

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

AUGUST 23, 2020



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

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Elders

Sid Chupek
Scott Kelly
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Chad Chupek
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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

A Hidden Message

Luke 10:21-24

²¹ In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²² All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

²³ Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

Luke 10:21-24 ESV



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Eastern Shore Church of Christ
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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 below are being held on Zoom. You can also go to our website at 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 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.

Farrah Gandley was baptized last week. She has been studying with Cindy Hatcher. We rejoice with the angels over her decision.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 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).
Patti Van Iderstine is recovering from outpatient surgery.

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).
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.

862,320

By: Bryant Evans

862,320 dead.

Let that sink in...862,320 people dead in one year. That's five times as many deaths as we have had in the U.S. from COVID19.

61,628,584 dead.

Let that sink in...61,628,584 people since 1973. That's three times as many as died in World War 2. It's twice as many as the population of Texas and ten times the population of Alabama.

These numbers are not from an uncontrollable outbreak of a mysterious illness. These are deaths from abortion in the United States through 2017 (sources available on request). Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop said in 1981, "The fact of the matter is that abortion as a necessity to save the life of the mother is so rare as to be nonexistent."

So, again, 862,320 in one year. 862,320 choices to abort, to kill the unborn. That's a staggering number.

The moment sperm and egg unite, unique human life is created. It possesses its own DNA combination different from any previously existing life. There is nothing common, mundane, or routine about the new life. It need only grow for nine months, and it will appear as a human infant.

It is human, and it is living!

Life is a gift from God.

It was God who created humankind and breathed into man the "*breath of life*" (Genesis 2:7; Job 27:3). We cannot create life ourselves. Even the atheist must admit that life arises from some unknown process. While the godless person attributes life to a cold, biochemical process, it is a spark from the Almighty that quickens man.

The inspired poet of Israel said, "*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well*" (Psalm 139, 13,14). It is God, the Creator, who labors over the formation of every unborn child. When finished, he presents that life as a gift.

Life is in the image of God

"*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them*" (Genesis 1:27). Life is not random. Life is created. God creates life in his image. Animals are not created in God's image. Only man. The *Imago Dei* sets man apart from every other living creature. You possess life given you, as a gift, in the image of the Creator.

Abortion destroys the image of God!

A Human Rights Debacle

The present rash of abortions, 862,320 per year and 61,628,584 since legalization in 1973, is the greatest, current, human rights violation in our country. The numbers alone shout for attention. In 1860, a year before the U.S. Civil War, the federal census noted 4 million slaves. That's 4 million people held hostage, deprived of their liberty and subjected to horrible conditions, both physical, moral, and spiritual. Vestiges of slavery continued beyond the 19th century, but at least we outlawed the practice through the Emancipation Proclamation of 1862 and followed by the 13th Amendment to the Constitution in 1865.

The present slaughter of the unborn shows little sign of abatement. Our Federal courts routinely strike down laws intended to slow or prevent abortion. Even laws to prevent so-called partial-birth abortion, that is, killing the child as it has partially left the birth canal have struggled.

Let us pray that we will end this horrible scourge on our land!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (Presiding):	Jonathan Ling
Leading Prayer:	Chad Chupek Tim Ashley
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.