

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

DECEMBER 19, 2021



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

The Coming Kingdom Luke 17:20-21

²⁰ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

Luke 17:20-21 ESV

What's Happening

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!**

Events for today:

Holiday Open House from 1-3 PM at the home of Bryant & Bobbi. Everyone is invited.

Mark Your Calendar Meeting: tonight following our evening Bible Study. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

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Events for this week:

Tuesday:

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

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If you are not receiving our email, phone or text alerts, please let Glenda know by emailing her at glenda.verrettescoc@gmail.com.

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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](#).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

01/04 Richard Davis
01/11 Juanita Bramblett
01/13 Susan Ling
Isobel Velazquez
01/16 Marvetta Clevenger
Danny Velazquez
01/16 Robert Cagle
01/23 Leigh Kellum
Tommy Ratliff
01/26 Jerry & Sherran Brown
01/29 Bobbi Evans
01/30 Hunter Harp
Dwight Isehower



Mark Your CALENDAR

- 12/27-30 Exposure Youth Conference in Huntsville. See Noah Evans for any questions.
- 12/28 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 01/02 L2L Bible Bowl at 4:30 PM on Joshua 1-5, 19. There will be no puppet practice.
- 01/04 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 01/09 Area Wide Youth at Scenic Hills church. Please see Noah for details.
- 01/15 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 01/16 L2L Bible Bowl at 4:30 PM and puppet practice following our evening Bible classes.
- 01/18 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Part 2: “Is Church Attendance Required?”

By: Wayne Jackson for *The Christian Courier*

“Does the New Testament teach that Christians must be present at every meeting of the church?”

Is Missing a Service, Forsaking?

There are various extremes with reference to church attendance.

A few appear to contend that one may not be absent from any congregational meeting unless he virtually is on his deathbed.

It is far more common for weak Christians to allege that corporate worship is entirely optional, except perhaps for a Lord's day morning service. And so one may do as he or she pleases for any preferred distraction.

The truth is somewhere between these two extremes.

Surely it will be acknowledged that one could remain at home to care for the infirm.

Aside from the primary Sunday obligation, it must be admitted that other service times are set by the elders (or leaders) so as to accommodate the spiritual needs of the majority. By implication, this will deprive a minority from assembling on occasion.

Moreover, it is a reality of life that not all people are suited by virtue of education or skill for a 9:00 to 5:00, Monday-through-Friday job. Some, who truly love the Lord and are devoted to his cause, have to work at other times. Shall we conclude that when they are forced to miss some of the services they are apostate? That is absurd.

Is the Christian physician who must rush to the hospital at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning to deliver a woman's baby remiss his duty while she is not culpable for being absent from the same service?

On the other hand, there are others who are shamelessly flippant about their obligation to meet with the saints. With but the slightest deterrent—be it a sports event, a family outing, or that I'm-too-tired rationalization—it matters little to them.

The truth is, frequently church service delinquency is a **heart problem**. The Lord's kingdom is not **first** in some saints' lives (Mt. 6:33). It runs a distant somewhere else.

“What Are My Obligations?”

Here is a provocative thought. Do the elders of the church have an obligation to “feed the flock” (Acts 20:28)?

If so, do the “sheep” have a duty to yield to their persuasion (Heb. 13:17), utilizing the nourishment they provide? Quite clearly they do.

If, then, the elders attempt to nourish the church at reasonably appointed times and the Christian is not occupied with truly crucial responsibilities otherwise, does he have the right to frivolously decide whether or not he will follow their lead in this regard?

A spiritual person will reflect deeply on this matter.

To argue, as some occasionally do, “Prove to me that I must attend the Bible classes,” reveals a pitifully blighted condition of the soul. Where else would a spiritually minded person want to be if he or she is able?

It is not up to the elders, ministers, or anyone else to micro-manage or dictate the attendance patterns of every Christian within the local congregation. We are, however, on our honor to do the best that we can in our service to the Master.

Flagrant, sustained truancy is another issue altogether. Such certainly could become quite possibly a disciplinary matter.

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Mike Martin– is recovering from small bowel obstruction surgery.

TR Clevenger– has suffered a bad back injury and will be having surgery Dec. 30th.

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

Jamie Langham, Mike Sanford, Bryant Evans, 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 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), **Mary Neely Hopkins** (sister of Jamie Langham), **Paula Wyer** (cousin of Glenda Verrett) .

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:

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

Privileged to Serve

Greeters:	Tim & Patrice Kenney
Usher:	Peter Verrett
Building Lockup:	Noah Evans
Treasurer Assistants:	Sid Chupek and Hunter Harp

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Kent Purser
Leading Prayer:	Jeffrey King Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans
Scripture Reading:	Josh Ratliff

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	John Langham Kent Purser
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans

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