

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

AUGUST 1, 2021



Minister: Bryant 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
Tim Kenney
Scott Lloyd

Sunday

Worship 10 AM

Bible Study 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Today's Sermon

While Men Slept

Guest Speaker: Jeffrey King

Matthew 13:24-25

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

Matthew 13:24-25 ESV



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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**.

Events for this week:

Tuesday:

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

Primetimers Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Open for all ages. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

Saturday:

L2L Service Project, we will be cleaning up the playground at Fairhope West Elementary School. Please see Dawna Ratliff for questions.

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We need volunteers to help with transportation for Ray & Beatrice Rogers. Sign-up sheet is next to the family board.

New address for Gail Bush:

1903 Auburn Ave.
Bay Minette, AL 36507

The Lighthouse is looking for Ladies interested in dedicating time to victims of Sexual Assault. This volunteer opportunity is unique to others. The volunteers are required to sit through a training, provide emergency and crisis response, and be an advocate for the victims. Because this is a professional volunteer-ship, the individuals who desire to volunteer with The Lighthouse will be asked to go through an interview process that would ensure their desires and capabilities to demonstrate the tasks that would be required of them. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old. The volunteers are trained, equipped, and then ready to help victims.

"I am reaching out to my church family because I know that their hearts are pure and their intentions are good." If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Mary Carol Cagle at 251-209-9987.

Mary Carol Cagle, MSW
Sexual Assault Services Manager
The Lighthouse, A United Way Agency
Direct line: 251-947-4393
bcfvsac@gulftel.com



Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/01 Linda Farris
08/02 Gail Bush
08/04 MaeBelle Perry
08/06 Peter Verrett
08/11 Brenda Davis
08/13 Holland Chupek
TR & Marvetta Clevenger
Fred & Jackie Hicks
08/14 Nelda Sanford
08/16 Ann Christopher

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Carol and the Cagle family in the passing of Bill Jordan. Our brother will be greatly missed.

Mark Your CALENDAR



- 08/10 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 08/14 Senior Fellowship Dinner, 4:30 PM, Location TBD.
- 08/15 Youth Area Wide at Azalea City. Meet at the church building at 3:45 PM.
- 08/17 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 08/21 Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item.
Youth Game Night, 6 PM at the church building.
- 08/22 L2L Kickoff following our evening Bible Study.
- 08/24 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 08/29 5th Sunday Friends & Family Day. Please bring a meal and drinks to share with everyone.
- 08/31 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 09/07 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Primetimers Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Open to all ages. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 09/09 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 AM. Location TBD. Please see Linda Farris for any questions.
- 09/11 Senior Fellowship Dinner, 4:30 PM, Location TBD.

What Camp Cannot Do

By: Bryant Evans

Christian youth camp is an unparalleled spiritual event for young people. Thousands travel to camps across the world every summer to spend time with other, like-minded youth while growing their faith. A Biblically sound camp is far superior to band camps, football camps, or scout camps. I've been involved in camps or retreats for almost 50 years as a youth and now as an adult. They simply cannot be beaten. Every year at the camp I attend, dozens respond, asking for prayers and desiring baptism.

Despite the impact of Christian camping, there are some things that camp cannot do.

Camp Cannot Stop Temptation.

Temptation is the bane of every disciple's existence. From Adam and Eve until today, temptation attacks every believer. Even our Lord himself was tempted (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1-13). If Jesus can be tempted, surely we are vulnerable too. Nevertheless, we know that temptation is not the same as sin. Jesus was tempted but without sin (Hebrews 4:15). Paul reminds us that we are not forced to sin (1 Corinthians 10:12, 13). Sin is a choice that arises from temptation. James says it this way: our desires produce temptation, leading to sin and then sin leading to death (James 1:14, 15). We can avoid some temptations but not all of them. Without a doubt, our campers are tempted once home. Camp strives to encourage and give ways to avoid sin, but it takes continued encouragement from the family and the church.

Camp Cannot Make a Christian

During my days at Freed-Hardeman, I served on the dean's disciplinary committee. I observed many students sent to a Christian college to "be fixed" by the school. Likewise, troubled young people are sometimes sent to camp for spiritual repair. Camp cannot, in a week, undo 51 other weeks of spiritual neglect by parents and local churches. Hear me, parents! Children need 24/7/365 spiritual nourishment. Christian camps and youth ministers can never substitute for godly parents. God's best method of turning children into faithful adults is the faithful example of parents. Camp is a small, albeit important part, of their growth.

Camp Cannot Make a Local Community

There is something special about youth camp. It's either hot or rainy, dusty or muddy. Showers seem to be optional for some. To get to camp, you travel to the end of the earth, past the last cell tower, jump off the edge and then turn right. The singing is heavenly, and the Bible study excellent. For a week, we are all part of a unique, sequestered community. But we all need more. The local congregation must be a community of believers involved in one another's lives. Youth must never feel like they are fringe elements. They are workers for the Lord, just like the rest of us. Help them to grow into greater roles in the church. We will answer how we aid the young in their maturing lives.

I am a believer in Christian camping, but it cannot do everything a young person needs. Parents are essential to the growth of their children, as are other local church members. This generation faces a level of worldly confusion and chaos with which we did not have to deal. Despite their vulnerabilities, which are many, our young people are among the finest I have ever had the privilege to work with. They are struggling to stay afloat; they need our help.

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Don Kelly is recovering from a stroke (brother of Scott Kelly).

Faye Pirtle— recovering from back surgery.

Danny Mills— has pneumonia with COVID (of the Tuscaloosa church).

Ann Christopher— is recovering from a stroke.

Rebekah Perry— has tested positive for COVID.

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

Jamie Langham, Mike Sanford, Gus Stranch (great nephew of Patti Van Iderstine), **Jeff Stewart** (friend of Jerry Doughty), **Sharon Vandevender** (wife of Donna Neu's nephew), **Sarah Kennedy, Dot Oubre and Jim Bose** (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, Jim Cox and Paul Thorkelson** (friends of Dwight & Julia Isenhower), **James Henderson** (brother of Faye Pirtle), **Aaron Bell** (Youth Minister of Valley View church & a friend of the Sanford's), **Linda Widder** (Student of the Bible Correspondence Course with Madison Church of Christ), **Wanda Bobinger** (cousin of Patti Van Iderstine), **Mark Byers** (friend of Scott & Sandy Kelly), **Mary Neely Hopkins** (sister of Jamie Langham).

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:

MaeBelle Perry, Lum Morrison, Elizabeth Till, James & Ann Christopher, Bill & Carol Jordan, and Don & Phyllis Gill.

Privileged to Serve

Greeters:	Bill & Dianne Jones
Usher:	James Day
Jr. Usher:	Eli Ratliff
Communion:	Glenda Verrett
Building Lockup:	Peter Verrett
Treasurer Assistants:	Chad Chupek and Scott Lloyd

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Jonathan Ling
(serving):	Tony Jackson
	Ricky Hovater
	Logan Ling
	Hunter Harp
Leading Prayer:	Robert Cagle
	Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Josh Ratliff

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	George Owens
	James Day
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff

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