

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 20, 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

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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

Satan's Battle for You **1 Peter 5:6-11**

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:6-11 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!**

Today's Events:

Lads to Leaders will have Bible Bowl on Joshua 1-12 at 4 PM. Puppet practice will be after 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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

03/20 Les Bland
03/25 John Sibley
03/28 John & Sandra Sibley
04/02 David Perry
04/04 Megan Kenney
04/11 Gus Velazquez
04/15 Autumn Ling
04/22 Beatrice Sharpe
04/23 Scott & Amanda Lloyd
04/24 Jamie Langham
Travis Purser
04/25 Faye Pirtle
04/30 Phyllis Gill

Next Sunday:

Lads to Leaders will have Bible Bowl on Joshua 1-12 at 4 PM. There will be a meeting for all attending Convention at 4:30 PM.

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We need volunteers to help prepare food for when we go to the L2L Convention in April. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall. Please see Cindy Hatcher for any questions.

Mark Your CALENDAR

- 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
- 04/02 Couples Shower for Josh Sanford & Kaylee Holley, 4-7 PM at the church.
- 04/03 L2L Puppet Practice at 4 PM with puppet show following our evening Bible Classes.
- 04/05 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 04/09 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 04/10 L2L Puppet Practice at 4 PM, girls will give their speeches following our evening Bible Classes.
- 04/12 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 04/14-17 L2L Convention in Orlando, FL.

When Evil is Good

By: Bryant Evans on February 8, 2009

There are times when we wonder why we struggle so much. We wonder why there seems to be so much badness or evil in the world. Why must the righteous suffer while the wicked seem to prosper and flourish? Questions like these are neither new nor uncommon. Often the psalmist cried to God for deliverance from his troubles when it seemed the foes of God would be victorious. Truly, it often seems that evil will win.

Joseph likely felt the same way at times. Beginning in Genesis 37, Joseph began to endure a series of up and down events that brought him into direct confrontation with the very worst life has to offer. For example, Joseph was unjustly accused of rape (Genesis 39:7-20) and cast into a prison where he languished for at least two years (Genesis 41:1). He had previously been separated from his loving father and his family when his own brothers sold him as a slave into the hands of traders (Genesis 37:12ff). Finally, after years of struggling Joseph was freed and rose to a position second only to Pharaoh in Egypt.

Later, the very same brothers who sold him find themselves standing before the brother-turned Egyptian-ruler begging for famine relief. When he reveals his true identity the brothers are terrified of his reprisals. He does not return evil to them but brings them to live in his new country in luxury (Genesis 47:11,12). Later, when their father dies the brothers are again fearful of Joseph (Genesis 50:15) and the possibility of retribution.

Joseph does not seek revenge. Although in a position to bring horror to the lives of his brothers and repay them for the evil they did to him, Joseph instead calms his nervous brethren. Joseph said, "...*you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive as they are today*" (Genesis 50:20). Through Joseph's struggles, God protected and preserved the very family that would eventually bring forth the son of Joseph and Mary, Jesus Christ. Without Joseph in Egypt, the family may well have died from starvation in famine stricken Canaan.

First of all, Joseph recognized that God was ruling from heaven. Although times often seemed dark and despair was all around, God was still in charge. When Joseph had nothing else, he maintained his faith in God Almighty and trusted in his deliverance. Through his unwavering faithfulness and dependence, this rejected son of Israel, like Jesus later, would be the means through which his people would be saved.

Next, Joseph knew that God's plans could not be stopped. The Lord made a series of promises to Joseph's father, grandfather and great-grandfather concerning the future of that particular family. Those promises had not yet been fulfilled. God had also promised to care for and protect all those who trusted in him. God had never been found lacking in his plans. He always did what he said he would – just in his time, not ours. Suffering Job, in the midst of his own struggles, having confronted God and found himself lacking before his creator declared, "*I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted*" (Job 42:2).

Third, God was able to deliver. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would later declare what Joseph already knew, "*God ...is able to deliver*" us (Daniel 3:17). These three righteous men were delivered from the fiery furnace and Joseph would be delivered from the hand of his oppressors.

Finally, Joseph learned that God could take evil and turn it into a blessing. In our words, God can turn a lemon into lemonade! Although his brothers intended to do evil to Joseph, God would not sit by and allow his faithful, devoted servant to be consumed. Not only had Joseph survived, he was thriving in a foreign land.

Rest assured that evil will come your way too. But with God deliverance also comes to his faithful children. The key for us, the central demand of our spiritual survival, is faithfulness. Apart from such there is no deliverance and evil wins. But always remember that there is victory in God's Son, there is victory in Jesus!

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Ann Christopher is recovering from a stroke.

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:	Scott & Sandy Kelly
Usher:	Peter Verrett
Building Lockup:	Peter Verrett
Treasurer Assistants:	Jonathan Ling and Noah Evans

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Scott Lloyd
Leading Prayer:	John Langham Kent Purser
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Josh Ratliff

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Kent Purser Peter Verrett
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff

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