

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MAY 8, 2022



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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!

## Today's Sermon

### **The Devoted Mother: The Story of Hannah 1 Samuel 1:1-20**

<sup>12</sup> As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup> Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. <sup>14</sup> And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you." <sup>15</sup> But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup> Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." <sup>17</sup> Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." <sup>18</sup> And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

**1 Samuel 1:12-18 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!**

## Events for this week:

### **Tuesday:**

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

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### **Directory Update:**

New phone number for Gail Bush is (251) 288-9982.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



## Mark Your CALENDAR

- 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
- 05/30 Memorial Day Holiday, Office will be closed
- 05/31 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 06/07 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 06/11 Youth Devo, 5 PM at the church building.
- 06/14 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

# Why Public Reading of Scripture is Vital

By: Bryant Evans

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. (1 Timothy 4:13)*

Young men across many age groups were evaluated at Lads to Leaders for their ability to read the Scriptures publicly. I was blessed to hear Seth Ratliff's reading. His brother Eli was also reading but in a different room and different age group. Together with several thousand young people nationwide, they have trained and prepared themselves to serve the church in many ways. The L2L leadership wisely includes public bible reading as one of many areas of training. Others include public speaking, song leading, debate, and puppets.

Paul directed Timothy to read the Bible aloud. The Greeks emphasized reading aloud, even when they were alone. But why was this so important to Paul? Why did Timothy need to be encouraged to devote himself to the task? Why should our young men prepare to read the Scriptures aloud in the assembly? Why should our assemblies include a moment of reading in addition to singing, praying, preaching, the Lord's Supper, and giving?

## Public reading of Scripture is vital because it is truth

Have you ever thought about how slick and dishonest the world is? If you just purchase this car, you will find peace on your daily drive. This product will stop hair loss and make you look younger! This candidate will save the world if you vote for them! Like you, I have become blind to the lies. I barely notice them anymore.

Honesty is crushed upon the rocks of advertising and self-promotion.

But God's precious truth is a deep breath of air to a drowning man. It immediately sets about the restoration of the soul. We need to hear the simple, uninterrupted words of Scripture – no comments or pontifications – just the word of God speaking to our hearts. Jesus' words to God are instructive here: *"Sanctify them by your word; your word is truth"* (John 17:17). The Psalmist penned, *"...all your commandments are true"* (Psalm 115:151).

The next time someone is reading publicly, just listen to the words. Hold the in-depth study and analysis for a moment and just be refreshed by the Holy Spirit's truths.

## Public reading of Scripture is vital because it destroys false teaching

As a Registered Nurse working in a Critical Care setting, I learned that bleach kills bacteria. That's why your local municipal water supply sometimes smells like bleach. Chlorine kills bacteria. Ditto alcohol which denatures (kills) bacteria. Likewise, truth destroys false teaching.

When God's word takes center stage in worship, error will collapse.

Just as darkness cannot persist in the presence of light, false teaching cannot co-exist with Scripture. In Timothy's Day, there was no Bible to hand to people. They had to hear the inspired words. Today, as then, some try to weaken and even change what the Bible says. They "twist" the very words of God.

*There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. (2 Peter 3:16)*

No preacher or teacher has the right to change Scripture. Any attempt to change what God has said is doomed to eternal failure (Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Revelation 22:18, 19). Remember Paul's words: *"let God be found true and every man a liar"* (Romans 3:4).

## Public reading of Scripture is vital because you can never get too much of the Bible

Americans are some of the most literate people in the world. We can read everything from complex novels to the cooking instructions on a microwave meal. We read sports news and spend embarrassing numbers of hours on social media. Sadly, Bible reading is not a priority for many.

Even for those who do read Scripture daily, an additional dose is always useful. It's possible to get too much sodium in your diet. You can get too much fat or too much sugar. Believe it or not, it is possible to drink too much water! Not so with the reading of God's word. You can never get too much.

Jesus says that God's word is bread for the soul (Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3). It nourishes and refreshes the heart of man so that he can stand strong in the Lord's army. You simply cannot get enough!

The public reading of Scripture must be encouraged in every venue. Encourage the youth and the aged. Let the words of truth ring out through our churches! I commend Lads to Leaders for their wisdom and our elders at the Eastern Shore church of Christ for their encouragement and use of our youth in the public worship.

**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, 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, James & Ann Christopher, Don & Phyllis Gill, and Jane Betts.**

**Privileged to Serve**

Greeters:	Sid & Linda Chupek
Usher:	Chad Chupek
Building Lockup:	Nathan Evans
Treasurer Assistants:	Sid Chupek & Hunter Harp

**Sunday Morning**

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

**Wednesday Evening**

Leading Prayer:	John Sibley Chad Chupek
Leading Singing:	Logan Ling

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