

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

APRIL 10, 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

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Chad Chupek
Scott Lloyd
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Sunday

Worship 10 AM
Bible Study 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Today's Sermon

The Doors Were Locked

John 20:19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

John 20:19-23 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 3:30 and Bible Bowl on Joshua 13-24 at 4 PM.

The girls will give their speeches 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.

Thursday– Sunday:

L2L Convention in Orlando, Please keep our kids in prayer that they will do well during competition.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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
05/03 Noah Evans
Nathan Evans
Rick & Anna Sharpe
05/05 Helen Chupek
05/12 Lance Velazquez
05/17 Ray Rogers
05/20 Susan Cagle
Julia Isenhower
Lum & Jean Morrison
05/23 Todd Sanford
05/24 Bryant Evans
05/26 Mary Carol Harp
05/28 Erin Chupek

But those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31



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Mark Your CALENDAR

- 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
- 05/17 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 05/20 Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Open to all ages. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 05/21 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item to share.

Part 1 of 2: Five Things that Will End When Christ Returns

By: Wayne Jackson for *Christian Courier*

The Corinthian church was plagued with a multitude of problems, a variety of which are discussed in Paul's epistle designated as First Corinthians.

One of their doctrinal issues involved the misguided conviction that ultimately there will not be a resurrection of the human body. Paul addressed this issue in the fifteenth chapter of the epistle.

The apostle's rebuke was framed thusly: "[H]ow say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead [plural, 'dead ones']?" (v. 12). He argued that this no-resurrection ideology undermined the very foundation of the Christian religion, namely that Jesus himself was raised from the grave (v. 13ff).

In the subsequent development of his proposition that the dead will be raised, Paul introduces an abrupt phrase, "Then comes the end" (v. 24).

The End of What?

This brief but poignant statement begs for some attention. The question is: the end of what?

The immediate context suggests the present kingdom reign of Christ—that is, the regime over which he currently exercises supreme authority (Eph. 1:20ff) and in which he serves as our Savior and Mediator (1 Tim. 2:12).

This kingdom is the equivalent of the church (Mt. 16:18–19). After this, the Son of God will surrender his "all authority" status (Mt. 28:18) back to God and lovingly subject himself to his heavenly Father (1 Cor. 15:28).

As suggested above, the expression "the end" has reference to the current Messianic reign of Christ. Incidentally, this negates the common denominational theory that there is a future, earthly millennium (one thousand years) following this present age—to begin at the time of the Lord's return. This millennial theory contradicts Paul's affirmation that Christ's present reign will cease at the time of "his coming" (v. 23).

However, there can be some profit in considering some other things that will end at the Lord's return.

The End of Time and the Material Universe

Time can be defined as that span between the beginning of the material universe (Gen. 1:1) and the second coming of Christ, when the material heavens and earth will be consumed, passing away into oblivion (cf. 2 Pet. 3:10).

At the Lord's return, time, as we understand it from our earthly perspective, will cease. Human existence will transition into eternity (i.e., a state of endless existence). It will be either in Heaven or Hell (Mt. 25:46; cf. "eternal" [Danker, 33]). This end of which the Lord spoke is the equivalent of the "last day" elsewhere mentioned by Jesus (Jn. 6:40; 11:24; 12:48).

Some appeal to the Old Testament for evidence that the earth will remain forever (cf. Eccl. 1:4). The Watchtower Witnesses attempt to argue this case (*Aid To Bible Understanding*, 476).

However, "for ever" (Hebrew *olam*) does not always imply endless existence. For instance, in the Old Testament the word is used to describe the duration of the Passover celebration and the Levitical priesthood (cf. Ex. 12:14; Num. 25:13), both of which lasted only as long as the Mosaic regime.

Girdlestone noted that when *olam* is applied "to things physical" (e.g., the "the heavens and the earth") it does not signify a literal eternity (317).

The End of Human Rebellion

The human family, since the days of Adam and Eve, to one degree or another has been on the road of rebellion.

Though we have not inherited the guilt of human depravity, as Calvinists allege, nonetheless earth's environment is saturated with sin, somewhat similar to the circumstances that prevailed in Noah's days (cf. Gen. 6:5).

Accordingly, when we reach a state of intellectual and moral responsibility for our choices and become influenced by others, we drift into sin and guilt (Gen. 8:21).

At the time of the Savior's return, however, human rebellion will end. The wicked will acknowledge their infidelity and bow before their Creator. Sadly for many, conversion will be too late at that point (2 Thes. 1:7–9). Earth's present opportunities are all that we have (2 Cor. 6:2).

Once death has come, there is no transition of the lost from punishment to reward. The impassible gulf is permanently "fixed" (the force of the perfect tense verb in Luke 16:26), and the punishment will be eternal (Rev. 14:10–11).

To be continued....

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Ed Hudson is home recovering from a variety of ailments.

Danny Mills received a lung transplant at UAB. Please continue to pray for his recovery, his wife Heather and his boys. (Member of the Tuscaloosa church).

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:	Jeffery King
	Garlin Farris
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Seth Ratliff

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	John Sibley
	William Hill
Leading Singing:	Todd Sanford

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