

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

SEPTEMBER 6, 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

Guest Speaker: Jeffrey King

Don't Drift Away

Hebrews 2:1-4

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:1-4 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 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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 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).

Father of Danny Velasquez is home recovering from COVID in California.

Kasey Witherington will have neck surgery on Wednesday (daughter of John & Sandra Sibley).

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 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.

God's Tear Bottle

By: Wayne Jackson for "*Christian Courier*"

Because of David's courageous defeat of the Philistine giant, Goliath, the shepherd boy of Bethlehem became a hero in Israel.

King Saul "set him over the men of war, and it was good in the sight of all the people" (1 Sam. 18:5). David's fame quickly spread as he traveled through the hamlets of Palestine. Women danced and sang, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

King Saul was hardly impressed with these musical eulogies. In fact, he was **very wrath**. And so, "Saul eyed David from that day and forward" (1 Sam. 18:7-9).

Consumed with envy, Saul began attempting to murder David. From place to place, he pursued him.

How dark and depressing must these days have been to that noble Hebrew youth.

The inspired penman of First Samuel informs us that on one occasion, David (perhaps in desperation) fled to the king of Gath in hostile Philistine territory. Quite possibly he was confined for a while because the sacred narrative characterizes him as being **in their hands** from which he eventually **escaped** to Adullam (1 Sam. 21:13; 22:1).

What tearful times these were!

Later, David penned two psalms relating to the incident just mentioned — Psalms 35 and 56. To this latter passage, we now call attention.

"Put My Tears in Your Bottle"

The superscription of Psalms 56 asserts that it is a psalm of David, "when the Philistines took him in Gath."

Though these superscriptions are not a part of the original text, nevertheless, they do reflect great antiquity, antedating even the Septuagint. This is the Greek translation of the Old Testament dated around the third century B.C.

In this period of crisis, the psalmist pleads:

"Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;
All the day long an attacker oppresses me;
My enemies trample me all day long;
For many attack me proudly."

Then, in recounting the heart-breaking episodes of the past, David says:

"You have kept count of my wanderings;
Put my tears in your bottle;
Are they not in your book?"

David knows that the Lord has been mindful of his fugitive perils.

Though the shepherd boy had been driven relentlessly into hiding, God had kept count of his wanderings. The meaning is, Jehovah had been **intimately aware** of all the dangers confronting David.

In the language of Job, he might well have asked: "Does he not see my ways, and number all my steps?" (Job 31:4). Our Lord Jesus, using a similar figure, assures us that the very hairs of our heads are **all numbered** (Matt. 10:30).

The concern of the Almighty for his children is so utterly complete!

Our heavenly Father is truly a God of compassion. Paul, in describing the tender feelings of sympathy which the Lord has for those in distress, says that he is "the God of all comfort" (2 Cor. 1:3).

"As a father shows compassion to his children, so Jehovah shows compassion to those who fear him" (Psa. 103:13).

And so, David implores: "Put my tears in your bottle."

The psalmist beseeches his Maker to be mindful of his tears, to treasure them up as men might preserve costly liquids. How magnificently graphic! How brimming with comfort!

We are reminded of King Hezekiah's grief, and Jehovah's response thereto: "I have heard thy prayers, I have seen thy tears" (2 Kings 20:5).

Is it not wonderful to know, when our hearts are laden with sorrow, there is one who is never too busy to truly care? Heartaches may go unnoticed by others, but not by Him.

Therefore, "Cast your burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain thee" (Psa. 55:22).

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (Presiding):	Scott Kelly
Leading Prayer:	Fritz Saint-Louis James Day
Leading Singing	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Logan Ling

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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.