

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 10, 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

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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: Unity Ephesians 4:1-3**

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Ephesians 4:1-3 ESV**

## Events for today:

**Lads to Leaders:** will have Bible Bowl practice at 4:30 PM on Joshua 7-8.

**Mark Your Calendar Meeting:** tonight following our evening Bible Study. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

## 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.

### Next Sunday:

**Area Wide Youth** at Margaret Street 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.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries


10/14 Melinda Sanford  
10/16 Bill Jones  
10/17 Elizabeth Till  
10/19 Susan McLaughlin  
Eli Ratliff  
10/21 Garlin & Linda Farris  
10/23 James Christopher

### **New Address for Pat Locke:**

30300 Green Court  
Spanish Fort, AL 36527

**We need volunteers** to transport Ray & Beatrice Rogers for the months of October, November and December. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the family board.

**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).



**FUEL 2021 Youth  
Fall Retreat**  
Gulf Coast Bible Camp  
November 12th—14th  
\$55/per teen and \$25/adult  
Grades 6th - 12th

Please let Noah know if you plan to attend by **Oct. 15th** so he can register our group.



Visit us on  
Facebook and  
YouTube!



We will be posting pictures, announcements, and more here each week, so please check it out! If you cannot find the page, see [Bryant](#).



# SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Help raise funds for Bright Beginnings Academy by donating your gently worn, used shoes!

**GOAL = 2500 pairs of shoes by Nov. 13th.**

Please see Linda Chupek for any questions.

# “Tempered”

By: Bryant Evans

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*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

*James 1: 2, 3*

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We are surrounded by tempered glass. It's in our windows at home and the office; it envelops us in our automobiles. It is even used as a component in bulletproof glass. Tempered glass is one of the greatest safety improvements in the last two centuries. But to temper glass, its temperature must be raised well above 1000° F. This hostile environment is required to improve the quality of the glass and make it better.

There's an obvious illustration here between the tempering of glass and the tempering of a person. Fortunately, we are toughened, or strengthened, not by a hot furnace but by trials and tribulations in everyday life. For example, athletes strengthen their bodies by regularly subjecting their muscles to increasing stress. As Christians, our faith is strengthened when it is challenged. Who among us hasn't been pummeled by serious illness? Who has not been crushed by unexpected financial problems? Yet, once we have passed through these dark days, we find ourselves stronger and better prepared for the next time.

James probably caught his readers by surprise when he told them that trials were a good thing. If you're like me, you don't want struggles, and you don't want trials in your life. But the Lord's brother said these trials would produce steadfastness within us. And that steadfastness will produce a complete Christian. Paul wrote that he took joy in his weaknesses because when he was weak, he could see the strength of God in his life (2 Corinthians 12:9, 10). He said it this way in verse 10: *“For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*

To be the best Christian possible, we must learn to struggle. We must understand that the trials that come our way make us better people; most importantly, we become better Christians. Consider the trials of life to be training for better Christian service. I don't want to hurt. I don't want to struggle. I don't want to agree. But both James and Paul tell me that such obstacles are important. Let us learn to trust our faithful Lord, who promises to bring us through every dark moment.

**Please keep in your prayers:**

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

**Mike Martin**— is in room 2308 at Mercy Medical Rehab and can receive visitors now.

**Rickie Hovater**— is recovering from shoulder surgery.

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

**Jamie Langham, Mike Sanford, 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, Jim Cox 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 Sue Long.**

**Privileged to Serve**

Greeters:	TR & Marvetta Clevenger
Usher:	Tim Kenney
Building Lockup:	Chad Chupek
Treasurer Assistants:	Jerry Brown and Jonathan Ling

**Sunday Morning**

Lord’s Table (presiding):	Sid Chupek
Leading Prayer:	Kent Purser
	James Day
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Andrew Ashley

**Wednesday Evening**

Leading Prayer:	Robert Cagle
	Sid Chupek
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans

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