

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



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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
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Sunday

Worship 10 AM
Bible Study 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Today's Sermon

What Happens Next

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

Luke 16: 19-23 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 today:

Area Wide Youth at Gulf Shores church of Christ. The van will leave the church building at 3:45 PM if you need a ride. Please see Noah Evans for details.

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Events for this week:

Tuesday:

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

Saturday:

Youth Game Night, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

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Next Sunday:

Lads to Leaders: will have Bible Bowl practice following our fellowship meal.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Plan to attend and please bring a meal to share!



NEXT SUNDAY— FOLLOWING OUR SERVICE

Birthdays & Anniversaries

09/19 Tony Jackson
09/21 Mike Sanford
09/22 Rickie & Sharon Hovater
09/24 Barbara Stewart
09/25 Seth Ratliff
09/26 Joy Hill
09/27 Jerry Brown
09/28 William Hill
Colby Sanford
09/29 Gerald Seales
09/30 David & Rebekah Perry

Hurricane Ida Relief: Our contribution last Sunday of \$11, 037.33 plus an additional \$10,000 was sent to LaPlace church of Christ in Louisiana to assist with cleanup. Thank you for your generous donations in this effort.

Mark Your **CALENDAR**

- 09/19 Area Wide Youth at Gulf Shores, meet at the building at 3:45 PM to ride the church van.
- 09/21 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 09/25 Youth Game Night, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods & drinks.
- 09/26 L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 4:30 pm on Joshua 4-6.
Mark Your Calendar Meeting following our evening Bible Study. Please bring finger foods & drinks.
- 09/28 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

“Part 1 of 2: Our Own Crucifixion”

By: Bryant Evans

Have you read Galatians 5:16-26? If you've not read it recently, please pause and go and read it right now then return to this article.

This paragraph sets forth an important contrast between the flesh and the spirit. In this context, flesh is bad. It is the worldly side of man; it is against the things of God. However, the spirit is all about God. It is about goodness in our everyday lives. There are three very important takeaways that arise from these words.

The Clash

Immediately, Paul observes the conflict between the flesh and the spirit. It is impossible to live a Godly, spirit filled life while pursuing the gratification of our fleshly desires. To do so, is like the old saying which speaks of a person with one foot in the world and one foot in the church. Such as a balancing act that is certain to end in trouble. Some of the most miserable people I have ever known have been those who tried to be godly people while maintaining a separate life in the world.

In Romans 13:14, Paul writes, *“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”* Now think about that for a moment. Don't worry about the things that satisfy the body. Instead focus on the things of Christ. That's quite a challenge! But it is in perfect harmony with what Jesus himself said, *“do not be anxious about your life...”* (Matthew 6:25). Some translations say, *“don't worry about your life.”* When we worry about our lives, when we focus on trying to satisfy the things that we want, we become distracted from the important spiritual things of life.

When I spend all my time trying to earn a few more dollars so that I might have a nicer home for a nicer automobile, I take away time from spirit led activities.

The Crop

Seeds produce after their kind. In the very next chapter, Paul will remind us of this unchanging principle. Whatever you plant, that is what you will reap (Galatians 6:7). Paul is not talking about planting peas, corn, squash, okra, or any other garden vegetable. He's talking about planting seed that is fleshly or seed that is worldly.

Works of the Flesh

Now, back in chapter 5 Paul list the outcome of a worldly life versus the outcome of a spiritual life. The first three products of a worldly life in Galatians 5: 19, have to do with unrestrained sexual behavior. I think you would agree that our society is marked by such unbridled behavior. Rampant fornication and adultery, militant homosexuality, and the rising acceptance of transgenderism, are evidence of a fleshly lead world.

The next two works of the flesh detailed in verse 20, idolatry and sorcery, are both assaults upon the glory of God. The worshiping of idol, pagan gods was common in the Roman Empire. Worshipers ignored the creator and worshiped images made by the hands of men. Likewise, sorcery or magic, was frequently practiced. Simon, in Acts 8, and Elymas, in Acts 13, are two examples of such practitioners in the Bible. Simon left his sorcery while Elymas was miraculously blinded by Paul because of his practice.

The worship of pagan gods such as those in Hindu and Buddhism is spreading in the Western Hemisphere. Sorcery is somewhat prevalent in the Caribbean and South American and is gaining a foothold even here in the deep South. The practice of voodoo is well-established in New Orleans, while Santeria is found among many Cuban immigrants in Mexico and the southeastern United States.

The remaining works of the flesh, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, all reflect corruption of the human spirit. Recall that when man was created by God, he, along with all of creation, was pronounced *“very good”* (Genesis 1:31). Like everything else in creation, man's spirit was very good. Once sin entered the world in Genesis 3, man would be lured into its corrupting influences. Hence, these works of the flesh are well known today.

These characteristics should never be named among the followers of Jesus.

To be continued next week.....

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Mike Martin– is in room 2308 at Thomas Hospital recovering from surgery.

Cindy Hatcher– is home with 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), **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), **Mary Neely Hopkins** (sister of Jamie Langham).

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:

MaeBelle Perry, Lum Morrison, Elizabeth Till, James & Ann Christopher, Don & Phyllis Gill and Sue Long.

Privileged to Serve

Greeters:	Rickie & Sharon Hovater
Usher:	Peter Verrett
Building Lockup:	Sid Chupek
Treasurer Assistants:	Peter Verrett and Tim Kenney

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Scott Kelly
Leading Prayer:	Jeffrey King Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Logan Ling

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	John Sibley Garlin Farris
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff

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