

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

AUGUST 16, 2020



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

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## Elders

Sid Chupek  
Scott Kelly  
John Langham  
Jonathan Ling

## Deacons

Chad Chupek  
Tim Kenney  
Scott Lloyd

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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

Holy!

1 Peter 1:15-16

<sup>15</sup> but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

**1 Peter 1:15-16 ESV**



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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**.

The following sessions below are being held on Zoom. You can also go to our website at [escoc.net](http://escoc.net) and click on the link to join:

**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 881 2390 1775. Password: 1209.

**Tuesday:**

**Men's Bible Class** 9 AM with Bryant.  
Meeting ID: 891 6895 7076. 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](http://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**

- 08/16 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
  
- 09/01 Ray & Beatrice Rogers
- 09/04 John & Jamie Langham
- 09/06 Bill & Dianne Jones
- 09/07 Scott Lloyd
- 09/08 Fred Hicks
- 09/10 Carol Jordan
- 09/15 Jeff & Jackie King
- 09/19 Tony Jackson
- 09/21 Mike Sanford
- 09/22 Ricky & Sharon Hovater
- 09/24 Barbara Stewart
- 09/25 Seth Ratliff
- 09/26 Joy Hill
- 09/27 Jerry Brown
- 09/28 Colby Sanford
- 09/29 Frank Bramblett  
Gerald Seales
- 09/30 David & Rebekah Perry

**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Julie Doughty** having ongoing health problems (daughter of Jerry Doughty).
- Josh Brister** is struggling with a progressive muscular illness that now has him bedridden. He is 29 years old (nephew of Linda Chupek).
- Jane Betts** appreciates everyone calling and checking on her. She may have had another small stroke but is home and slowly recovering.

**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**

# Two Abortion Questions

By: Bryant Evans on December 21, 2017

The abortion debate polarizes culture. It is a sharp litmus test for many. Abortion is the banner issue of women's right's groups and feminist causes. The debate is loud but generally a useless exchange. There are a few very basic questions that should govern our discussion.

## When Does Life Begin?

Is there an objective, testable point at which life begins? Philosophers struggle with this question. Scientists struggle with this question too.

Many in the pro-abortion camp argue that life begins late in gestation, perhaps as late as birth. Some argue for late-term or even partial-birth abortions. These procedures are done well beyond the accepted dates of viability. Supporters of these procedures must affirm that life begins at birth and not before.

Science seems unable to answer the question with any precision. Some say life begins at conception for that is the moment a new, unique being begins to exist. Others say life begins with spontaneous breathing but that requires actual birth. Others argue for a beating heart and still more suggest the presence of brain waves. There is no conclusive scientific evidence.

Philosophically, we find little agreement either. Again, conception is suggested as the most reasonable point for the origin of life, but other thinkers have offered contrasting views.

Biblically, God speaks of knowing a child while it is yet unborn ([Jeremiah 1:5](#)). The unborn child responds positively to the presence of the Lord nearby ([Luke 1:41, 44](#)). Life begins with God ([Genesis 1:26, 27](#)) and its coming and passing lies with Him.

If we could all agree as to the moment life begins, the larger question of abortion might be easier to deduce. But for now, we are left with uncertainty. It would seem, that since we do not know, we ought to err on the side of the unborn.

## Is One Life Superior to Another?

Shall a pregnancy be terminated for the convenience of the mother? "I'm just not ready to be a parent" or "I can't afford to have a child" are reasons often heard. This suggests the child must give way to the mother. Her convenience is more important than the child's life. It is a harsh but accurate description.

In the United States, we have had profound discussions of equality that persist until today. In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century we faced questions of racial equality. Laws were enacted that began to correct the horrible mistreatment of people of color. Almost everyone today will affirm that *"all men are created equal."*

There are also discussions over the place of women. Most recently, many women have challenged the status quo by publicly challenging powerful men who view women as objects to be treated with contempt. Despite their piggish behavior, I suspect they would still say that a woman's life is not inferior to theirs.

Among the horrors of the Nazi's were the ideas that some people were inferior. Those ideas were not unique to Germany but found fertile ground among many Americans including U.S. President Woodrow Wilson and famed activist Margaret Sanger. Fortunately, such radical ideas were rejected by the populace.

This country holds that all are equal, and none are superior to others. We have enshrined this thought in our Constitution, we have fought horrible wars to settle the question, and we have rescued those deemed unworthy of life by other nations. I doubt many would dare to argue that one person is superior to another.

Reasonable people can disagree on the moment life begins. However, we should accept the uncertainty inherent in our positions. So given that uncertainty, why can we not agree that we should protect all life?

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (Presiding):	Jonathan Ling
Leading Prayer:	Sid Chupek James Day
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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.