

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY 5, 2020



Minister: Bryant Evans **Youth Minister:** Jonathan Ling

Minister, Awarawaunau Church of Christ in Guyana: Elvis Bernard
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Elders

Sid Chupek
Scott Kelly
John Langham
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Deacons

Chad Chupek
Tim Kenney
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Sunday

Bible Class 9 AM
Worship 10 AM
Worship 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Today's Sermon

Guest Speaker: Jeffrey King
I Am Going to Live Forever!
John 6:51

¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

John 6:51 ESV

A Note from the Elders

The elders have determined that we will resume in-person assemblies on Wednesday night beginning this week. Our Sunday schedule will remain the same for now.

We will provide the Fellowship Hall for those who desire to only be among people wearing masks by restricting it to mask wearers only.

If you do wear a mask, you may come into the auditorium or remain in the Fellowship Hall as you think best.

The following sessions are being held on Zoom:

Sunday:

Ladies Bible Class: 5 PM with Cindy Hatcher.
Meeting ID: 226 263 641. Password: 070248

Middle/High School Bible Class:

5 PM with Jonathan Ling.
Meeting ID: 927 4522 5780. Password: 201073

Adult Bible Class 5 PM with Bryant.

Meeting ID is 455 441 168. Password: 1209.

Tuesday:

Men's Bible Class 9 AM with Bryant.

Meeting ID: 455 441 168. Password: 1209

Saturday:

Ladies Monthly Bible Class

9 AM on the 3rd Saturday of every month
Meeting ID: 868 4220 0022. Password: 912419

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Wednesday Midweek Bible Study : (at the church building and Live Stream)

(Please note: The Fellowship Hall is reserved for those who want to be in a mask-only setting. Only people with masks may be in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited into the auditorium if they wish.

You can now make your Contribution payment

at the church website, easternshorechurch.org or you can mail your check to:
PO Box 38 Daphne, AL 36526

Communion supplies and face masks can be picked up at the church building.

Remember to continue safe practices such as handwashing and distancing when we assemble. Please do not feel pressured to attend services. You may certainly wear masks if you wish. Most of all, pray that God will deliver us from this trouble.



- 07/07 Sarah Velazquez
- 07/09 Linda Chupek
- 07/18 Logan Ling
- 07/20 Donna Neu
- 07/21 Jordan Cagle
- 07/28 Kent Purser
- 07/29 Mallory Jessee
- Jonathan & Susan Ling
- 07/30 Amanda Lloyd

Please keep in your prayers:

- Julie Doughty** having ongoing health problems (daughter of Jerry Doughty).
- Caleb Culpepper** is still recovering from a brain injury from a motorcycle accident (student of Bobbi Evans).
- Mike Martin** is now home recovering.
- Owen Betts** has been exposed to COVID and is undergoing testing (former member).
- Jesse Olive** is home recovering from knee surgery to repair a damaged meniscus.

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

- Gus Stranch**— leukemia (great nephew of Patti Van Iderstine).
- Kristy Laster**— Liver cancer (friend of Isenhowers).
- Jeff Stewart**— Brain cancer. (friend of Jerry Doughty).
- Cheryl Lawrence**- cancer (friend of Jo Ann McDonald).
- Sharon Vandevender**- cancer (wife of Donna Neu's nephew).
- Sarah Kennedy**- breast cancer (friend of Patti Van Iderstine).
- Darnell Jackson**- breast cancer (mother of Jaqueline King).
- Matt Castellano**- Prostate cancer (former member & friend of the Isenhowers).
- Melissa Ellison**— Cervical Cancer (sister of Amanda Olive).
- Betty Haynes**— Ovarian Cancer (mother of Melinda Sanford).
- James Doughty**— Cancer (brother of Jerry Doughty).

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:

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

Part 6: The Kingdom of God

By: Bryant Evans

“...be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

Daniel 3:18

“But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”

Acts 5:29

The Kingdom of God reigns above any government of mankind. Earthly rule protects the believer from the avarice, greed, and violence of the worldly person who has no respect for God’s laws. The Christian is to be subject to those laws. However, when man’s laws contradict or oppose God’s laws, we must refuse to obey the government. Today, some engage in violent opposition to the government at the drop of a hat. They wrap themselves in the banner of the divine while breaking civil laws. We must not do likewise. The decision to engage in civil disobedience must come only after a careful study of the Bible.

Civil disobedience did not begin in the 1950s and 1960s with the civil rights movement or the anti-war protest movement. The two verses above show that resisting the authority of the state has been established for a very long time. For us, we must take care to avoid a flippant appeal to disobedience. I offer three ideas to consider.

Civil Disobedience Requires the most Extreme Circumstances

God’s people have often found themselves in dire straits. They were attacked by other nations ([Judges 4:2; 6:1; 10:7 et al.](#)), enslaved ([2 Kings 25](#)), opposed by religious leaders ([Acts 4:1-3](#)), arrested and executed by kings ([Acts 12:1-3](#)) and generally persecuted by authorities ([Hebrews 11:32-40](#)). Despite all the opposition, civil disobedience was uncommon.

In Daniel 3, the king demanded that the Hebrews worship his pagan god. In Acts 5, the religious leaders demanded the apostles to stop preaching the gospel. In the USA, the Constitution constrains the government from issuing such orders. The time may come when such restraint is removed, but for now, we are blessed. Only an extraordinary assault on our faith would justify lawless opposition.

Civil Disobedience Is a Last Resort

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not initiate a confrontation. It arose as a response to their obedience to God. Obedience drove their actions, not publicity. Had the rulers left them alone, there would have been no clash. History records that when Rome tried to prevent Christians from worshipping, they assembled in hiding.

Another blessing of our nation is the right to petition the government for redress (relief) from burdensome rules. Last week, a federal judge slammed the door on attempts by New York to single out houses of worship for restrictions during the health crisis. Often, our complaints are better addressed in venues other than the media or the street.

Civil Disobedience Demands Careful Consultation with the Lord

Before a person willingly breaks the law under God’s banner, he had best be sure his actions have divine approval. Daniel and the apostles were inspired. They received truth directly from on high. We do not. However, we have the inspired word of God that guides us into all truth ([John 16:13; 2 Peter 1:19-21](#)). How foolish to charge into lawbreaking without a knowledge of the word of God. So, the one planning disobedience does so only after an intense study and researching of God’s word.

Equally important is a prayerful spirit. Just as Bible study must be intense, our prayers must be fervent. Only then, after prayer and study, may we solemnly engage the exceptional act of disobedience. That prayer and study must be motivated by a desire to know truth. Approaching the Scriptures or bowing in prayer with our minds already made up is dangerous. We must seek to know the will of the Lord, not to find confirmation of our ideas.

Let us earnestly seek to be subject to the laws of government while being faithful to the real king, Jesus!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (Presiding):	John Langham
Leading Prayer:	Fritz Saint-Louis James Day
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Scripture Reading:	Nathan Evans

Wednesday

Leading Prayer:	Kent Purser Garlin Farris
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans