**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:	Robert Cagle Jeffrey King
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff
Scripture Reading:	Josh Ratliff

**Wednesday Evening**

Leading Prayer:	Scott Kelly Jonathan Ling
Leading Singing:	Todd Sanford

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