

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

SEPTEMBER 30, 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!

**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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**Welcome to our  
Fifth Sunday  
Friends & Family Day!**

**We hope you will stay after morning services to join us for a potluck meal. Visitors, we'd love you to stay especially so we can get to know you better.**

## Today's Sermons

**Morning Service**  
**Guest Speaker: Robert Cagle**  
Oh to Be Like Thee  
John 14:7-9

**Afternoon Service**  
Song Service with Devo  
Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

**John 14:7-9 ESV**

## Events for this week:

### Tuesday:

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

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

(all meet in the Fellowship Hall).

### Thursday:

**Ladies Bible Study**, 11-12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

### Friday:

**We are serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House.** Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

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### Next Sunday:

**Lads to Leaders** will have puppet practice at 4:00 PM. Bible Bowl will be on Exodus 11-15 and will be held after evening services.

**Hospitality Team** for October is:

**Dianne Jones & Jo Ann McDonald**

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.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/05 James & Ann Christopher

10/09 Ed Johnson

Tommy & Dawna Ratliff

10/10 Ashley Elkins

10/13 Andy Ford

10/14 Melinda Sanford

Gretchen Wolfe

10/16 Bill Jones

10/17 Elizabeth Till

10/19 Susan McLaughlin

Eli Ratliff

10/21 Garlin & Linda Farris

10/22 Lyndon Saint-Louis

10/23 James Christopher

10/25 Jacob Sanford

10/31 Elena McLaughlin



Visit our Facebook page  
Eastern Shore Church of Christ  
to see more!

We will be posting pictures, announcements, and more here each week, so please check it out! If you cannot find the page, see **Bryant**.

## Mark Your Calendar!

10/07 L2L puppets at 4:00; Bible Bowl on Exodus 11-15 following evening services.

10/09 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.

10/14 Youth Devo at the Ratliff's after PM services.

10/16 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.

10/18 Ladies Bible Study, 11-12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

10/20 Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item.

10/21 Area Wide Youth at Margaret St. church of Christ.

10/22 Knowledge Seekers, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

10/23 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.

10/27 Ladies Day at Bay Minette Civic Center, given by 14th St., Atmore & Halls Fork Church, "Living The Salty Life", 9-12 PM. More info on bulletin board across from the library.

Truck A Treat & Ice Cream Social, 5:30 PM at the church building.

## Church Gossip

By: Bryant Evans on March 2, 2011

Church gossip is especially bad. It's not funny and shouldn't be taken lightly. Gossip is dangerous no matter where it is found but when it's in God's family it seems much more hurtful. After all, you expect the best from your brothers and sisters. If someone in the workplace or in class talks behind your back it still hurts but it is expected. Church gossip hurts people and the cause of Christ. It must stop.

We've had plenty to say about church gossip on this website. By the looks of our article statistics church gossip remains a major problem in the body of Christ so we thought we would revisit the subject.

Solomon knew gossip in his day.

*"A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much"* ([Proverbs 20:19 NIV](#)).

Here is Paul's assessment of wagging tongues.

*"The were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are filled with envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips"* ([Romans 1:29](#)).

So we should be clear, gossip is a bad thing.

### Church Gossip Defined

Gossip is one of those things that we know when we hear it. But putting a definition together is not so easy. This definition is imperfect but seems to get the point across:

*Gossip is the inappropriate communication of unflattering, embarrassing, hurtful or humiliating information about a person to another person. Truth is irrelevant.*

There are two key parts here that I want to focus upon. First is the term "inappropriate." Sometimes it is necessary to say things about someone that is not kind. Legal cases are probably the best example. But Jesus even allows such talk ([Matthew 18:15-20](#)). I think we all know that this is not church gossip.

The second part I want you to notice is the last phrase. "Truth is irrelevant." How many times have you heard someone say, *"this isn't gossip because its true"*? It doesn't matter if the "unflattering, embarrassing, hurtful or humiliating information" is true. It is still gossip. Apply the Golden Rule when trying to define gossip ([Matthew 7:12](#)). If roles were reversed, would you want it said about you?

### Inadvertent Church Gossip

Sometimes we gossip accidentally. There is no thought of gossip and certainly no intent to harm or embarrass. Yet the words still come out. Maybe a friend confides in you or asks for advice about a delicate subject. You do your best to help. But later, while speaking with someone else, you let the secret slip. Now what?

At the instant you realize your error, explain your words and ask for confidentiality. Maybe the damage can be limited. Second, and this is hard, confess your mistake to the person who confided in you. This will prevent them from thinking you deliberately violated their confidence. It will also demonstrate that you are serious about being a good, confidential friend. Embarrassing? Yes. But you will find that your friend will respect you for your honesty.

Remember, gossip need not be intentional to be hurtful.

Breaking the habit of gossip is as hard as breaking any other bad habit. But it is especially important in the church. There is no other group or assembly like the body of Christ. Relationships in Christ must be nurtured and defended. Gossip, for whatever reason harms the body and must be stopped.

With prayer and by God's good grace you can shatter the gossip habit. Then you will be equipped to help other break the same habit.

Please keep in your prayers:

**Brother Buck Dukes**— passed away Wednesday night in Opelika. He had served their church as an elder for many years. (father of Andy Dukes).

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.

**Patrick Hubble**- cancer (mother is a friend of Amanda Lloyd).

**Susan Burns**- cancer (Daughter of Sue Long).

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](mailto:glenda.verrettescoc@gmail.com)  
to have someone added, updated or removed from the  
sick list. Thank you!

**Privileged to Serve**

Greeters:	Scott & Amanda Lloyd
Usher:	Peter Verrett
Jr. Usher:	Lance Velazquez
Communion:	Lynd Saint-Louis
Building Lockup:	Scott Lloyd
Treasurer Assistants:	Chad Chupek and Tim Kenney
Yard Team	Tim Kenney and Fritz Saint-Louis

**Sunday Morning**

Lord's Table (presiding):	Tim Kenney
(serving):	James Day
	Ed Johnson
	Robert Jones
	John Sibley
Leading Prayer:	Todd Sanford
	Don Gill
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Scripture Reading:	Logan Ling
Nursery:	Jo Ann McDonald

**Sunday Afternoon**

Leading Prayer:	Fritz Saint-Louis
	Andy Ford
Leading Singing:	Scott Kelly
Nursery:	Brenda Davis

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