

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 2, 2022



**Minister:** Bryant Evans

**Associate Minister:** Jeffery King

**Youth Minister:** Noah Evans

**Minister, Awarawaunau Church of Christ in Guyana:** Elvis Bernard



**Thank you for joining us today at Eastern Shore Church of Christ!**  
Whether you are a long-time member here or a visitor, we are thrilled to have you. Please be sure to stick around following services so we can get to know you a little better, and let us know if we can do anything for you!

## Elders

Sid Chupek  
Scott Kelly  
John Langham  
Jonathan Ling

## Deacons

Chad Chupek  
Scott Lloyd  
Peter Verrett  
Jesse Olive

## Sunday

Worship 10 AM  
Bible Study 5 PM

## Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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## Today's Sermon

### **A Knock at Midnight**

**Speaker: Jeffery King**

**Luke 11:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; <sup>6</sup> For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

**Luke 11:5-6 KJV**



We have a wide variety of events, such as game nights, trips to various local events, singings, and devotionals for all ages.

**See more  
details inside the bulletin!**

## Today's Events:

**L2L Bible Bowl Practice** at 5:45 PM on Ezra 3-4.

### Homecoming Day at Flomaton Church of Christ

Oct. 2nd, 11 AM and 2 PM

Guest Speaker: Billy Lambert

More info is on the bulletin board across from the library.

### Gospel Meeting at Leonard Street Church of Christ, Oct. 2nd, Guest Speaker: Victor Eskew

More info is on the bulletin board across from the library.

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## Events for this week:

### Tuesday:

**Men's Weekly Brown Bag Bible Study**, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

### Wednesday:

**Wonderful Wednesday Meal**, 5:45 PM

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall.

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## Next Sunday:

**L2L Bible Bowl Practice** at 5:45 PM on Ezra 5-6.

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We will be sending care packages to our out of town college students. Suggested items such as candy, homemade baked goodies, popcorn, gift cards, snacks, etc. are needed for our 7 students. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



See Susan Cagle for questions. Deadline for items is Oct. 19th.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/05 James & Ann Christopher

10/09 Ed Johnson

Tommy & Dawna Ratliff

10/14 Melinda Sanford

10/15 Aaron Ashley

10/16 Andrew Ashley

10/19 Susan McLaughlin

Eli Ratliff

10/21 Garlin & Linda Farris

10/23 James Christopher

## Thanksgiving Meal

We need a head count of anyone interested in having a meal together on Thanksgiving day here at the building. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall.

## Ladies Weekly Bible Study

Cindy will start teaching this class on Oct. 28th. It will be held every Friday from 1-2 PM. We will be studying "Mastering the Ancient World" by Beth Brown. Please let Glenda know if you will be attending so she can order your book.

## Holiday Food Boxes

If you know of a family in need for a food box, please submit names to Glenda. We will be packing both Thanksgiving & Christmas boxes on Nov. 13th. Deadline for names is Wednesday, Oct. 19th.

**Our deepest sympathy is extended** to Jamie Langham in the passing of her sister, Martha Whiteside. Services are today in Columbia, TN.

## Mark Your CALENDAR



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| 10/09 | L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 5:45 PM on Ezra 5-6.   |
| 10/11 | Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall   |
| 10/14 | Primetimers, 6:30 PM at the home of Patrice Kenney. Please bring finger foods and drinks. |
| 10/15 | Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.                               |
| 10/16 | Youth Area Wide at Margaret Street.   |
| 10/18 | Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall   |
| 10/19 | Deadline for College Student Care Packages and names for Holiday Food Boxes.              |
| 10/22 | Wedding reception for Ryan Purser & Rebekah Werling, 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.         |
| 10/23 | L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 5:45 PM on Ezra 7-8.   |

# Part 1 of 2: The Church That Drove Jesus Out

By: Wayne Jackson for “*Christian Courier*”

One of the most terrifying passages in the New Testament reads:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me (Rev. 3:20).

## The Background

In order to appreciate the significance of the foregoing verse, one must know something of the background. Jesus sent letters to seven congregations of his people throughout Asia Minor. We may assume that these churches were typical of that day, and even of our own time. Generally (but with some exception), the letters contained a mixture of praise and rebuke.

The final epistle, to Laodicea, was pure censure (3:14-22). It is within this context that the Savior depicted himself as being outside the pale of fellowship with this group. What a strange and tragic situation! There are a number of very important truths to be gleaned from this passage.

## The Ousted Savior

Christ is standing at the door, knocking to obtain entrance. The verb “stand” is a perfect tense form, suggesting that the Lord had been at the door for some time, and had remained there. He had not given up on these wayward saints.

Too, “knock” is a present tense verb; the Savior continued to rap on their door. Interestingly, “knock” is from *krouo*, to knock with the knuckles, as opposed to *koptein*, to hit with a heavy blow (Thayer, 362). The Lord wanted entrance, but he was not about to pound the door open.

It is a matter of amazement that the Son of God stands on the outside of his own congregation. In view of the great sacrifice which the Lord made to purchase the church (Acts 20:28), and the love he sustains for his spiritual body (Eph. 5:25ff), why is he estranged from these people? The reason is obvious — they drove him out!

Here is a point worthy of fearful contemplation. A congregation of the Lord’s people can get so rotten that he will sever fellowship with them. Does the doctrine of once-saved, always-saved make any sense in view of this passage?

## Deadly Ignorance

One of the more frightening features of this case is the fact that Christ had severed his communion with this church, and yet they were totally oblivious to this grim situation. Elsewhere in the letter, Jesus chided the group for their prideful boasting regarding wealth. And then he said:

[You] know not that you are the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked (17).

One wonders how many churches today are priding themselves on their magnificent edifices and exciting “programs” — only to be wholly unaware that the Savior has departed from their midst.

cold dead, like most of those in Sardis (3:1), but they had no measurable zeal. They appear not to have been proponents of flagrant false doctrine, but they certainly would not have opposed such. They were “keeping house.”

The Laodicean church might well have been one of the most popular religious movements in the city. But they rocked no boats; created no ripples. They were a sorry mass of jellyfish do-nothings. Little wonder that they made the Lord nauseous.

To be continued....

**Please keep in your prayers:**

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

**Richard Davis** has to have dialysis three times a week.

**Ed Johnson** is undergoing tests for possible cancer. He will have an MRI on October 13th.

**Tom Busby** fell last week (father of Patrice Kenney).

**Ricky Hovater** was admitted to USA Hospital with post op wound infection.

**Please remember our friends and loved ones who are fighting cancer:**

**Mike Sanford, Jamie Langham, Gus Stranch** (great nephew of Patti Van Iderstine), **Jeff Stewart** (friend of Jerry Doughty), **Sarah Kennedy, Jim Bose and Betty Carter** (friends of Patti Van Iderstine), **Darnell Jackson** (mother of Jaqueline King), **James Doughty** (brother of Jerry Doughty), **Angela Flit** (cousin of Dwight Isenhower), **Will Scott and Paul Thorkelson** (friends of Dwight & Julia Isenhower), **Aaron Bell** (Youth Minister of Valley View church & a friend of the Sanford's), **Wanda Bobinger** (cousin of Patti Van Iderstine), **Joe Smith** (brother of Sherran Brown), **Margaret Tucker** (Sister-In-Law of Linda Farris), **Donna Ellison** (mother of Amanda Olive), **Shea Hovater** (Sister-In-Law of Rickie & Sharon Hovater), **Will Scott** (friend of Dwight Isenhower).

**Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:**

**MaeBelle Perry, Lum Morrison, James & Ann Christopher, Don & Phyllis Gill, and Jane Betts.**

**Privileged to Serve**

Greeters:	Hunter & Mary Carol Harp
Usher:	Hunter Harp
Jr. Usher:	Luke Olive
Communion:	Glenda Verrett
Building Lockup:	Burl Hill
Treasurer Assistants:	Jesse Olive and William Hill

**Sunday Morning**

Lord's Table (presiding):	Noah Evans
(serving):	Peter Verrett
	Tim Ashley
	Logan Ling
	Josh Ratliff
Leading Prayer:	John Langham
	Sid Chupek
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans
Scripture Reading:	Eli Ratliff

**Wednesday Evening**

Leading Prayer:	Kent Purser
	William Hill
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff

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