

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 4, 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  
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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

Send the Light

**Guest Speaker: Jeffrey King**  
**2 Corinthians 4:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**2 Corinthians 4:5-6 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: Church1209.

**Tuesday:**

**Men's Bible Class** 9 AM with Bryant.  
Meeting ID: 891 6895 7076. Password: 1209

**Wednesday:**

7 PM with Bryant. Meeting ID is 881 2390 1775.  
Password: Church1209

**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.

**Lads to Leaders:** will have Bible Bowl practice (Hebrews 2) today at 5 PM. We will practice social distancing with masks in place. Please see Jonathan or Susan Ling for any questions.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 10/05 James & Ann Christopher
- 10/09 Ed Johnson  
Tommy & Dawna Ratliff
- 10/14 Melinda Sanford
- 10/16 Bill Jones
- 10/17 Elizabeth Till
- 10/19 Susan McLaughlin  
Eli Ratliff
- 10/21 Garlin & Linda Farris
- 10/22 Lyndon Saint-Louis
- 10/23 James Christopher
- 10/25 Jacob Sanford
- 10/31 Elena McLaughlin

**Please keep in your prayers:**

**Julie Doughty** recovering from a fall and is having ongoing health problems (daughter of Jerry Doughty).

**Jeff King, Pattie Van Iderstine and Robert Cagle** are still recovering from surgery.

**Bill Jordan-** Dementia is progressing. Cards and calls to Carol are best.

**Susan Cagle-** pray for strength and comfort as she deals with health issues and taking care of her parents.

**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 Jacqueline 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.**

# “You Can’t Handle the Truth”

By: Bryant Evans

“You can’t handle the truth!” was the bellowed reply of Colonel Jessup (Jack Nicholson) in the 1992 movie *A Few Good Men*. It was an explosive instance. An aggressive prosecutor was investigating a death under his command, and Jessup was trying to cover for his men.

Many people today are in the same boat. They cannot, or will not, face the truth.

## Truth and the Bible

God’s word is true ([2 Samuel 7:28](#) [John 17:17](#)). “Every word of God proves true;” ([Proverbs 30:5](#)). God is true when all people are liars ([Romans 3:4](#)). Mounds and piles of statements from every kind of person could be stacked to the skies, but one word from God will show them false.

The truthfulness of God’s word is what sustains us in illness, death, pandemic, and storm. It does not vanish. It is a rock, a foundation that stabilizes our path.

Beyond its truth, it is eternal in effect. It might be true that a Shakespearean sonnet is beautiful, but what does that mean after a man dies? How do the words of The Bard transport you across the Great Gulf to eternity? They cannot. But God’s word is uniquely capable of paving your way into the world beyond with pure truth.

And there’s the problem.

## Truth and Culture

The world has more trust in itself than in truth. Media outlets pride themselves on reporting truth although their failure rate is high. Protestors have decided that they are right and everyone else is wrong. Rioters are so sure of their truth that they are willing to assault others in pursuit of their goals. I’m not sure what the pro-choice crowd is so sure of. They just “know” that the unborn is not worth very much.

Sometimes, culture is just dead wrong.

The world cannot handle the truth without making foundational changes in the way they do business. Truth is a hard master. It does not bend or change. Many thought wise have crashed upon the rock of truth. The great ship of culture sails through the shoals of truth ignoring its sharpened edges. The bottom of their boat is being shredded while all looks fine on the upper decks. They cannot combat the truth that is all around them. They cannot handle the truth.

The Bible says of Jesus that he is the same “*yesterday, today and forever*” ([Hebrews 13:8](#)). It’s good to have one thing that doesn’t change. His teachings today are the same as those given during his short window of work in Judaea. More than unchanging, it is true.

There are many today who cannot or will not handle the truth. We must be people who seek truth as a treasure. It is like the kingdom of heaven which Jesus compares to a “*treasure hidden in a field*” or a “*pearl of great value*” ([Matthew 13:44-46](#)). Truth, once found, must be applied. It does not sit upon the prideful mantle of our lives which we point to and declare that we have discovered it. It must be used to shape our lives into a holy people ([1 Peter 2:9](#)). Anything less than pure truth is deadly.

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (Presiding):	Sid Chupek
Leading Prayer:	Fritz Saint-Louis Robert Jones
Leading Singing	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Josh Ratliff

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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.