

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 11, 2020



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Elders

Sid Chupek
Scott Kelly
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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 Teaches Prayer
Luke 11:1-13

¹¹ When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. ¹² Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place." ¹³ But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people."

Luke 9:11-13 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: Church1209.

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Meet 7 PM at the building. Class will be streamed.

Saturday:

Ladies Monthly Bible Class
9 AM on the 3rd Saturday of every month
Meeting ID: 868 4220 0022. Password: 912419

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 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 is having ongoing health problems (daughter of Jerry Doughty).

Tim Kenney broke his collarbone in a bike accident.

Barbara King— has COVID (sister of Jeff King).

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.

Letter of thanks from Cindy Hatcher:

I have been so humbled by my newest catastrophe. It would be easy for me to become discouraged and throw up my hands in despair. However, I have seen Jesus each time people from this congregation has assisted me and encouraged me so I can continue the battle.

In the 18 days since the storm, there have been 1-4 people on any given day working hard at my home. "Thank You" seems like such a lame set of words to use but it's the best I have.

So thank you to the Saints at Eastern Shore for everything!

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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.

Lads to Leaders: will have Bible Bowl practice (Hebrews 3) today at 5 PM. We will practice social distancing with masks in place. Please see Jonathan or Susan Ling for any questions.

“20 Reasons: The Revealing of God”

By: Bryant Evans on June 12, 2009

I am a Christian because God has shown himself to me in many ways. It is because of his self-revelation that I not only know that he exists but that he cares for me. Bible stories that some call fantasy, fiction, myth or fairy tales are actually methods by which God shows his qualities and characteristics to his creation. Without a doubt, the stories are fantastic; they are needed to demonstrate God's power.

Taken by themselves, it might be hard to swallow but when one considers that the stories are contained within a book of extreme accuracy and verifiable truth, they become an understandable part of the Revelation of God. Each great event tells us something about God. For example, when God walked through the garden of Eden looking for and speaking to the first couple, we understand that as demonstrating the very close and personal relationship he enjoyed with his people before sin. But let's look at some specifics of the revelation of God.

Natural Revelation

Paul knows God exists because there is evidence of his existence. Read carefully his words from Romans 1.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who, by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world. (Romans 1:18, 19)

The apostle charges that men are without excuse because they have ignored the obvious signs of God in nature. Even before they read a word of Scripture they are already lost because they have ignored fundamental evidence of a creator and “*suppress the truth*.” They have pushed the very idea of God from their minds. They have rejected, ignored, discounted, scandalized, laughed at and hidden the truth from themselves. Therefore, there is little the Bible can do, in that mental environment, to convince, convict, change and convert their hearts

David was well aware of the presence of God apart from anything other than nature. “*The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims his handiwork*” (Psalm 19:1). Is it not common for mankind to be taken aback by the stunning beauty of nature? Consider the ever changing sunset, the always rolling sea, the delicate curves of a rose, the exquisite beauty of a star-filled night sky or the immensity of the great mountain ranges. There was one who designed it all and gave it existence. Although some scientists suppress the truth and try to replace it with their theories; the design of nature shouts the existence of the mighty God of heaven.

Special Revelation

While nature tells us there is a creator it falls to that creator to reveal the details of his nature. We call this, “special revelation.” As we read through Scripture we believe its grand stories to be true because we have already come to believe in a mighty creator of some sort by observing nature. What we read in Scripture is consistent with, and does not in any way conflict with, what we have observed in nature. ***This combination of reading and observing is the foundation of faith upon which we stand.*** Read with close attention, Romans 10:17: “*So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.*” While we may believe in a creator of some kind apart from Scripture, it is the reading (or hearing) of Scripture that actually builds faith.

Let us think for a moment of the great flood of Genesis in Genesis 6-9. In summation we are told that the world was wicked and that God chose to destroy all life on the planet except for a few who were saved through his instructions in a large boat or ark. While this is a fantastic story and stretches the imagination, it is perfectly consistent with what we observe about God in nature. Our reasoning might look something like this:

1. There is evidence of a creation force which we know because we observe such evidence in the world around us;
2. This force must be incredibly powerful to have created the world from nothing;
3. This same force could easily destroy what he made with his own hands.
4. Therefore, the story of the Noahic flood is believable.

You see, once we accept the concept of an almighty creator the rest simply flows forward. We believe there is a creator and we believe he has revealed himself to us.

To be honest, this is a simplification and maybe even an over-simplification but it is nonetheless true. So much hinges on the belief in a creator as seen in nature. But a fuller discussion is beyond the scope of this article. I only want to show that the grand stories of the Bible become very real and acceptable to those who have not accepted the suppression of the truth.

I Learn Great Things from Great Stories

What follows is a very fast listing of some of the things I know about God from the magnificent stories found in Scripture. The list is not intended to be exhaustive instead it is a quick way to demonstrate how we learn from the narratives in the Bible.

- Noah and the Ark teaches me that God hates sin, loves righteousness and saves those who obey him.
- The 10 Plagues of Egypt teaches me that God always makes good on his word and will save those who honor him while punishing those who reject him.
- The Crossing of the Red Sea/Crossing of the Jordan River teaches me that God is able to deliver his people.
- The Giving of the 10 Commandments teaches me of God's holiness and my inability to approach him on my own.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and the Fiery Furnace teaches me that I will suffer for obeying God but he will deliver me.
- Daniel and the Lions Den teaches me that kings and governors are no match for the living God.
- The Crucifixion of Jesus teaches me that God has deep fountains of love just for me and was even willing to sacrifice his own son for me at a time when I was especially hard to love.
- The Resurrection of Jesus teaches me that death is temporary and in the control of Jesus Christ.

Yes, the great Bible stories teach me much!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (Presiding):	Sid Chupek
Leading Prayer:	James Day Jerry Brown
Leading Singing	Noah Evans
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.