

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

APRIL 24, 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!

Today's Sermon

Where Everybody Knows Your Name Ephesians 2:14-20

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, ²⁰ but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

Ephesians 2:14-20 ESV

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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**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!**

Today's Events:

Area Wide Youth at University church of Christ. The van will leave the church building at 4 PM if you need a ride. Please see Noah Evans for details.

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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 Day at Pace Church of Christ

"A Chosen Few: Becoming a Woman God Can Use"

Speaker: Kathy McWhorter Kendall

Saturday, April 30th;

Registration 8:30 AM; Program at 9 AM

Lunch will be served.

More info on bulletin board across from the library.

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Next Sunday:

Lads to Leaders Recognition Fellowship

following our evening Bible Classes. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Amanda Olive's mother, Donna Ellison, will be undergoing treatments for breast cancer. Cards can be sent to:

Donna Ellison
c/o Amanda Olive
516 Bartlett Ave.
Fairhope, AL 36532

Mark Your CALENDAR



- 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.
- 05/22 Honoring 2022 High School Graduates
- 05/24 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 05/28 Youth Devo, 5 PM at the church building.
- 05/29 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

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

By: Wayne Jackson for *Christian Courier*

The End of Suffering and Death

There were many consequences associated with humanity's plunge into sin. Adam and Eve began their earthly trek in the splendor of Eden, a lovely garden likely somewhere in the area of Mesopotamia. They were furnished with everything they needed for the implementation of human happiness.

Through Satan's temptation, they disobeyed Jehovah, partaking of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, to which was attached the penalty of ultimate death (Gen. 2:17). Thus the human family began that long and treacherous road to the grave.

Along the way has been a universe of escalating physical and mental maladies. Satan is portrayed as the "murderer" of our race (Jn. 8:44), the original source of all our ailments (cf. Lk. 13:16).

In the book of Revelation, however, there is the promise of ultimate relief from these debilitating maladies (7:16–17; 21:4). In another refreshing metaphor, the heavenly "tree of life" is depicted as bearing fruit every month, facilitating the "healing of the nations" (22:2).

Additionally, as Paul indicated in the Corinthian letter, Christ would reign until all his enemies were destroyed, the last of which would be "death" (1 Cor. 15:26).

As the body wears out, man eventually goes to his everlasting home, the nature of which is determined by how he has lived (Eccl. 12:7; Jn. 5:28–29; 2 Cor. 5:10). The righteous will be "at home with the Lord," free from the suffering of this life and the consequences of sin (2 Cor. 5:8). The wicked will be with Satan and his rebel angels in a place of eternal torment and affliction (Mt. 25:41).

The End of Theological Error

History has been punctuated profusely with religious doctrines antagonistic to divine revelation. There were false prophets in the Old Testament era (1 Kgs. 18:1–40) and later during the apostolic age (Mt. 7:15; 2 Pet. 2:1; 1 Jn. 4:1). And they are with us yet today, both outside and inside the church of Jesus Christ.

There are somber warnings for those who do not carefully prove what is the truth and submit to it. There will be devastating judgment for those who have "believed not the truth" (2 Thes. 2:12). Those who pervert divine truth, by addition or subtraction, will face a similar judgment (Rev. 22:18–19).

The End of Redemptive Opportunity

Some people labor under the illusion that there is some after-death, second-chance provision of pardon. They dream in vain.

Christ once told a parable about ten virgins who were to be attendants at a wedding feast (Mt. 25:1–13). Five were described as wise, while the remaining five were foolish.

The qualitative difference between the two groups is this: the wise made adequate personal preparation, while the foolish did not. As the bridegroom tarried, all the virgins slept (a symbol of death).

When the announcement came that the bridegroom was on his way, all the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. However, the foolish (who had not made adequate preparation for themselves) attempted to borrow "preparation" from the wise. They were refused.

While they scurried about to obtain their needed oil, the bridegroom came "and the door was shut." The foolish begged for the door to be opened, but were refused.

Here is the lesson. Preparation must be personally made—now. It is not transferable from one person to another!

There is no such theological creature as proxy salvation or postmortem redemption. No souls will be delivered from that mythical purgatory by earth-generated prayers, as alleged by Catholicism.

Those who imagine that a proxy baptism for the dead (as practiced by Mormons) avails on behalf of others will be sorely disappointed.

The ones who surmise that there is a second chance beyond death, as advocated by the Watchtower Witnesses, will learn better when their own judgment arrives.

The apostle Paul was explicit in his plea that "now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2b). Or, as inspiration later says, it "is appointed unto man once to die, and after this comes judgment" (Heb. 9:27).

Conclusion

The precious kingdom of God will have no end (Dan. 7:14; Lk. 1:33). But obviously there was to be an end of some kind that was coming (1 Cor. 15:24).

The context clearly indicates that the apostle's point has to do with the current "redemptive reign of Christ" (Thomas, 496). The ultimate "heavenly kingdom" (2 Tim. 4:18) will be eternal in nature (cf. 2 Pet. 1:11).

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Brian McCaughan will be undergoing additional tests following a TIA with seizures (Glenda Verrett's brother).

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

Mike Sanford, Jamie Langham, 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), **Donna Ellison** (mother of Amanda Olive).

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:	Scott Lloyd Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Scripture Reading:	Logan Ling

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Kent Purser Robert Cagle
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans

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