

## The Emerald Beach Christian

### Do You Love Jesus?

As children, we sang, “**Jesus Loves Me.**” As adults, we sing, “**Oh How I Love Jesus.**” Preachers talk about loving Jesus. Books are written on the subject. But the thing that really counts is, “Do **you** love Jesus?” I am sure that most who read these lines would answer, “Yes”!

There is a problem. We Americans use the word “love” so casually. We love everything from pets to pie, from football to fishing, from mom to movie stars. Christ has much more in mind when he calls upon us to love him. He asked Peter, “Lovest thou me more than these?” meaning his boat and nets by which he made a living (John 21:15). He taught us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matt. 22:37). Loving Jesus is defined by the Master himself. “If ye love me, **ye will keep my commandments**” (John 15:15). This provides a pattern by which to measure our claim. Do you love Jesus? Do you do your best to keep the commandments? If not, then your claim is meaningless.

You might ask, “Well, how can I know the will of Jesus?” The answer is simple, you can read it in your New Testament. It is the last will and testament of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God (Heb. 9:15-20). God has given you a good mind. Most likely, you have two good eyes. You have 24 hours in every day. You can probably read. You likely have a Bible in your home. If not, you can get one for a small price. You cannot keep His commandments if you do not know what they are! Read the message of Christ to understand it, with the determination to obey it in every particular. Your faith, and your obedience to His will, will bring you the greatest gift of all—the forgiveness of your sins (Mark 16:16). The Father and Son will love you and make their abode with you (John 14:23). If you are not obeying Him, do not bother to talk or sing of loving Jesus, for the words would be without meaning.

*“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”*

*(Matt. 7:21)*

*“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”*

*(Luke 6:46)*

*“To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams”*

*(I Sam. 15:22)*

*“If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat of the good of the land”*

*(Is. 1:19)*

*“Obedience to God is the most infallible evidence of sincere and supreme love to him”*

*(Nathanael Emmons)*

*“Wicked men obey from fear, good men, from love”*

*(Aristotle)*

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In Christian Love,  
Louie 10/4/09



## Emerald Beach Church of Christ

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The Bible teaches that there is one body (Eph. 4:4), and since the body is the Church (Col. 1:18, Eph. 1:-22-23), there is but one Church. Jesus built this Church ((Matt. 16:18) and purchased it with His own blood (Acts 20:28). We believe that one must be in the Lord’s Church to be saved, since the Lord adds to the Church those that are saved (Acts 2:47), and since the Bible declares Christ to be the Savior of the body, or Church (Ephesians 5:23).

### Worship Times

Sunday	Sunday	Wednesday
Bible Study	Worship	Bible Study
9:00am	10:00am & 6:00pm	6:30pm

October 4, 2009

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember our annual Congregational Singing on Friday October 16 from 7pm to 9pm. Brother David Miles will be conducting with area song leaders also leading songs. A sign up sheet for refreshments is on the table in the back of the church

The men of the church will have a business meeting on Wednesday night, October 7 following the evening services.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Local Members

**Clint and Ann Byars**-Clint had knee replacement surgery last week at Gulf Coast and is now recovering. Ann also has health problems.



**Charlie Hernandez**-Please remember Charlie in your prayers and with cards and letters.

### Extended Prayer List

**Christine Thomason**-member at Lynn Haven who had shoulder surgery after falling and is still in a lot of pain.

**Eunie Turner**-Maternal grandmother of Greg Swindle who is 96 . Pray for her as she lives the last days of her life and pray for her family.

**Taran Wolover**-Grandnephew of Phil Mitchell diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. He is 12 and only weighs 51lbs.

**Brenda Moore**-Friend of Sains and Jane Moffett in Tennessee now having health problems.

**Elaine Hoover**-Friend of the Sains in Tennessee having health problems.

**Tristan Hernandez**-Life difficulties.

**Jason Byars**-Please pray for Jason as he is now serving in Afghanistan. His address is 455 EAMXS/F-16, APO AE 09354.

**Jean Nichols**-Mother of Sharon Stockton.

**Alice Heath**-Mother of Betty Brown.

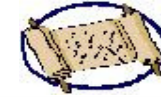
**Shirley McCalister**



### Battling Cancer

**Jo Nesbitt, David Oyler, Mike Anderson, Danny Young, Don Walker, Benny Thomley, Tony Adkison**

Hear Billy Lambert on Direct TV on Ch. 367, 6:30pm on Sun., Ch 377, Mon-Fri at 9:30PM Central. Bro. Billy Lambert can be seen on "Know Your Bible" on Dir. TV.



### October Birthdays

Jeffery Williams 2  
Wanda Johnson 11

### October Anniversary Nave 2 Roberta Smith 5

### Family Record

Sunday 9/27/09

Bible Study 40

Worship Service 81

Sunday PM 43

Wednesday 39

### Contributions

\$1,726.34



Preparing Communion for October

Carla Nave



Locking the Building for October

Larry Nave



October Greeter

Carla Lee



Today's Nursery Attendant

Susan Consoli

### \*\*\*JUST A REMINDER\*\*\*

**Emerald Beach Church of Christ is still in need of financial support. Any monetary help will be appreciated as we are a small but growing congregation that is doing the work of the Lord here on the Beach of spreading the Good News of the Gospel.**

**Thanks to the great response from our members. The pantry is full now. Nothing is needed at this time. What great giving people we have here!!!**

### HOW TO KNOW YOU ARE GROWING OLDER

You know all of the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.  
You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.  
Your knees buckle but your belt won't.  
Your back goes out more than you do.  
You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine chest.  
You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

If anyone has needs please contact the following:

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David Chisolm-596-8717(cell)  
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Larry Nave-234-5675  
Bill Snow-234-1074

**VISITORS! You are our welcomed Guests.**