

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 25, 2020



Minister: Bryant Evans **Youth Minister:** Jonathan Ling

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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

Filling a Void: The Parable of an Empty House
Luke 11:24-26

²⁴ "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

Luke 11:24-26 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 and click on the link to join:

Sunday:

Ladies Bible Class: 5 PM with Cindy Hatcher.
Meeting ID: 226 263 641. Password: 070248

Adult Bible Class 5 PM with Bryant.
Meeting ID is 881 2390 1775. Password: Church1209.

Lads to Leaders 5 PM at the church building.
Bible Bowl practice will be on Hebrews 5.

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

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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.



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.

Mobile Christian Pecan Sale If you would like to support the school and buy some pecans, please contact Erin Chupek at (251) 583-2016. You may call or text her your order. Orders and money are due by Oct. 30th.

Bag of pieces: \$11.00
Halves are \$11.50

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 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).

Tim Kenney— recovering from surgery on his collarbone.

Robert Cagle— is home recovering from surgery on his knee.

Jerry Davidson— fell last Sunday and will be in a rehab facility for awhile.

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.

Holiday Food Boxes Our holiday food program for is fast approaching! We hope to distribute boxes at a total cost of \$60.00 per box. If you can help with this community outreach, make your donation to the church, noting that it is FOR food. Any amount donated would be appreciated and will go directly to the purchase food.

We will be assembling the boxes on Nov. 15th.

“It’s Time to Change Social Media!”

By: Bryant Evans

Something has got to give with social media. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and more are at the heart of the discord in our country. Sadly Christians are prolifically spreading rumors and outright falsehoods. Others do it too, but we should be better than that. I want to use my little platform to call for a commitment to Christian principles by every brother or sister who uses any form of social media.

I commit to spend more time in Bible study than on social media.

Why would we spend more time on Facebook than in the Bible? Is there more truth on Instagram than in Scripture? Will Twitter make your life better than the Gospels? The psalmist wrote, *“the sum of your word is truth”* (Psalm 119:160). Jesus said, *“your word is truth”* (John 17:17).

I know this is a problem because I have been there. As soon as you get out of bed, you grab your phone and begin scrolling through Facebook, don’t you? I did. How many times during the day do you sneak a peek at Twitter? I’m guilty! We could spend those minutes in the word of God!

I commit to be the salt of the earth as Jesus instructed, not vinegar.

Matthew 5:13. Jesus calls us to be salty. We must flavor and enhance all our contacts. Sometimes, vinegar is the right ingredient but only occasionally. Many of our contacts are unlearned in ethical, moral, and spiritual matters, so do not blast them with a cup vinegar; use a pinch of salt instead.

Notice how gentle Jesus was with sinners. Think of the woman caught in adultery in John 8 or tax collector Zaccheus. What about the sinful woman of Luke 7 who broke an alabaster vial to anoint Jesus for his burial? Jesus was so kind to these. His words were careful to heal and draw them closer. To be sure, there is a place for a strong rejoinder. Matthew 23 records one rebuke after another for the religious leaders. Still, choose your words carefully and let your words be soft. *“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger”* (Proverbs 15:1).

I commit to reading every story before I like it or share it.

This is the greatest challenge on social media. Earlier this month, Twitter announced that you are required to add commentary to re-tweets. It’s hoped that you will slow down and consider what you are sharing rather than just blasting through some saucy words that appeal to your baser instincts.

Before passing along a story and endorsing its contents, you absolutely must read the entire story. Otherwise, you will find yourself horribly embarrassed. Most troubling is when others know you are a Christian, and they associate some awful story with your Lord!

I commit to never share nor like any story or meme that contains vulgarity or course language.

Another reason to read every story is to avoid being embarrassed by vulgar or coarse language. And, yes, it has happened to me.

Many think vulgarity is the norm today. Our president regularly uses such language, as do other leaders. Athletes think nothing of foul talk, and even their coaches are often seen on the sidelines blasting out evil talk. We know because we can read lips. Music artists long ago crossed the line and recently have plunged even deeper into profane and gross language. Why would we give any support to any of this? We are Christians, and we must be different (1 Peter 2:1-10). Peter says to put away *“evil speaking”* and remember that we are *“children of God.”* Paul said it this way, *“Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving”* (Ephesians 5:4).

I’ll add that social media may color our personal conversations. By exposing yourself to vulgarity and profanity, you pollute the well of your thoughts.

I commit to never share or like any story or meme that I personally do not know to be true.

A not-insignificant reason for the division in our country today is the professional and semi-professional media. If you read and post on social media, you are able to use the vast resources of the internet to confirm any story that comes your way. Make it your goal to seek out better sources for news other than Fox and CNN. Find reliable media outlets and thoroughly read every article before you share it!

Passing along false or misleading reports is gossip, slander, and lying. While you may not intend to deceive, you do. In passing along false reports, you also contribute to the uproar and division in our world. Is that what you want?

I commit to reject the chaos of social media and instead will be an advocate of peace.

Profound division marks our culture. There is little discussion of issues but an abundance of *ad hominem* attacks and criticisms. Nothing is accomplished in the public square because of our distrust and dislike of one another. Violence will only grow worse if God’s people continue to contribute to the habitat of hatred that is our present age.

Jesus declared that peacemakers are the *“sons of God”* (Matthew 5:9). His brother, James, wrote that *“a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace”* (James 5:9). Paul said peace identifies the kingdom of God (Romans 14:17-19), and he prayed for God’s peace to be upon us all (Romans 15:33). Jesus did say that he came not to bring peace but a sword (Luke 12:51). Does anyone really think he would approve of this mess with which we have surrounded ourselves? Would Jesus share the sort of sleaze we pass around today?

We are children of the King! We can and must do better.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (Presiding):	Sid Chupek
Leading Prayer:	Jeff King Kent Purser
Leading Singing	Jesse Olive
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.