

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

JANUARY 2, 2022



Minister: Bryant Evans

Associate Minister: Jeffery King

Youth Minister: Noah Evans

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!

Today's Sermon

Not of Talk, But of Power
Guest Speaker: Cody Poe
Matthew 16:13-18

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:13-18 ESV

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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**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!**

Today's Events:

Canceled: Lads to Leaders: will have Bible Bowl practice at 4:30 PM on Joshua 1-5, 19. There will be no puppet practice.

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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:

Area Wide Youth at Scenic Hills church of Christ. The van will leave the church building at 3:45 PM if you need a ride. Please see Noah Evans for details.

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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**.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

01/04 Richard Davis
01/11 Juanita Bramblett
01/13 Susan Ling
Isobel Velazquez
01/16 Marvetta Clevenger
Danny Velazquez
01/16 Robert Cagle
01/23 Leigh Kellum
Tommy Ratliff
01/26 Jerry & Sherran Brown
01/29 Bobbi Evans
01/30 Hunter Harp
Dwight Isehower

Ultimate Glory

An Engaging Study of Jesus In

Hebrews

Wednesdays 7:00 PM

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Mark Your CALENDAR



- 01/04 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 01/09 Area Wide Youth at Scenic Hills church. Please see Noah for details.
- 01/14 Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks. Open to all ages.
- 01/15 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Youth Devo, 5 PM. Location is TBD.
- 01/16 L2L Bible Bowl at 4:30 PM and puppet practice following our evening Bible classes.
- 01/18 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 01/22 Couple's Shower for Mary Carol Cagle & Hunter Harp at the church building. Time is TBD.
- 01/25 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 01/30 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal following our morning services.

Three Views of Self

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

In one of his compositions, poet John Donne had this phrase: "No man is an island." Whatever the expression meant to him, it contains a general truth.

None of us lives an isolated existence. While we see **ourselves** in a certain light, **others** may view us quite differently. Our **Creator** assesses us **with absolute accuracy!**

How We See Ourselves

One's view of himself can be very misleading, and to a degree, that is usually the case.

Robert Burns wrote a poem titled "To a Louse" in which he described an uppity woman who strutted into church one Sunday in all her finery, totally unaware there was a louse crawling on her bonnet. Obviously she viewed herself as a woman of beauty and dignity. But one line has it:

"If we could only see ourselves as other people see us."

Five times in the book of Proverbs, Solomon speaks of those who are self-deceived. He describes how some are perceived in their own eyes. They view themselves as wise (Prov. 3:7), or as always being right (Prov. 12:15; 21:2), or clean (Prov. 16:2), or pure (Prov. 30:12).

But they are looking into reflections of self-deception.

One can only have a correct perception of himself when he looks into the mirror of God's word, and does not forget the imperfect image he sees (cf. Jas. 1:23-24). Paul cautions us not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought (Rom. 12:3).

On the other hand, it is no sin to express a confidence in one's dedication to the Savior. Paul did not hesitate to catalog his sacrificial credentials when such was to the advantage of the gospel (Phil. 3:4ff).

How Others View Us

While no one should strive to dishonestly solicit an inaccurate impression of himself by others, scripture does emphasize the power and necessity of providing a good example for others (1 Cor. 11:1; Tit. 2:7). Even when we do our best, there are times when others will view us negatively.

Not even the blessed Son of God was exempt from negative criticism. He was accused of being born of fornication, of being a despised Samaritan, being demon possessed, and of joining in league with Satan (Jn. 8:41, 48; Mt. 12:24).

By way of contrast, some are seen as paragons of virtue when they are just the opposite. Sports stars are applauded, when some of them are moral trash. Even some preachers are elevated beyond the status of their character.

In the Old Testament, Saul, Israel's first king, began his administration in a reign of glory. He was deemed "goodlier" than all others in Israel. He stood above the people from his shoulders upward, and the women composed songs to celebrate his courage and victories (1 Sam. 9:2; 18:7). But he became a major character disappointment.

Barnabas had a good reputation, earned and well deserved (Acts 4:36-37). Likely Ananias and Sapphira wanted the same acclamation (note the contrasting conjunction in Acts 5:1) and attempted to hijack it—the subterfuge costing them their lives (Acts 5:1-11).

God's View of You

Paramount, however, above all others (even though they are important) is the Lord's view of us, for he does not merely observe the externals; instead, he sees the heart (1 Sam. 16:7; Jn. 2:25; Acts 1:24).

In Jesus' day, the Pharisees were notorious for their religious theatrics. They were "show-offs" when giving their contributions, they struck a pose on the street corners as they prayed, and when they fasted they "disfigured their faces" (Mt. 6:1-18). They even made self-serving speeches, congratulating themselves for their supposed virtues (Lk. 18:11-12).

But the Son of God saw the matter differently, and in Matthew 23 he peeled their hypocritical hides, exposing to the bone their self-centered wickedness.

The concluding document of the New Testament is the book of Revelation. Chapters two and three contain seven letters dispatched by Christ to seven congregations in Asia Minor. These were not the only churches of that region, but they are representative of congregations as a whole.

Each of these epistles contains the phrase, "I know" (Rev. 2:2, 9, 13, 19; 3:1, 8, 15). Whether the phrase accompanied a commendation or a condemnation, the Savior viewed these brothers and sisters with precise accuracy. He indicated they would be judged accordingly—either with reward or punishment, consistent with the divine standard of judgment.

A wonderful study can be engaged by pursuing an investigation of the phrase, "in the sight of God" (found nineteen times in the Scriptures). The action or state may be applauded or condemned.

For example, those who are pretentious in one way, but act in quite another, are an abomination "in the sight of God" (Lk. 16:15). Those who take care for their aged loved ones are pleasing "in the sight of God" (1 Tim. 5:4).

Please keep in your prayers:

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

TR Clevenger– is recovering from back surgery.

Evelyn Olive– will be having a heart ablation this week (mother of Jesse Olive).

Mike Martin– is having the same symptoms he had before the surgery and doctors are trying to determine why.

Jane Howell– passed away in Florida. Please keep her family in your prayers (former member of ESCOC).

Don Tucker– is in the hospital in Jasper (brother of Linda Farris).

Geneva McCaughan– has pneumonia (mother of Glenda Verrett).

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), **Joe Smith** (brother of Sherran Brown).

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:	Jeff & Jackie King
Usher:	James Day
Jr. Usher:	Eli Ratliff
Communion:	Bobbi Evans
Building Lockup:	Bryant Evans
Treasurer Assistants:	Chad Chupek and Scott Lloyd

Sunday Morning

Lord’s Table (presiding):	Robert Cagle
(serving):	Tony Jackson
	Hunter Harp
	William Hill
	Danny Velazquez
Leading Prayer:	Kent Purser
	Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Seth Ratliff

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Garlin Farris
	Jonathan Ling
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff

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