

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 17, 2021



Minister: Bryant Evans

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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

Forgotten Virtues: Joy Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7 ESV

Events for today:

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.

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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.

Saturday:

October 23rd, 5 PM



Bring friends and family for some spooktacular fun!

Middle/ High School Youth Devo, 6 PM following the Trunk or Treat. Please bring snacks.

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Next Sunday:

Lads to Leaders: will have Bible Bowl practice at 4:30 PM on Joshua 9-10.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/17 Elizabeth Till
10/19 Susan McLaughlin
Eli Ratliff
10/21 Garlin & Linda Farris
10/23 James Christopher
11/03 Sid Chupek
11/07 Jo Ann McDonald
11/14 James & Becky Day
11/15 John Langham
11/18 Johnny McLaughlin
11/20 Jacquelyne King
11/24 Dakota Clevenger
James Day
11/25 Johnny & Susan McLaughlin
11/26 Anna Sharpe

Mobile Christian School Is selling pecans. The last day to order is Friday, Oct. 29th. Sign-up sheet is on the board. See Erin Chupek for any questions.

Join us in welcoming Judy Parrish to our family! She worshipped in Bay Minette previously and is Brenda Davis' sister. Her contact information is:
11591 Balsam Court
Spanish Fort, AL 36527
(251) 558-1254

Holiday Food Boxes Our holiday food program for is fast approaching! We hope to distribute boxes at a total cost of \$60.00 per box. If you can help with this community outreach, make your donation to the church, noting that it is FOR food. Any amount donated would be appreciated and will go directly to the purchase food.

We will be assembling the boxes on Nov. 14th.

Mark Your CALENDAR

- 10/24 L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 4:30 pm on Joshua 9-10.
- 10/26 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 10/31 5th Sunday Friends & Family Day following our morning services. Please bring a meal to share with everyone.
- 11/02 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 11/05 Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods & drinks.
- 11/07 L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 4:30 pm on Joshua 11-12.
Ice Cream Social to welcome our new members following our evening Bible Study. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 11/09 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 11/12-14 FUEL Youth Conference at Gulf Coast Bible Camp
- 11/14 Packing holiday food boxes after our evening Bible Study.

“Being Salt in a Sugary World”

By: Bryant Evans

I like sweet stuff, don't you? Given a choice, I'll choose a candy bar over a bag of potato chips any day. Most people seem to like sugary snacks. That's what keeps dentists in business. To be sure, most Americans get plenty of salt in their diet. Just this week, an FDA committee suggested that Americans get too much salt. The government also thinks that we take in too much sugar. Rampant obesity among people in industrialized nations seems to confirm that fact. I'm going to suggest that we need more salt in the world.

“You are the salt of the earth...” so says Jesus in the sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:13. Jesus is speaking to his disciples with that statement. That means that you and I need to be salt in the world. But what does that look like in daily life? What should a disciple do to honor Jesus' statement?

The world likes sugar. Be salt.

Salt and sugar stand in contrast to one another. The world consumes sugared philosophies. For example, the world teaches us to be tolerant of everyone else even when their pattern of life is grossly sinful. LGBTQ+ is the touchstone of tolerance. The world tells us that greed and pride are good things and that we should pursue both. Marriage is no longer honored in the sight of the world because today, marriage is simply a temporary state until one or both parties become tired of the relationship. Not only must we tolerate these sugary philosophies, we must actively approve of them. The world is awash in sugar.

But you, Christian, must be the counter to sugar. You are the salt.

When John the Baptist told King Herod that he had no right to his brother's wife, he was being salt. He was applying biblical teaching in a corrupt culture. He did the right thing, but it cost him his life (Matthew 14:1-12). Jesus publicly taught that the Jews should pay taxes to Rome even though the Jews despised the Roman government (Luke 20:19-26). Even among Jesus' own apostles, there were violent opponents of Rome. Yet, Jesus spoke truth. He was salt. Of course, we know that Jesus was crucified because of his teachings.

A careful study of 1 Corinthians will demonstrate that Paul frequently spoke against the culture. He was especially troubled by how the culture of the day had seeped into the church in Corinth. Paul was salt.

While the world likes to be comfortable with its sugary ideas, the responsibility of a follower of Jesus is to apply salt wherever and whenever possible. Be warned: culture will oppose you.

Apply salt carefully.

Have you ever gotten a bite of something that was too salty? Maybe the cook got a little carried away with the salt shaker and major food inedible. We must be very careful and very deliberate in how we apply salt to our world.

1. **Remember who you represent** — you are a follower of Jesus Christ. Paul described us as ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20). Therefore, we represent Jesus to the world.
2. **Speak the truth, but do it in love** — for someone not accustomed to biblical truth, the things you say may be difficult for them to hear. Our message must be thoroughly saturated in love (Ephesians 4:15).
3. **Forget about self; forget about winning arguments** — we are not called to win arguments. In fact, we are not even called to be argumentative. Our task is to sow truth (Matthew 13:1 – 9; 18 – 23).
4. **If you become angry, pause and take a breath** — otherwise, you may say something you regret. There are some people with whom it is impossible to have a civil discussion. They are not interested in finding truth; instead, they seek to provoke and to make themselves look superior.
5. **Make sure that you are truly speaking truth** — otherwise, your words will come back to haunt you. Always consider the source of any information you find. Remember, media outlets have an agenda that is likely reflected in their reporting. If you are going to enter the fray, make sure you are well equipped.

God's word gives you an unlimited supply of salt. Spread it liberally and deliberately. Make sure that in all cases, you uplift Christ to the world. Jesus is called us to be His representatives on the earth. Let us do a worthy job.

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.

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:	Jeffrey King
	TR Clevenger
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans
Scripture Reading:	Logan Ling

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	John Langham
	James Day
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans

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