

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 18, 2020



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## Elders

Sid 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

### Conquering the Strong Man

Luke 11:21-23

<sup>21</sup> When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup> but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

**Luke 11:21-23 ESV**



Visit our Facebook page  
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:**

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**

- 10/19 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
  
- 11/02 Linda Jones
- 11/03 Sid Chupek
- 11/07 Jo Ann McDonald
- 11/10 Lynd Saint-Louis
- 11/14 James & Becky Day
- 11/15 John Langham
- 11/18 Johnnie McLaughlin
- 11/20 Jacquelyne King
- 11/21 Bill Jordan
- 11/24 Dakota Clevenger  
James Day
- 11/25 Johnnie & Susan McLaughlin
- 11/26 Anna Sharpe

Please keep in your prayers:

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

**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 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.**

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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 4) today at 5 PM. We will practice social distancing with masks in place. Please see Jonathan or Susan Ling for any questions.

Join Us For

**Trunk  
or  
Treat**



October 31st

6:00—7:00 PM  
Decorate your trunk, bring candy and enjoy an evening with family and friends.  
Open for all ages.

See Jonathan or Susan Ling for any questions.

# “Dual Citizenship”

By: Bryant Evans on May 26, 2013

It is said that Christians have dual citizenship; they live in this country and in God's kingdom simultaneously. The idea is that while we are Christians we are also Americans and thereby have allegiances to each. Our life is divided between the spiritual and the civic

Let's think about that because it might not be true.

As Christians we are part of a kingdom that is not of this world ([John 18:36](#)). We have been translated into Jesus' kingdom ([Colossians 1:13, 14](#)), are adopted into His family ([Romans 8:15](#)) and added to the church ([Acts 2:41, 47](#)).

The church is the kingdom as seen in Matthew 16:18, 19 where the text speaks of the church and the kingdom which are both still in the future. The kingdom was promised by John as being “*at hand*” ([Matthew 3:2](#)) and Jesus preached the same message during his earthly mission ([Matthew 4:17](#)). Matthew chapter 13 contains many mentions of the “*kingdom of heaven*” as He prepared His hearers for its imminent arrival. Those in the church are in the kingdom of God's dear Son ([Colossians 1:13](#)).

Christians are obviously residents in this world. Whether in the USA or some other country, Christians are residents somewhere and have obligations. We are responsible to pay taxes and obey the laws of the nation. Such obligations are not to be taken lightly. Jesus taught that we are to “*render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and render unto God the things that are God's*” ([Matthew 22:21](#)). We are “*subject to the governing authorities*” says Paul in Romans 13:1. There is no excuse for ignoring our earthly obligations to the state.

However, our allegiances to the country and to Christ's kingdom are not equal.

We are Christians first and everything else second. There is no national law that supersedes the laws of Christ's kingdom. When confronted with conflicting laws, Peter and John said, “*We must obey God rather than men*” ([Acts 5:29](#)). It is not simply the laws that may conflict. This world has an allure that clashes with God's kingdom. Just like laws that conflict, we must be ready to reject the sparkle and glow in favor of the kingdom. Jesus was tempted by Satan with things this world holds dear, food, power and possessions, but he rejected every one in deference to God's word ([Matthew 4:1 ff](#)).

You see, Christians are pilgrims ([1 Peter 2:11, KJV](#)). We are only passing through. Like travelers visiting a country and then returning home, we are only here for a while ([James 4:14](#)). While traveling we are expected to obey the laws of our host country but we are not overly concerned with local details. Our desire is to go home. Paul, thinking of the Christian as a soldier, says: “*No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him*” ([2 Timothy 2:4](#)).

In our fleshly world, a traveler will show interest in his destination but as a true patriot he loves his home and longs to return. Likewise, we look for the return of our Lord and a new home ([John 14:1-4; Hebrews 11:10](#)). Our love is not of the country we are visiting but of our home. How could John say it any plainer? “*Do not love the world of the things in the world*” ([1 John 2:15](#)). James is even stronger: “*Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God*” ([James 4:4](#)).

Our lives really are not divided between spiritual and civic. There is the Kingdom of Christ only. Everything else, including the United States is a distant second. Dear brethren, let your first passions be for the kingdom of Christ and not for the flag. Many brave men and women fought and died for the USA but only one died for your eternal salvation. Let us keep our priorities true.

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (Presiding):	Sid Chupek
Leading Prayer:	Scott Lloyd John Langham
Leading Singing	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Caleb 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.