

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY 31, 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!

## 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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## FELLOWSHIP MEAL

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO STAY AND ATTEND



FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

## Today's Sermon

### **Preparing the Soil of Your Heart Matthew 13:3-8**

<sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

**Matthew 13:3-8 ESV**

## Today's Events:

**Lads to Leaders** Second Language (Spanish) following 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.

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**Cindy Hatcher is in need of** several Queen or King, white or neutral colored, flat sheets for a project she is working on in the church storage shed. If you have any, it doesn't matter the condition, just bring them to her.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/01 **Tim & Angel Ashley**  
Linda Farris  
08/02 Gail Bush  
08/04 MaeBelle Perry  
08/06 Peter Verrett  
08/11 Tim Ashley  
Brenda Davis  
08/13 Holland Chupek  
**TR & Marvetta Clevenger**  
08/14 Vivian Davis  
Nelda Sanford  
08/16 Ann Christopher  
08/19 Cindy Hatcher  
08/23 Ricky Hovater  
Jeffery King  
08/24 Jim Riley  
08/30 Jesse Olive  
08/31 **Bob & Linda Ledford**



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## Mark Your CALENDAR

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| 08/09 | Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall   |
| 08/16 | Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall   |
| 08/19 | Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks. |
| 08/20 | Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item.      |
| 08/21 | Youth Area Wide at Creekwood church.  |
| 08/23 | Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall   |
| 08/28 | Youth Devo at the Lings following evening Bible Classes.  |
| 08/30 | Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall   |
| 09/05 | Labor Day Holiday, office will be closed.   |
| 09/06 | Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall   |

# Part 1 of 2: 10 Powerful Ways to Prepare for Worship

By: Bryant Evans on November

Lord's Day worship occurs every Sunday. While worship can occur elsewhere, the assembly of the saints is a special and unique opportunity for Christians. But sometimes worship seems more like an obligation than a privilege. There are some things we can do to make worship more meaningful and far more powerful. Here are ten tips.

## Prepare for Worship Personally

### 1. Relationship

True worship can only exist within a relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus said that the Father was looking for people to worship him (John 4:23). God desires our worship but without some relationship with him there can be no true worship. It is probably useful to consider the strength and depth of your relationship with God. If you find it lacking, do not despair! God will draw near to you as you draw near to him (James 4:8).

### 2. Anticipation

David said, *"I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord"* (Psalm 122:1). An air of excitement should fill the Christian because he knows he is headed to meet his God. He looks forward to the fellow saints and their encouragement. He looks forward to, anticipates and expects to be filled with a grand spirit of worship before the Lord's throne.

### 3. Understanding

Jesus told the woman at the well that worship must be done in truth (John 4:24). By implication that means that worship can be done improperly or falsely. So it is important to seek a studied understanding of who, what and why we worship. Careful attention was demanded of worshipers in the Old Testament. In the New, God commands true worship and rebukes those who change or pervert it. The Corinthians were an excellent example of well meaning people who worshiped improperly. Paul corrected their errors. A better understanding of worship will help provide a greater worship environment.

## Prepare for Worship Saturday

### 4. Decision

The decision to worship mustn't wait until Sunday morning. There's just too much to do. Make your decision to worship on Saturday so that you can rise Sunday morning with the intention to get ready and go to services. Some made a decision years ago to attend worship every Lord's day and to the extent possible they have. But such a commitment begins with a single decision. Why not decide right now?

### 5. A Positive Evening Before

What happens on Saturday night rarely stays on Saturday night. Too late to bed, too much of a party, a lack of sleep all affect what we do the next day. We understand the principle of preparing the night before for what we will do the next day because we apply it all the time. We get in bed a little earlier Sunday night so we can get up and get to work Monday. No sleepovers during the week because the next day is a school. Take positive steps Saturday to prepare for Sunday.

- Get in bed at a reasonable hour.
- Gather Bibles, notepads, pens, pencils etc. and place them in one place for easy access Sunday morning.
- Check clothes for Sunday. If you have nice clothes wear them, if not wear what you have but prepare them Saturday night. It's less to do Sunday morning.
- Set an alarm if you need it.

A few quick tasks Saturday night will make Sunday morning so much smoother.

### 6. Good Rest

A good night of rest will go a very long way Sunday morning. It will help you rise quicker and more refreshed and you will be less likely to doze off during preaching! Lack of sleep makes us feel sluggish and sometimes a bit testy. As another benefit, if you go to bed and sleep well, you might decide to get up a little earlier on Sunday morning which prevents the mad rush to get out the door.

To be continued....

**Please keep in your prayers:**

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

**Richard Davis** has to have dialysis three times a week.

**Geneva McCaughan** is recovering from cataract surgery.

**Dorothy Newell** passed away this past Tuesday. She was a former member here many years ago. Graveside services were held Friday in Georgia.

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

**Mike Sanford, Jamie Langham, Gus Stranch** (great nephew of Patti Van Iderstine), **Jeff Stewart** (friend of Jerry Doughty), **Sarah Kennedy, Jim Bose and Betty Carter** (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), **Joe Smith** (brother of Sherran Brown), **Margaret Tucker** (Sister-In-Law of Linda Farris), **Donna Ellison** (mother of Amanda Olive), **Shea Hovater** (Sister-In-Law of Rickie & Sharon Hovater).

**Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:**

**MaeBelle Perry, Lum Morrison, James & Ann Christopher, Don & Phyllis Gill, and Jane Betts.**

**Privileged to Serve**

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| Greeters:             | Peter & Glenda Verrett       |
| Usher:                | Peter Verrett                |
| Building Lockup:      | John Langham                 |
| Treasurer Assistants: | Jerry Brown and Nathan Evans |

**Sunday Morning**

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| Lord's Table (presiding): | John Langham |
| Leading Prayer:           | Chad Chupek  |
|                           | TR Clevenger |
| Leading Singing:          | Noah Evans   |
| Scripture Reading:        | Seth Ratliff |

**Wednesday Evening**

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|------------------|---------------|
| Leading Prayer:  | Jonathan Ling |
|                  | Todd Sanford  |
| Leading Singing: | Seth Ratliff  |

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