

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY 22, 2018



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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!

Today's Sermons

Morning Service

The Message is True
2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Evening Service

Failures for God:
Abraham, Samuel, David
Genesis 12:10-20

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 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!**

Elders

Sid Chupek
Bill Jordan
Scott Kelly
John Langham

Deacons

Chad Chupek
Tim Kenney
Jonathan Ling
Scott Lloyd
Kent Purser

Sunday

Bible Class 9 AM
Worship 10 AM
Worship 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Events for this week:

Tuesday:

Men's Weekly Brown Bag Bible Study, 9-10 AM

Summer Bible Storytime, 10:30 - 11:15 AM

Men's Weekly Evening Bible Study, 6:30 PM

(all meet in the Fellowship Hall).

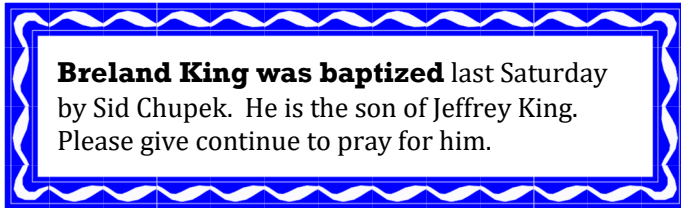
Friday:

Knowledge Seekers, 6:30 PM at the Evans' home.

Please bring finger foods and drinks.

Next Sunday:

5th Sunday Friends and Family Day Please bring a meal to share with our visitors and family following our morning services.



Building Lock-Up for August We need someone for Lock-Up for the month of August. Please see Glenda if you are able to volunteer.

Hospitality Team for July is:

Erin Chupek & Bobbi Evans

If a need arises, these ladies will help provide food to the sick or bereaved. If you would like to help, please contact the ladies in the Hospitality group.



07/28 Kent Purser
07/29 Jonathan & Susan Ling
Mallory Jessee
07/30 Amanda Lloyd
08/01 Linda Farris
08/02 Gail Bush
Curt Wolfe
08/04 MaeBelle Perry
08/06 Peter Verrett
08/07 Cullen Freeman
08/11 Brenda Davis
08/13 Holland Chupek
TR & Marvetta Clevenger
08/14 Nelda Sanford
08/16 Ann Christopher

Family Movie Night at the Saenger Theater in Pensacola. There are 2 sign-up sheets on the bulletin board across from the library. Any questions, please see Linda Chupek.

"The Wizard of Oz", August 18th at 7:00 PM

"The Sound of Music", August 25th at 7:00 PM

Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Teaching Rocket at Summerdale church

Sunday, July 29th at 1 PM

Guest Speaker: Michael Whitworth

This is a seminar to help teachers educate, equip and empower kids.

Mark Your Calendar!

07/29 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal.

07/31 Men's Brown Bag Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Bible Storytime, 10:30-11:15 AM.

Men's Evening Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

All table arrangements for Ladies Day are due.

08/02 Ladies Bible Study, 11-12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

08/03 Serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

08/04 Ladies Day at Palisades church of Christ in Birmingham. Guest Speaker: Cindy Warren.

08/07 Men's Brown Bag Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Evening Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

08/14 Men's Brown Bag Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Evening Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

08/16 Ladies Bible Study, 11-12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

08/18 Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item.

Saenger Classic Movie Night in Pensacola, 7:00 PM. Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board across from the library.

War

By: Bryant Evans

There's a war going on. It's not in Syria. Our opponent is not Russia, Iran or North Korea. The bombs are not made by Raytheon, and there are no Admirals or Generals leading armies. This war is far more destructive than any conflict humanity has ever witnessed. More will fall than in all the previous wars and conflicts combined.

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12).

Christians must stand strong against those forces that would condemn us to eternal damnation. Instead, we befriend culture while knowing that *"friendship with the world is enmity with God"* (James 4:4). Those who support and encourage sin and sinful lifestyles are our enemies. They intend us harm!

1. The Christian is a Soldier

Paul uses the word "wrestle" in Ephesians 6:12 (ESV). Other translations have struggle, battle or fight. This is the only time this Greek word appears in the New Testament, but the concept is well known. Christians fight against evil. We prepare ourselves with appropriate armor (Ephesians 6:13-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; Romans 13:12).

The life of a soldier is not easy. He is often in physical discomfort and many times lonely as he meets the foe. Still, we stand firm. Timothy is told to *"Share in suffering as a good soldier of Jesus Christ"* (2 Timothy 2:3). He is to *"wage the good warfare"* (1 Timothy 1:18).

In our Christian conflict, there are no positions in the rear echelon. We must all serve on the front lines in this eternal conflict.

2. This War is Different

Paul is clear: Our battle is not against people but powers. The descriptions here are of non-human forces *"in heavenly places."* Like so many Bible words, context is always vital. Heaven may be the place where God and the glorious host reside, or it may be the sky and space. Here, it is the celestial realm, the place of spirit beings.

Our battle, with immortal consequences, is waged against immortal enemies. Satan and his minions have long been at work against the Lord. Although their defeat is certain, they continue to wage war against the Christ and his saints. Cruise missiles, smart bombs, and bullets have no effect against these enemies.

3. Our Weapons are Spiritual

Physical combatants often wage war for the "hearts and minds" of the people. In most cases, such battles are secondary to the main event of explosions and destruction. In our case, "hearts and minds" are primary.

We combat the evil forces with the absolute weapon of truth. Satan has been a liar from the beginning in Eden (Genesis 3:4,5). When he speaks, he lies for that is his character (John 8:44). When we speak truth, we oppose him and always do damage to him. Again, truth *always* hurts the devil. As a soldier carefully loads ammunition into a gun, we load truth into our lives by the study of truth, that is, the word of God. As we live by truth, we reject the devil's lies, and we defend ourselves against his lies.

Are you a good soldier? Are you prepared? Are you trained? Press against the forces of evil and show yourself a good soldier for Jesus Christ!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Please keep in your prayers:

Carolyn Tucker— recovering from heart surgery in Atlanta. (mother of Sarah Velazquez).

Frank Olive— admitted to hospital in Tuscaloosa and is not doing well. (uncle of Jesse Olive).

Richard Davis— having health problems and not doing well. (father of Dawna Ratliff).

Harold and Gail Witherington— he had a stroke and suffers from dementia. (friends of Hampton & Gail Bush).

Our Youth at the AIM Conference in Montgomery this weekend.

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

Gus Stranch— leukemia (great nephew of Patti Van Iderstine).

Betty Holt- Breast cancer & Alzheimer's (friend of Glenda Verrett).

Kristy Laster— Liver cancer (neighbor of Isenhowers).

Jeff Stewart— Brain cancer. (friend of Jerry Doughty).

Cheryl Lawrence- cancer (friend of Jo Ann McDonald).

Dina Von Campe— Breast cancer.

Dawn Gilley- cancer (mother of Ryan Purser's friend).

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:

MaeBelle Perry, Vi Vines, Lum Morrison, Elizabeth Till, Hampton and Gail Bush, James & Ann Christopher.

Help us keep our **bulletin & sick list** up to date!
Please email Glenda at glenda.verrettescoc@gmail.com
to have someone added, updated or removed from the sick list. Thank you!

Privileged to Serve

Greeters:	George & Lucretia
Usher:	James Day
Jr. Usher:	Seth Ratliff
Communion:	Phyllis Gill
Building Lockup:	Gerald Seales
Treasurer Assistants:	Chad Chupek and Sid Chupek
Yard Team	Curt Wolfe and Jesse Olive

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	James Day
(serving):	Tony Jackson
	Andy Ford
	Bill Jones
	Jeffrey King
Leading Prayer:	Curt Wolfe
	TR Clevenger
Leading Singing:	Scott Kelly
Scripture Reading:	Quincy Saint-Louis
Nursery:	Susan Ling

Sunday Evening

Leading Prayer:	John Sibley
	Fritz Saint-Louis
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Nursery:	Jo Ann McDonald

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