

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

APRIL 3, 2022



**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

**I Can't Come Down**  
**Speaker: Jeffery King**  
**Nehemiah 6:1-4**

Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), <sup>2</sup> Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm. <sup>3</sup> And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" <sup>4</sup> And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner.

**Nehemiah 6:1-4 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!**

## **Today's Events:**

**Lads to Leaders** will have puppet practice at 4 PM. The puppet team will perform following our evening Bible Classes.

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## **Events for this week:**

### **Tuesday:**

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

### **Saturday:**

**Ladies Monthly Bible Study**, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item to share.

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### **Next Sunday:**

**Lads to Leaders** will have Bible Bowl on Joshua 13-24 at 4 PM. The girls will give their speeches following our evening Bible Classes.

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### **New phone numbers:**

Jane Betts: (251) 465-4110  
Beatrice Rogers: (251) 373-0444

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

04/04 Megan Kenney  
04/11 Gus Velazquez  
04/15 Autumn Ling  
04/22 Beatrice Sharpe  
04/23 **Scott & Amanda Lloyd**  
04/24 Jamie Langham  
Travis Purser  
04/25 Faye Pirtle  
04/30 Phyllis Gill

**Our deepest sympathy is extended** to Sharon Hovater in the passing of her brother, Wayne Collins, after a long illness.

**We need volunteers** to help prepare food for when we go to the L2L Convention in April. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall. Please see Cindy Hatcher for any questions.

## *Mark Your* **CALENDAR**

- 04/10 L2L Puppet Practice at 4 PM, girls will give their speeches following our evening Bible Classes.
- 04/12 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 04/14-17 L2L Convention in Orlando, FL.
- 04/19 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 04/22 Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Open to all ages. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 04/23 Youth Devo, 5 PM at the church building.
- 04/24 Youth Area Wide at University church of Christ.
- 04/26 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 04/30 Ladies Day at Pace church of Christ, Registration is at 8:30 AM. Lunch will be served.
- 05/01 L2L Recognition Fellowship following our evening Bible Classes.
- 05/03 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 05/10 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

# Part 2 of 2: Our Own Crucifixion

By: Bryant Evans

## Fruit of the Spirit

In opposition to the nasty traits listed in verses 19 — 21, Paul next lists what he terms “the *fruit of the spirit*.” Ironically, these characteristics are probably the most admired characteristics in humanity. However, they are generally thought to be associated with weakness and a lack of success.

Love is the first of the fruits of the spirit. We should not be surprised because love is an all-encompassing characteristic. All of the other fruits of the spirit arise from biblical love. This is the ultimate, sacrificial love. We should note here that love is a choice a person makes and not merely a feeling. While this love may include a sexual component in the marriage relationship, it does not have to. Remember, Jesus taught us to love our neighbor (Matthew 22:34 — 40) and he surely was not suggesting that we have sex with our neighbor! No, this kind of love is a serving love. It is a decision to give our very best to someone else. Can you imagine what life would be like if everyone truly loved his neighbor? It's an amazing thought!

The next three fruits of the spirit, joy, peace, patience, are all attributes of happiness. Happiness may be the most sought-after condition of mankind. I suspect that even the meanest man among us wants to be happy. Look at Matthew 5:1 — 12. This is a section of Scripture called the Beatitudes. Like the list here in Galatians 5, the Beatitudes provide a listing of things that are and will be, blessed. The list in Matthew 5 and the list in Galatians 5 are dimensions of the Christian life that we should work to develop every day.

The remaining attributes in Galatians 5:22, 23, all flow from the previous four. Love, joy, peace, patience, help us to be people who are kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. One who is self-controlled can effectively avoid the works of the flesh. That is, the more we build on the fruits of the spirit, the better we can avoid the works of the flesh.

## The Crucifixion

It is not enough for the Christian to merely resist the works of the flesh. He must destroy them in his own life. *“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires”* (Galatians 5:24). Paul is really taken with this idea of crucifixion in the book of Galatians. In Galatians 2:20 the apostle writes, *“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* In chapter 6:14 he says, *“but far be it for me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.”* The idea is the same in all three verses. We die to the world.

Of course, we remain in the world. But the scriptures teach that we are now walking in a new way of life (Romans 6:4). But putting to death our old worldly ways is never easy. Our sins have become like our favorite old pair of sneakers, they're very comfortable and we hate to give them up. Still, to be pleasing to our Lord, we must purge out our fleshly ways. We must change.

While change is always difficult it is not impossible. The Lord will walk with us and even carry us when we become so weak that we cannot continue on. He will help us as we seek to be the kind of people he wants us to be. Let us seriously consider this brief paragraph among all of Paul's writing and make immediate application to our lives.

**Please keep in your prayers:**

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

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

**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, Jim Bose and Betty Carter** (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), **Joe Smith** (brother of Sherran Brown), **Margaret Tucker** (Sister-In-Law of Linda Farris).

**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:	Carol Jordan and Carol Sills
Usher:	TR Clevenger
Building Lockup:	Sid Chupek
Treasurer Assistants:	Jesse Olive and William Hill

**Sunday Morning**

Lord's Table (presiding):	Sid Chupek
Leading Prayer:	Robert Cagle Tim Ashley
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff
Scripture Reading:	Josh Ratliff

**Wednesday Evening**

Leading Prayer:	Scott Kelly Chad Chupek
Leading Singing:	Logan Ling

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