

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 7, 2021



Minister: Bryant Evans

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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

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Chad Chupek
Scott Lloyd
Peter Verrett
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Sunday

Worship 10 AM
Bible Study 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Today's Sermon

Another Night With the Frogs

Speaker: Jeffery King

Exodus 8:9-10

⁹ Moses said to Pharaoh, "Be pleased to command me when I am to plead for you and for your servants and for your people, that the frogs be cut off from you and your houses and be left only in the Nile." ¹⁰ And he said, "Tomorrow." Moses said, "Be it as you say, so that you may know that there is no one like the LORD our God.

Exodus 8:9-10 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 11-12.

Ice Cream Social to Welcome our New Comers: following our evening Bible Classes. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for volunteers to bring finger foods, ice cream and toppings.

Events for this week:

Tuesday:

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

Friday:

FUEL Youth Camp, church van will be leaving at 5 PM for Gulf Coast Bible Camp.

Next Sunday:

We need volunteers to help pack the Thanksgiving food boxes after our evening Bible Classes.

2022 Monthly Service Sign Up Sheets are located on the bulletin board next to the Family Board. We need volunteers for Communion Prep, Building Lock-Up, Greeters & Transportation for the Rogers.

Carolyn Moore is a member of the Highland church in Memphis and injured her leg while here on vacation, which resulted in surgery. She is at Eastern Shore Rehab in room 3501 and is in need of prayers, visits and perhaps some food. She is here without any friends or family. She can be reached at (301) 262-5347.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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.

Richard & Vivian Davis would like to be identified with our church family. They are the parents of Dawna Ratliff. Their address is:
102 Stover Dr.
Bay Minette, AL 36507

Please keep the family of Sister Sue Long in your prayers. She will be missed. Services are incomplete but we do know there will be a graveside service in Selma.

Mark Your CALENDAR

- 11/14 Packing holiday food boxes after our evening Bible Study.
- 11/16 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 11/20 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item to share.
- 11/23 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Our Mid-week Bible Study has been moved to Tuesday evening due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- 11/24-26 Thanksgiving Holiday- office is closed.
- 11/28 L2L forms and half of registration fees are due.
L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 4:30 pm on Joshua 13-15.
- 11/30 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 12/03 Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 12/05 All single ladies are invited to the home of Cindy Hatcher for a Christmas Luncheon following our morning services.

“Part 2: Understanding Forgiveness”

By: Wayne Jackson for the *Christian Courier*

Implications of True Forgiveness

The idea of forgiveness stirs the soul and has some intriguing implications.

First, forgiveness implies **an offense has been committed**. If there is no breach of propriety, no forgiveness is needed.

The fact that accountable human beings require forgiveness, therefore, suggests that they have committed offenses (sins) against their Creator. This, in itself, suggests that **a standard of conduct has been violated**.

The Bible addresses both of these matters in one verse. An inspired apostle declares that “sin is lawlessness” (1 Jn. 3:4). Lawlessness literally means “without law,” and it represents a “revolt against God” (Bromiley 1985, 654). All of us, to a degree, are **spiritual outlaws!**

Second, forgiveness implies the inability to remedy the violation of the law.

In one of his parables, Jesus told of a man who was head-over-heels in debt to his lord. In describing the hapless condition of the debtor, the Lord said that “he had not wherewith to pay” (Matt. 18:25).

That man represents you and me. We do not have the wherewithal to remedy our despicable condition.

We cannot untell a lie once it is told. We cannot un-commit adultery after the foul deed has been done. Sin cannot be undone by any human maneuver.

And so, according to the language of the parable, the lord (representing God) “being moved with compassion, released him [the debtor], and **forgave** him the debt” (Matt. 18:27).

Can Forgiveness Be Conditional?

Does imposing a condition for forgiveness compromise the forgiver’s moral integrity? In other words, is it possible to forgive and yet place conditions on forgiveness?

Let’s reason together.

If it is the case that God is **absolutely good**, and if it is further the case that he forgives **conditionally**, then forgiveness may be imposed conditionally with no forfeiture of ethical principle.

There is no better illustration of this concept than that of the request of Christ while on the cross. Regarding those who were in the process of murdering him, the Lord petitioned: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Lk. 23:34).

Did God at that point in time forgive those Jews unconditionally?

He did not. This is evidenced by Luke’s inspired record of Acts 2. Here’s the charge Peter levied against the Hebrews:

[Y]ou by the hand of lawless men did crucify and slay [the Christ] (Acts 2:23).

Concerning those sins, the apostle subsequently would say, “Repent” (Acts 2:38).

It is obvious that you need not repent of sins that are **already forgiven**.

Further, Peter admonishes:

[B]e immersed every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto [for] the remission [forgiveness] of your sins (Acts 2:38).

Clearly, the promise of forgiveness to these folks who had become convinced of their complicity in the Messiah’s death was conditional.

God is willing to freely forgive us (Rom. 6:23), but there must be the expression of genuine faith in doing what he requires for the reception of that graciousness.

In addition, it is also true that when the child of God becomes lax and transgresses his Father’s will, the pardon extended to him still is conditional. John wrote:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins (1 Jn. 1:9; cf. Acts 8:22).

Note the word “if.” The condition of confession is imposed in order to receive the blessings of forgiveness.

To be continued.....

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Mike Martin– underwent a heart cath that resulted in 2 stents for two arteries that were 90% blocked.

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

Fritz Parman– died in a tragic accident. Please keep his wife, Vicki, and the Kornegay and Atkinson families in your prayers during this difficult time (friends of Dwight Isenhower).

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).

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:	Chad Chupek Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Scripture Reading:	Seth Ratliff

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	John Sibley William Hill
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff

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