

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

AUGUST 9, 2020



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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

Common People, Uncommon Message

Luke 10:1-4

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.

Luke 10:1-4 ESV



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

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 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).

Larry Morris is very ill with COVID and has been hospitalized (member of the Tuscaloosa church).

Marie Blair is now cancer free (former member).

Jerry Davidson is recovering in the Nashville area.

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 Isenhawers).

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).

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.

My Bible Doesn't Say That!

A Very Quick Study in Translations.

By: Bryant Evans

The preacher reads Luke 10:1 and says Jesus sent 72 disciples out to teach. But your Bible says 70. What's up with that? 1 John 5:7 is another example. Many translations exclude (correctly) most of verse 7. Even translations that agree may say things in a different way, using different words to convey the same idea. The Christian wants to know why. It is a reasonable question and it deserves an answer.

There is No Inspired Translation

Wait a minute! The Bible claims inspiration doesn't it? It does. Paul says, "*all scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching...*" (2 Timothy 3:16). But inspiration rests with the writers and their original documents. Individual translations like the English Standard Version, the New American Standard Version, and even the King James Version, are not inspired. They are copies of copies of copies. The upshot of this means that we must depend upon translators to properly produce translations that are as accurate as possible.

There are Thousands of Copies Available

Copies were prepared by diligent writers who prepared their copies, by hand, to distribute throughout the world. The oldest copies date from the early second century. Ancient copies have been found across the Mediterranean region, North Africa, Judea, and Assyria. Later copies coming in the 9th and 10th centuries are also found. By that time, the unity of the church had been destroyed and the copies came from practitioners of various denominations. Amazingly, there is great agreement between the copies. In fact, among Christendom there is not one single doctrine that hinges on a single textual question – not one.

All of these copies, across miles and miles, centuries, and churches, are used to prepare the Bible you hold in your hand. The degree of agreement is astounding. The Christian can be certain that he is reading God's word.

Translators Make Tough Decisions

Sometimes, there are minor differences. For example, Luke 10:1 in the English Standard Version, says, "*After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him...*" The King James reads, "*After these things the Lord appointed other seventy...*" To determine whether the correct reading is 70 or 72 the scholars ask certain questions of the text.

- Is there internal evidence to clear the confusion? Is there a parallel passage where the text is not disputed? In the case of Luke 10, the answer is no. However, the number 70 is found in many places as a symbol of God's plan. There were 70 in Jacob's house, 70 elders, sons and priests and time periods of 70 years (Metzger). In fact, 72 is a real oddity occurring only once.
- What do the best, most reliable manuscripts (copies) say? Here, the manuscript evidence is almost completely divided, so no help.
- What could cause the differing texts? A scribe, although diligent, could make a mistake. If that happened one would think that the error would reflect the common use of 70 which would be understandable. But 72? Where would that come from? He would have to deliberately write an additional word not in the original. While possible, it is thought to be highly improbable. Generally, translators lean toward the more difficult translation because it would be less likely to muddy things up unless that is what the original actually says.

A Difference that Makes No Difference is No Difference At All

The good news is that the Luke passage still carries the same message whether Jesus sent 70 or 72. Like most textual questions, the answer makes little difference to anyone but the scholarly elite.

God's word is true. It's deepest meanings are found only after giving oneself to a study of the word. As Paul said in Galatians 6:9, "*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*"

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (Presiding):	Jonathan Ling
Leading Prayer:	Todd Sanford TR Clevenger
Leading Singing	Noah Evans
Scripture Reading:	Nathan Evans

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Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

1 Peter 2:13-15 (NASB)

On August 2nd, we will return to in-person worship services on Sunday mornings.

The State of Alabama has given guidelines on all public gatherings, and the elders have determined that we will follow those guidelines by implementing the following procedures until further notice:

1. When you arrive, wait in the courtyard to be admitted. Small groups will be ushered into the building, and it is important that you quickly move to your seat so the next group can come in.
2. When you are in the auditorium, only sit in the marked areas of the pews. Households can sit together but please stay at least 6 feet from anyone who doesn't live under your roof.
3. Once the auditorium is full, members will be directed to seating in the fellowship hall. The service will be streamed to this room allowing full participation in worship.
4. Disposable communion cups will be available for you to use during the Lord's Supper.
5. The collection tray will not be passed. You will be able to leave your offering at the back of the auditorium and in the fellowship hall. You also have the option to give online.
6. When the service is over, please stay seated. Starting at the back of the building, you will be dismissed by rows. It is important that you proceed immediately out into the courtyard.
7. Finally, wear a mask the entire time you are here.

Remember, we are called to obey the law (Romans 13:1-2), to do right in the sight of all men (2 Corinthians 8:21), and to not give people a reason to say anything bad about the church (Titus 2:7-8).

If you are in one of the groups that is at high risk for infection, or if you are uncomfortable with the guidelines listed above, you are encouraged to participate in the worship service via the link provided on the church website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the elders.