

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 31, 2023



Minister: Bryant Evans

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
John Langham
Jonathan Ling
Robert Cagle

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

Press On!
Philippians 3:12-14

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-14 ESV

Today's Events:

Congregational Game Night following our evening Bible Classes.
Bring your favorite games and snacks and join us for fun and fellowship!

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Events for this week:

Tuesday:

Men's Weekly Bible Study, will not meet until January 9th.

Friday:

Ladies Weekly Bible Study, 1-2 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Ronald McDonald House, serving dinner for the residents at 4 PM.

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Next Sunday:

Area Wide Youth at Spanish Fort. The van will leave the church building at 2:15 PM if you need a ride. Please see Noah Evans for details.

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2024 Monthly Service Sign Up Sheets are located on the bulletin board. We need volunteers for Communion Prep, Building Lock-Up, Greeters, Ushers & Transportation for the Rogers.

01/04	Richard Davis
01/11	Juanita Bramlett
01/13	Susan Ling
	Isabel Velazquez
01/26	Jerry & Sherran Brown
01/16	Marvetta Clevenger
	Danny Velazquez
01/17	James Hill
01/18	Robert Cagle
01/2	Leigh Kellum
	Tommy Ratliff
01/29	Bobbi Evans
01/30	Hunter Harp
	Dwight Isenhower



North Alabama Christian Childrens Home

Weekly Wish List:

Green beans
(Box located in the foyer)

Mark Your Calendars

Find Our Upcoming Events & Get Connected With Us!

- 01/07 Youth Area Wide at Spanish Fort church.
- 01/09 Men's Weekly Bible Study, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 01/10 Wonderful Wednesday Meal at 5:30 PM. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.
- 01/12 Ladies Weekly Bible Study- 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 01/14 L2L Practice: 3:30 PM- Speech; 4 PM- Puppets; 5 PM- Bible Bowl.
- 01/16 Men's Weekly Bible Study, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 01/19 Ladies Weekly Bible Study- 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
Knowledge Seekers- 6:30 PM at the home of Cindy Hatcher. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 01/20 Ladies Monthly Bible Study- 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Youth Devo, 5 PM at the church building.
- 01/21 L2L Practice: 3:30 PM- Song Leading; 4 PM- Puppets; 5 PM- Bible Bowl.
L2L—last day for event changes and second 1/2 of fees are due.
- 01/23 Men's Weekly Bible Study, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 01/26 Ladies Weekly Bible Study- 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 01/27 Couples Shower for Colby Sanford & Jewell Jones at 4:30 PM.
- 01/28 L2L Practice: 4 PM- Debate; 5 PM- Bible Bowl.
- 01/30 Men's Weekly Bible Study, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Part : God's Covenants: Law of Moses

BY: BRYANT EVANS ON JULY 11, 2016

God has always governed men through covenants. These agreements set forth the terms of God's blessings and the consequences for disobedience. One of the three major covenants is that given to Israel at Mount Sinai. The Law of Moses provided for national, civic, and spiritual conduct. It was a beautiful law that glorified God and taught his people of holiness. Nevertheless, the Law of Moses was never intended to be permanent. It is no longer in effect. We do not live according to its precepts.

Beginnings of the Law of Moses

Israel left Egyptian enslavement in Exodus 12:37. Their journey took them to the Mountain of God, Mount Sinai. There, God gave Moses a series of laws which would govern the Israelites and form the basis of their relationship with him.

This law was intended only for Israel. Observe the words of Scripture at Exodus 20:2: "*I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*" Immediately, the Lord delivers the Law of Moses. This short preamble confirms that one people, namely, those God brought out of Egypt, received the law. No Gentile (non-Jewish) people were ever amenable to the Law of Moses. They were subject to the same God but not via the same law. They would remain under the so-called Patriarchal covenant until Acts 10 and Cornelius.

Great miracles attended the giving of the Law of Moses. About three months prior, the Israelites had witnessed stupendous miracles of God through the hand of Moses. A series of plagues against Egypt shattered their bonds. The powerful parting of the Red Sea and destruction of the Egyptian army confirmed that God was with Israel. Now, at Sinai, Moses again stood before the people as a messenger of God to deliver this new law.

Contents of the Law of Moses

The law contained regulations for national life, community life, and spiritual life. At the center of the nation there literally stood the Tabernacle. It was here that God would show his presence and dwell among his people. It was at the Tabernacle that Israel offered sacrifices precisely according to God's commands. Even the unique clothing of the priests was dictated by Jehovah (Exodus 28).

Modern worship incorrectly includes items of Mosaic worship. A different time and place were appropriate for such items as mechanical instruments of music, incense burning and the elevation of priests (clergy). Many today seem to pick and choose how to worship.

God taught through the Law. Paul writes that the law was a guardian for mankind (Galatians 3:15-29). We learn much about God through his dealings with Israel. We learn of his demand for holiness and his unwavering demand for faithfulness to his laws and commands. We learn that man was never left to his own worship inventions but is carefully guided in every respect.

Temporary nature of the Law of Moses

The law given at Sinai was not permanent and is not normative for Christian life and worship. Isaiah spoke of "*latter days*" when God would change his law (Isaiah 2:1-5) such that "*all nations*" would flow into his kingdom (Isaiah 2:2). Paul writes that the law was not sufficient to show the true righteousness of God (Romans 3:21-31). The Hebrew's writer would argue that the blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin (Hebrews 9:15-23). The reference to bulls and goats points to key elements of Mosaic sacrifice. Paul would write that these ordinances are taken away and nailed to the cross (Ephesians 2:15; Colossians 2:8-15, esp. 14).

Today, the Christians are freed from the Law of Moses. Let us rejoice in Christ and never try to go back to the elements of an old, insufficient law.

TO BE CONTINUED....

Please keep in your prayers:

Those with ongoing health problems:

Pat Locke, Julie Doughty (daughter of Jerry Doughty), **Tom Busby** (Patrice Kenney’s father), **Richard Davis** has dialysis three times a week, **Elijah Davis** (great grandson of Brenda Davis).

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

Mike Sanford, Jamie Langham, Jeff Stewart (friend of Jerry Doughty), **Sarah Kennedy, Betty Carter**, (friends of Patti Van Iderstine), **James Doughty** (brother of Jerry Doughty), **Angela Flit** (cousin of Dwight Isenhower), **Paul Thorkelson, Jim Cox, Diane McCorquodale** (friends of Dwight & Julia Isenhower), **Aaron Bell** (Youth Minister of Valley View church & a friend of the Sanford’s), **Shea Hovater** (Sister-In-Law of Rickie & Sharon Hovater), **Kevin Kirk** (friend of Cindy Hatcher), **Theresa Jordan** (Daughter In Law of Carol Jordan), and **Andrew Verrett** (brother of Peter Verrett).

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:

Jane Betts, Juanita Bramlett, James & Ann Christopher, Linda Ledford, Pat Locke, Mike Martin, MaeBelle Perry, and Mike & Nelda Sanford.

Privileged to Serve

Greeters:	TR & Marvetta Clevenger
Usher:	Peter Verrett
Communion:	Glenda Verrett
Building Lockup:	Noah Evans
Treasurer Assistants:	Sid Chupek and Jerry Brown

Sunday Morning

Lord’s Table (presiding):	Todd Sanford
(serving):	Ricky Hovater
	Josh Ratliff
	James Day
	Andrew Ashley
Leading Prayer:	Scott Lloyd
	Robert Cagle
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Scripture Reading:	Logan Ling

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Tim Ashley
	William Hill
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff

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