

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY 19, 2020



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

Minister, Awarawaunau Church of Christ in Guyana: Elvis Bernard
Student, Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies: Jeffrey King

Elders

Sid Chupek
Scott Kelly
John Langham
Jonathan Ling

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

Fit For the Kingdom
Luke 9:62

⁶² But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:62 ESV

A Note from the Elders

Due to the governor's order, and because of increasing cases of COVID, the elders have determined that we will canceling all in-person meetings until further notice. We will stream Sunday morning and ZOOM everything else.

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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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.

New Address for Jo Ann McDonald:

608 40th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35222

Bob & Linda Ledford have not been feeling well.

Cards can be sent to them in TN at:
2009 Country Club Drive
Tullahoma, TN 37388

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 07/20 Donna Neu
- 07/21 Jordan Cagle
- 07/28 Kent Purser
- 07/29 Mallory Jessee
Jonathan & Susan Ling
- 07/30 Amanda Lloyd
- 08/01 Linda Farris
- 08/02 Gail Bush
- 08/04 MaeBelle Perry
- 08/06 Peter Verrett
- 08/11 Brenda Davis
Kelsey Ribeau
- 08/13 Holland Chupek
TR & Marvetta Clevenger
Fred & Jackie Hicks
- 08/14 Nelda Sanford
- 08/16 Ann Christopher
- 08/18 Robert Jones
- 08/19 Cindy Hatcher
- 08/22 Tim & Patrice Kenney
- 08/23 Rick Hovater
Jeff King
- 08/26 Robert & Linda Jones
- 08/30 Jesse Olive
- 08/31 Bob & Linda Ledford

Please keep in your prayers:

- Julie Doughty** having ongoing health problems (daughter of Jerry Doughty).
- Jerry Brown** will have surgery on his hand on Tuesday.
- Luke Olive** received a good report after having seizures and is home recovering.
- Jackie King** is recovering from a procedure.
- Jamie Langham** tested positive for COVID this week.
- Jim Rodenbeck** had a pulmonary embolism and will be taken off life support. Please keep his wife, Stacey, and family in your prayers during this difficult time (friends of Nathan Evans in Arkansas).
- Jerry Davidson** is having weakness and not being able to get up. He was taken to a hospital in TN for tests.

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).
- 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.

Day By Day

By: Bryant Evans on November 2, 2014

Christianity is a way of life. Our faith is daily. It saturates every minute of every day. There is never a moment when a servant of Christ takes a vacation from the Lord's work. We belong to Christ always. The original Christians constantly and consistently lived for Jesus. Their dedication guides us into a life of joyous service.

"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" (Acts 2:46, 47).

Do we think of our faith only as an expression of worship given on Sunday and maybe again on Wednesday night? The life of the disciple is constant and knows no boundary.

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

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Both verses speak to everyday life. We do not deny ourselves only on the Lord's Day, nor do we take up our cross only at 10 AM on Sunday. We serve him Christ daily. Both verses, from the mouth of Jesus himself, call for personal denial. That is, we daily reject our own desires while replacing them with the desire for Jesus. The pre-Christian man no longer exists. He has been replaced by one who displays Christ in every moment of life.

The words of the apostle Paul speak plainly:

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

It is common to create compartments in our lives. There is one compartment for family and home, one for work, one for play and recreation and probably one for faith. An observer could easily watch and list the differences between each compartment. For example, the words of love and kindness we express for our family in a worship setting may be replaced by harsh and unforgiving words in the home. The ethics that we extol to our children and that we praise in Bible class are suddenly missing in our business life. The compartmentalization of life is catastrophic to our faith.

How rare it is to find a man who reflects his faith constantly and in every situation. More often, we adjust our faith to fit the moment. Our beliefs are conformed to the moment instead of the other way around (Romans 12:2).

A respected man in the church once began to sell items contrary to the faith in a retail store he owned. Another man, also very respected, served a company that manufactured godless products that destroyed homes. In both cases, the men defended their dissociative lives by arguing that their decisions were for work, not church. How sad.

Let us break down the walls that define our lives. Let the Holy Spirit who dwells in us (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16), Christ who dwells in us (Ephesians 3:17) and the Father who dwells in us (Ephesians 2:22) permeate our lives until we are saturated with his love and with his way of life. Leave no corner of your life sealed from him. Open not only your heart but your day to Jesus. As he fills your life at work, at home and at play, he will be glorified through you. Day by day, let us serve him!

