

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

AUGUST 29, 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
John Langham
Jonathan Ling

Deacons

Chad Chupek
Scott Lloyd

Sunday

Worship 10 AM

Bible Study 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Today's Sermon

A Kingdom Change

Luke 16:16, 17

¹⁶ "The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. ¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

Luke 16:16, 17 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:

Evening Bible Study will be online at 5 pm. The connection information is on the escoc.net website.

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Events for this week:

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Midweek Bible Study will be online at 7 pm. The connection information is on the escoc.net website.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/30 Jesse Olive
08/31 Bob & Linda Ledford
09/01 Ray & Beatrice Rogers
09/04 John & Jamie Langham
09/06 Bill & Dianne Jones
09/07 Scott Lloyd
09/08 Fred Hicks
09/10 Carol Jordan
09/15 Jeff & Jackie King
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

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jesse & Amanda Olive in the passing of his father, Jerry. He served as an elder at the Fayette church. Sympathy cards can be sent to the following address for Jesse's mother, Evelyn:
404 25th St. NW, Apt. 7
Fayette, AL 35555

We have men's clothing back in the fellowship hall for anyone to take. Shirts, pants, suits, ties and shoes have been organized to make it easy to go through. If you know of someone in your family that could use something, please take it. Clothing will be available for the next 2 weeks before going to the thrift store.

The Ladies Lunch Bunch scheduled for Sept. 9th has been canceled.

Mark Your CALENDAR

- 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.
Primitimers Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Open to all ages. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 09/11 Senior Fellowship Dinner, 4:30 PM at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Bayou La Batre.
- 09/12 L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 4:30 pm on Joshua 1-3.
Ice Cream Social to welcome our new members following our evening Bible Study.
- 09/14 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 09/18 Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item to share.
Congregational Game Night, 5 PM at the building. Bring your favorite game along with snacks & drinks.
- 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.

“Kingdom of God”

By: Bryant Evans on July 6, 2020

“My kingdom is not of this world...”
John 18:36

There is much confusion surrounding the kingdom of God and the kingdoms of earth. Christians, citizens of God’s kingdom, live in and under earthly governments. But just because God approves of earthly governance does not mean those governments are identical, or even parallel to, the kingdom of Christ. Often, they are enemies of the cross of Christ. We must distinguish between the heavenly and earthly authorities.

There was a brief period when no earthly government existed. Beginning at Creation and lasting until the days of Cain. Genesis 4:17 notes that Cain built a city. Such would likely have had some kind of centralized authority. Going forward, we encounter increasing and total corruption of mankind, resulting in Noah’s flood (Genesis 6 -9).

By Genesis 10, we are reading of nations (vs. 5) established by the descendants of Noah’s sons. Egypt is already a mighty nation when Abram and Sarai travel there in Genesis 12. It would be the Egyptian monarch who would order the enslavement of Israel’s sons. After their miraculous release from captivity, the Lord crafts them into his own nation with a divinely given code of law, often called the Law of Moses. In this divine economy, there are no human kings, princes, or presidents. There is no governing body apart from God. Judges occasionally rise to adjudicate disputes and to deliver the people from external oppression.

Soon, God’s people turn on him and demand a king “*like all the nations*” (1 Samuel 8:7). Though displeased, God allows them to have a king. Ideally, God would still be the ultimate sovereign. But in short order, we see faithlessness invade the throne, and God’s people begin a slow descent into wickedness. At the beginning of the reign of the fourth king, a schism divides the people into two distinct nations.

In the historical background, mighty nations have arisen and would soon enslave Israel. The larger of the two was captured by Assyria and the smaller, by Babylon. Seventy years after its capture, the smaller kingdom is allowed to re-establish themselves in Jerusalem. Although frequently overrun by more powerful nations, Israel continues until the absolute destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. At that moment, and probably earlier, the governments of the world were fully secular.

Rome morphed into the so-called Holy Roman Empire, but it was as corrupt and wicked as anything seen before. Its governance was always rooted in humanity and never found itself anchored in the authority of God. The very existence of that Empire was an affront to Christianity.

Our point is that no human government is on par with God’s kingdom. Some are better than others, but in the end, all are inferior to “*the kingdom of his beloved son*” (Colossians 1:13). Therefore, we argue that any allegiance to our earthly government must be second to our citizenship in heaven. Any activity of a political or governmental nature must be viewed carefully through God’s eyes, not our own.

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Ann Christopher— is now home from rehab.

Don Gill— began a new therapy program at Eastern Shore Rehab. He is in room 3508. Due to COVID, visitation is closed to all visitors at this time.

Juanita Bramlett— is at home with COVID.

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

Margaret Sunday — is hospitalized with COVID in Brewton, AL (mother of Frank Sunday).

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, and Don & Phyllis Gill.

Privileged to Serve

Greeters:	Bill & Dianne Jones
Usher:	James Day
Building Lockup:	Peter Verrett
Treasurer Assistants:	Chad Chupek and Scott Lloyd

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Jonathan Ling
Leading Prayer:	Kent Purser Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Andrew Ashley

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Bible Study will be Online
Leading Singing:	

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