

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

AUGUST 30, 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

Jesus Calling!
Luke 10:22

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."

Luke 10:22 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 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.

Les Bland has asked us to pray on his behalf for any sins that may stand between him and God. Les is missing Wanda terribly and wants to make sure there is nothing preventing him from seeing her again.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 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).
- Kathy Michaels** is suffering from lymphoma and will have surgery to place a medication port and a biopsy. She will have a PET scan and probably three rounds of chemo (friend of Michele Wilson).
- Don Tucker** has been taken to the hospital in Jasper due to problems with diverticulitis and a low sodium level (brother of Linda Farris).
- Allen and his wife** have been admitted to a drug addiction rehab facility. They have three small children (nephew of Marvetta Clevenger).

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.

Abortion: “I Have A Right To My Own Body”

By: Bryant Evans

The pro-life, pro-abortion debate is again center stage because of politics. It should have never left the front page. Americans abort almost a million children every year. That’s a tragedy beyond imagination. Yet it is accepted as a part of our society. In time, we pray that historians will list abortion among the great civil rights debates of our age.

Proponents of abortion are a mixed lot. Some allow for early abortions, before quickening, others to the point of viability, and some to the instant of birth and beyond. But almost all like to declare that abortion must be legal because women have a right to their own bodies. Abortion supporters should seriously reconsider their use of this specious argument.

No one has an absolute right to their own body

First, we belong to God. He is the Creator ([Genesis 1:1](#); [Genesis 1:27](#)). As such, he may declare what can, and cannot be done with our bodies. We may not commit adultery with our bodies ([Exodus 20:14](#); [Proverbs 6:29](#); [1 Corinthians 6:9](#); [Galatians 5:19](#)). In fact, we may not use our bodies for any sexually immoral practice. The civil laws of our land also restrict what we may do with our bodies. Drug and alcohol use is restricted. Public intoxication laws (and public decency laws) are enforced even in the absence of a victim. Prostitution is illegal in most places. Civil laws often change. In the past, adultery was a criminal act, as was homosexual behaviors. My point is that no absolute right to our bodies exist and never have. It is proper, ordinary, and historical for there to be restrictions on our actions and behaviors.

Ethicist Scott B. Rae adds that the fetus is not part of the woman’s body. He writes, “*It does not follow that just because the fetus is attached to its mother by an umbilical cord that the fetus is part of her in a way that denies its own separate identity.*” (Rae, *Moral Choices*, p. 139). The fetus is unique. That leads to the next important point.

No one has an absolute right to someone else’ body

Abortion supporters overlook and hope you will, too, the uniqueness of the life that women carry in the womb. That tiny embryo is life. It is a unique, human life that awaits birth. No one has a right to destroy that growing life. From the moment of conception, a unique DNA structure exists. Examination of that DNA reveals a human being. Nothing changes at birth. Even if one allows that a woman has an absolute right to *her* body, they cannot uphold that we have a right to someone else’s body. There is no right to take the life of another.

Some abortion supporters are demanding that a mother has the right to kill her child during the birthing process, i.e., while still in the birth canal, and even after the child is born! The idea of so-called *after-birth abortion* is gaining traction. A 2013 Ethics symposium featured a scholarly paper around the idea that “*(killing a newborn) should be permissible in all the cases where abortion is, including cases where the newborn is not disabled.*” (Giubilini & Minerva, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2012). At the time of publication, that was an outcry against their conclusions. But it is likely only a matter of time before mainstream culture accepts after-birth abortion.

Christians must oppose the killing of the most vulnerable among us. It is a classic application of the Golden Rule.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (Presiding):	Jonathan Ling
Leading Prayer:	Tim Kenney John Langham
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.