

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 24, 2021



**Minister:** Bryant Evans

**Associate Minister:** Jeffrey King

**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

### **Forgotten Virtues: Patience Ephesians 4:1-3**

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Ephesians 4:1-3 ESV**



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:

**Lads to Leaders:** will have Bible Bowl practice at 4:30 PM on Joshua 9-10.

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## Events for this week:

### Tuesday:

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

**Class for parents and teachers who have struggling learners**, 6:30 PM. Learn ways to utilize multi-sensory strategies to engage your students. Refreshments will be served. More info is on the bulletin board across from the library. Please see Linda Chupek for any questions.

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## Next Sunday:

### FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Plan to attend and please bring a meal to share!



NEXT SUNDAY— FOLLOWING OUR SERVICE

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/03 Sid Chupek  
11/07 Jo Ann McDonald  
11/14 James & Becky Day  
11/15 John Langham  
11/18 Johnny McLaughlin  
11/20 Jacquelyne King  
11/24 Dakota Clevenger  
James Day  
11/25 Johnny & Susan McLaughlin  
11/26 Anna Sharpe

**Holiday Food Boxes** Our holiday food program for is fast approaching! We hope to distribute boxes at a total cost of \$60.00 per box. If you can help with this community outreach, make your donation to the church, noting that it is FOR food. Any amount donated would be appreciated and will go directly to the purchase food.

**We will be assembling the boxes on Nov. 14th.**

**Mobile Christian School** Is selling pecans. The last day to order is Friday, Oct. 29th. Sign-up sheet is on the board. See Erin Chupek for any questions.

## Mark Your CALENDAR

- 10/31 5th Sunday Friends & Family Day following our morning services. Please bring a meal to share with everyone.
- 11/02 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 11/05 Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods & drinks.
- 11/07 L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 4:30 pm on Joshua 11-12.  
Ice Cream Social to welcome our new members following our evening Bible Study. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 11/09 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 11/12-14 FUEL Youth Conference at Gulf Coast Bible Camp
- 11/14 Packing holiday food boxes after our evening Bible Study.
- 11/16 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 11/20 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item to share.

# “No Tribes in Christ”

By: Bryant Evans

Tribes were important to Israel. Before Christ, the Jews were divided into a dozen tribes based on their physical lineage. Even Jesus was identified with a tribe. It was the nature of Jewish society. But when Jesus established his church, tribes became irrelevant. Even nationality was no longer important. The kingdom was open to all nations and all people (Isaiah 2:2-4). The fledgling church had people from many tribes, including Judah, Levi, Benjamin, and more. Even non-Jews were in the family. Residents of Corinth and Rome were there, along with the Judaeans.

But today, almost no one thinks about our tribes, or do they?

## Geographical Tribes

Because present-day Christians come from every corner of the world, we must guard against geographic tribalism. Christians in third-world countries are every bit as much of a Christian as those in America. Differences in background and culture create an exciting environment brotherly love. We must never use a man's homeland against him.

## Racial Tribes

Racial bias and prejudice are found in every land. It most often centers around skin color but can be much more subtle. The Middle East struggles with deeply engrained hatred toward people who look much like one another but who are considered a different race or people. In our nation, overt racism manifested itself in 19<sup>th</sup>-century slavery and the subsequent “Jim Crow” laws that persisted into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A white man and a black man stand equal before the Lord. Early conflicts between Jew and Gentile marked the earliest days of the church. Race is unimportant in Christ (Acts 15).

## Political Tribes

External, worldly issues must never divide the church. Yet, we see it happen in many places. National political turmoil has found its way into the church with devastating consequences. Dare I say there are some with greater fealty to a politician than to Jesus? It sure seems that way. If a person's political choices (party, candidate, etc.) cause you to question their faith, perhaps you have fallen victim to this particularly nasty form of tribalism.

During his lifetime, I find no mention of Jesus ever challenging the Romans. He did not criticize Augustus or Tiberius, and his apostles did not encourage uprisings against Caligula, Claudius, Nero, or Vespasian. This silence despite the extreme persecutions foisted upon the Christians. Actually, silence is not precise. Jesus did tell his disciples to pay their taxes (Matthew 22:21). Paul told the Roman Christians to obey the government (Romans 13:1-7), and he reminded Titus to be submissive to rulers (Titus 3:1).

These kinds of tribalism, and there are more, are tools of Satan. We must not fall into the trap of division because that will hurt the church and damage her influence. Christians view life through the lens of their experiences. Since we are all different, we have different views. That's good. But when the glasses of our preferred worldview cause us to stumble, we must find new glasses.

**Please keep in your prayers:**

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

**Mike Martin**– in room 24 in the ER at Thomas Hospital for breathing problems. He can have visitors.

**Jane Betts**– recovering from surgery.

**Bryant Evans**– has been diagnosed with stage 1 slow growing prostate cancer. He will begin radiation in a couple of weeks and his doctor says it can be cured.

**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), **Wanda Bobinger** (cousin of Patti Van Iderstine), **Mary Neely Hopkins** (sister of Jamie Langham), **Bryant Evans**.

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

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

**Privileged to Serve**

Greeters:	TR & Marvetta Clevenger
Usher:	Tim Kenney
Building Lockup:	Chad Chupek
Treasurer Assistants:	Jerry Brown and Jonathan Ling

**Sunday Morning**

Lord’s Table (presiding):	Sid Chupek
Leading Prayer:	Robert Cagle
	Chad Chupek
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff
Scripture Reading:	Josh Ratliff

**Wednesday Evening**

Leading Prayer:	Kent Purser
	Jonathan Ling
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff

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