

The Emerald Beach Christian

Lessons Learned from Cutting Grass

Tyler Gilreath (Dalton, GA)

TALL GRASS IS HARDER TO CUT

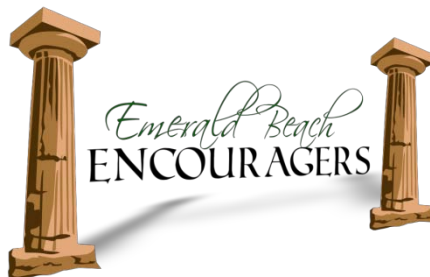
Have you ever waited too long to cut your grass? Most people probably have. Mowing the lawn is not on my *top 10* favorite things to do, so sometimes I have put off mowing and put off mowing until the grass has gotten somewhat tall. There is a price to be paid when one mows tall grass. The lawnmower gets clogged often, bogging it down to the point where it shuts off. Also, mounds of grass are left all throughout the yard. It can really make a mess. All of this could have been avoided if the grass had been cut sooner. As Christians, we should not put off dealing with various issues that come about in our lives. If you have a feud with a brother or sister in Christ, Jesus says to take care of the problem immediately, and before worship (Matthew 18:15-17; 5:23-24). If we are arguing with our spouse, children, or whomever, we need to try and mend the situation before *the sun goes down* (Ephesians 4:26). Deal with the issues before they get too tall and grow out of control.

A SHARP BLADE IS NECESSARY FOR A GOOD CUT

If you have a dull blade on your lawnmower while mowing, there will be blades of grass that didn't get cut. Christian, you must not lose your edge. Paul urges his readers to keep sharp by studying the Word of God. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15) If you fail to study and grow, chances are that you will lose opportunities and people by failing to know the doctrine of Christ. A sharp mind is vital for the Christian.

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An Encouraging Breakfast



This Upcoming Saturday, October 1st

8:30 AM in the Fellowship Room

Every member is invited to be apart of a time for fellowship and also to be introduced to a new work program [*Emerald Beach Encouragers*] that we are going to seek to implement here at Emerald Beach. If you desire to be apart of this program, or have questions about this new work, please make plans to attend and bring your favorite breakfast dish.



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Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:00 AM – Bible Classes
10:00 AM – Worship
6:00 PM – Worship

Wednesday

7:00 PM – Bible Classes

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Announcements

Attention Visitors

Thank you for choosing to be with us this Lord's Day! You are our welcomed guests, and it is our prayer that we make you feel welcome this morning! We would love to have a record of your visit, and we ask that you please either sign the guest book (located in the back of the auditorium) or return to us a *Visitor Information Card* (located on the back of the pews). If you have any questions or comments about your visit with us, please express them to any of our members.

Brethren, Thank You!

The members at Emerald Beach would like to thank our brothers and sisters in Christ for their financial support in the Gospel of Christ! We are small in number, and our out-of-town visitors have been faithful to help support the work of this congregation throughout the years. Your support to see the God's will being accomplished in Panama City Beach means so much to us!

Prayer Requests

Don Patterson - husband of Marie Patterson continues to recover in RM 371 at Bay Medical. Prayers and visits are welcomed. Enter Bay Medical via the Bonita Rd entrance. Take elevator "C" to the third floor. **Marie Patterson & Family** - for their strength during Don's recovery.

CONTINUAL REMEMBRANCE

Ivan Burnett* – sister of Jean Nichols; **Clint & Ann Byars**; **Collene Crumbley*** – John Sain's mother; **Inez & Clarence George*** (Middleton, TN) – Karen Howard's mother and father; **Alice Heath*** – Mother of Betty Brown; **Charlie Hernandez**; **William Jordan** – At Bay Center (Room 112); **Carol McGinnis*** – Ann Byars' sister; **Wayne McMahan*** – recently suffered a heart attack (John Sain's uncle); **Sam & Louise Maxwell**; **Walter Montgomery*** – Pat Montgomery's brother-in-law battling leukemia; **Jim Murrell***; **Jean Nichols** – Mother of Sharon Stockton; **Jo Nesbitt***; **Clifford Reynolds***; **Wesley Sain*** – John Sain's uncle; **Pat Young***

This Week's Birthdays



Ethan Akers* (26th)

* **Friends of Emerald Beach** (former members, snowbirds, family members of our church family, friends of the congregation, etc.)

Mark Your Calendar



Saturday, October 1 – *An Encouraging Breakfast @ 8:30 AM.* This is going to serve as a time for fellowship and also as an introduction to a **new work program** that we are going to implement here at Emerald Beach. If you desire to be apart of this program, or have questions about this new work, please make plans to attend.



Tuesday, October 4 – *Men's Business Meeting @ 10:00 PM.*for

Last Week's Records

AM Bible Study	36
AM Worship	134
PM Worship	38
Wednesday Bible Study	36
Contribution	\$1,742.00

Serving in September

<i>Announcements</i>	<i>Locking the Building</i>
Barry Gilreath	David Chisolm
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Preparing Communion</i>
Jodi Hendrix	Jodi Hendrix

Benevolence Requests

We would welcome any and all donations to the pantry at this time. Our stock is currently very low due to the church helping out numerous families in the recent weeks.

The Gospel on Television

In Search of the Lord's Way
Sun. 6:30 AM on Knology, Ch. 74;
Comcast, Ch. 244; Dish Network, Ch. 259;
DirecTV, Ch. 364

Know Your Bible

Mon – Fri., 9:30 PM on DirecTV, Ch. 377
Sun., 6:30 PM on DirecTV, Ch. 377

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PICK UP TRASH BEFORE YOU START MOWING

If you fail to pick up any trash in your yard before you mow, it will become hundreds to tiny pieces scattered everywhere. A piece of the puzzle of one becoming a Christian is repentance. This carries the idea of a turning from sinful things. People who are about to be baptized into Christ need to understand, that God expects them to change, or to pick up the trash in their life. This may not be as easy as picking up trash in the yard, but God wants us to try. Paul asked, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" (Romans 6:1) The answer was "let it not be." (Romans 6:2) If you long to be baptized, you must come with a heart full of repentance, ready to pick up and throw away any trash that you see.

A FLOODED LAWNMOWER IS HARDER TO CRANK

We have all been frustrated by a flooded lawnmower which will not start. If certain parts of the mower become too saturated with gasoline, it will not start, being choked out. There are Christians that have become choked out by worldly things. If one finds themselves in this position, they need to get rid of those things. It is recorded in the book of Hebrews that we should "**lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us**, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1) If you allow your life to become flooded with worldly things, don't be surprised when it is difficult to get you spiritually running again.

The High Price of Vice

Wade Webster (Southaven, MS)

Benjamin Franklin once observed, "What maintains one vice would bring up two children."

As expensive as children are, vices cost more. Sadly, many children go without the food and clothing they need, because they have a father or mother who spends the money needed for these things on alcohol, gambling, drugs, and other vices.

The wise man Solomon declared, "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags" (Proverbs 23:21). He further declared, "He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich" (Proverbs 21:17).

Let's realize the evils of these things and avoid them for the good of our families. Furthermore, let's try to help those who are caught in these problems.

Available Online:

<http://www.housetohouse.com/HTHPubPage.aspx?pub=3&issue=465§ion=0&article=3864>

Love Recognizes the Effort

A minister was busy in his study preparing a sermon. He remembered that he had left a book he needed downstairs. He called his little daughter and explained where she could find the book. She went gladly, but returned in a moment with the wrong one. He hardly looked at the book but kissed her and said, "Thank you, darling." When she had gone, feeling happy and contented, he went quietly for the book he needed.

"...love is longsuffering, and is kind..." (1 Corinthians 13:4)

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Head Scratchers

1. What was the Apostle Peter's original name?
2. What apostle was banished to the island of Patmos?

(See answers below)

Study the Bible

Do you want to study the Bible? If you are interested, see one of the members here. We offer a variety of FREE Bible study courses:

You Can Be Sure - Many today teach that you cannot be sure about anything. This course teaches how one can be assured of God, the Bible, salvation, the church, and one's eternal destination.

Bible Correspondence Course - This 8-lesson study is perfect for one desiring to study from the privacy of his or her own home.

Open Bible Study - This 3-lesson course is a question & answer approach to understanding the fundamental teachings of God's Word.

Thought of the Week

If you have loved
and did not say so
everyone lost.

Answers to Head Scratchers

- 1) Simon
- 2) John

Obey the Gospel

- Hear the Word (Rom. 10:17)
- Believe in Christ (Mark 16:15)
- Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30)
- Confess Christ (Rom. 10:9-10)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
- Live Faithfully (2 Tim. 4:6-8)