

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

FEBRUARY 27, 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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Today's Sermon

What Do We Say to the World?

1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:15 ESV



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 this week:

Tuesday:

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

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Next Sunday:

Lads to Leaders will have Bible Bowl Test at 3:30 PM .
Puppet practice will be after our evening Bible classes.

God has
favored me
with great
potential.

"You will show me the way of life,
granting me the joy of your
presence and the pleasure of
living with you forever."
Psalm 16:11 NLT

Birthdays & Anniversaries

03/01 Brenda Burnett
Chad Chupek
03/06 Addison Chupek
Caleb Ratliff
03/07 Hannah Phillips
03/08 Linda Ledford
Lucretia Owens
03/12 Beatrice Rogers
03/16 Jackie Hicks
03/17 Patti Van Iderstine
03/18 **Jesse & Amanda Olive**
03/20 Les Bland
03/25 John Sibley
03/28 **John & Sandra Sibley**

Pray for safe travels for Bryant as he will be out of town from February 28th to March 9th. If you have a need, please contact either Jeff or Glenda.

Mark Your CALENDAR

- 03/01 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 03/06 L2L Bible Bowl Test at 3:30 PM; Puppet show after Bible Classes
- 03/08 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 03/12 Congregational Game Night, 5 PM at the church building. Bring your favorite game and snacks.
- 03/13 L2L Puppet Practice at 4 PM
- 03/15 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 03/18 Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM at the church building. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 03/19 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item.
Youth Devo, 5 PM at the church building.
- 03/20 L2L Bible Bowl Practice at 4 PM and Puppet Practice following evening Bible Classes.
- 03/22 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 03/26 Cagle/Harp Wedding, 5 PM at the Collective Manor in Spanish Fort.
- 03/27 L2L Puppet Practice at 4 PM; Meeting for all attending Convention at 4:30.
Mark Your Calendar Meeting following our evening Bible Classes. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 03/29 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Part 3 of 3: God's Amazing Qualities

By: Wayne Jackson for *Christian Courier*

The Compassion of the Creator

The term "compassion" is reflected by several words in the Greek New Testament. Generally, it suggests the idea of a deep, inward, sympathetic emotion in a generously kind person.

There is a special emphasis in the book of Psalms on David's appreciation for his Maker's compassion during those dark occasions when the psalmist had yielded to fleshly weaknesses (see Psa. 32, 38, 51).

Divine compassion was wonderfully demonstrated in the ministry of Jesus. When the Savior saw the multitudes who were distressed and scattered as sheep with no shepherd, he was moved with compassion for them (Mt. 9:36).

When Christ noted that thousands followed him for three days without adequate food, he had compassion on them and supernaturally provided them with fish and loaves of bread (Mt. 15:32-39).

In the Lord's parable of the good Samaritan, he noted that it was only this normally despised man who showed compassion to assist a wounded Hebrew, who had been neglected by a Jewish Levite and a priest (Lk. 10:25-37).

A study of the word "compassion" reveals the importance of this attribute in the affairs of those who would honor the Lord.

The Blessedness of Forgiveness

It must be a gross understatement to acknowledge that we humans do not appreciate the magnitude of sin.

And just what is sin?

In the early Greek writings, the term *harmartia* and its combined grammatical forms signified "to miss the mark."

The word was used in the Old Testament of the men of the tribe of Benjamin who could sling stones at a target "and not miss" (Judg. 20:16).

Eventually the term came to be used of a "violation of sacred law."

Peter even used the word of rebellious angels who violated divine law (2 Pet. 2:4).

And it was employed profusely for human transgressions—either by commission or omission.

The universal recognition of sin is a phenomenon no atheist can explain!

Perhaps one of the most amazing features of Jehovah God is his willingness to forgive the sinner, who is contrite enough to repent of his errors and submit to the divine plan for human pardon. This concept is abundantly reflected in the book of Acts.

While hanging upon the cross as an atonement for man's rebellion, Jesus cried, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk. 23:34).

We cannot undo any sin we have committed. But Jesus Christ, because of his atoning sacrifice upon the cross, can, and is willing, to pardon us—if we conform to the plan of redemption he has imparted (Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21).

Conclusion

Oh, the value of God's forgiveness!

It is beyond expression. And how awful the terror is that awaits those who scorn the divine provision for pardon that awaits the day of judgment and everlasting punishment.

Please keep in your prayers:

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

John Langham, Kent Purser and Andy Dukes leave for Guyana on March 4th and return on the 13th.

Farrah Gandley will be having an outpatient procedure on Tuesday and her daughter, Izzy, is recovering from having her tonsils removed.

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

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, 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).

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:	Chad & Erin Chupek
Usher:	Hunter Harp
Building Lockup:	Scott Kelly
Treasurer Assistants:	Jerry Brown and Nathan Evans

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Chad Chupek
Leading Prayer:	Robert Cagle TR Clevenger
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Josh Ratliff

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Sid Chupek William Hill
Leading Singing:	Logan Ling

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