

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MAY 15, 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

Children Psalm 127:3-5

³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.
⁵ Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Psalm 127:3-5 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:

Education Meeting, 4:15 PM, for anyone who wants to teach, learn how to teach, or has children who are taught. See Jonathan Ling for any questions.

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Events for this week:

Tuesday:

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

Friday:

Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Open for all ages. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

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:

Honoring our 2022 High School Graduates:

Laura Anne Ling, Josh Ratliff and Andrew Ashley.

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New Address for members who have moved:

Robert & Linda Jones

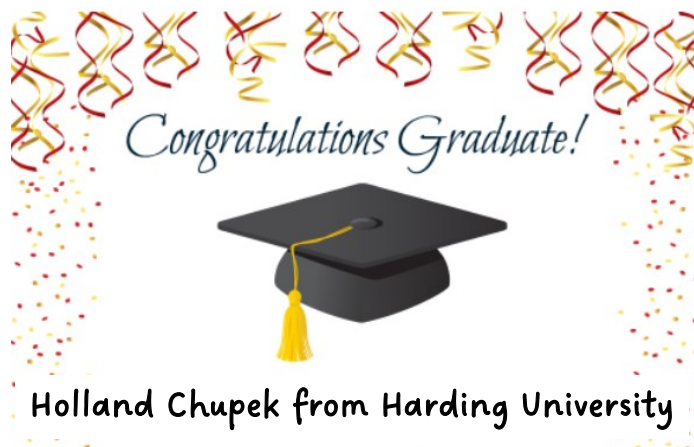
1361 N. Johnson Chapel Road
Hartselle, AL 35640

Bill & Dianne Jones

208 Karnes Dr.,
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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
06/02 Emily Verrett
06/03 Robert & Susan Cagle
Ryan Purser
06/05 Bob Ledford
06/06 Sid & Linda Chupek
Garlin Farris
Peter & Glenda Verrett



Mark Your CALENDAR

- 05/22 Honoring 2022 High School Graduates
- 05/24 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 05/28 Youth Devo and Game Night, 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 Get A Clue in Foley for the Middle/High School Youth. Please bring \$15. See Noah for details.
- 06/14 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 06/17 Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 06/18 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item.
Sanford/ Holley Wedding, 5:30 PM at the Izenstone in Spanish Fort.

Abortion

By: Bryant Evans

Abortion is the most divisive issue in our country. The two sides no longer discuss the merits of their arguments directly but have settled into two arguments that they wield against one another. The current battleground is the U.S. Supreme Court which seems ready to overturn the historic decision in *Roe v. Wade* in 1973.

Not every woman who seeks an abortion is the same. Their reasons are varied. Further, in most cases, their decision is neither quick nor flippant. It is typically a painful decision. Women who find themselves with child feel as if they have no option but to terminate the pregnancy. Christians must offer options and solutions to the crisis of unwanted pregnancies. In this short article, I will assert that abortion is morally wrong and is sinful in almost every case (the mother's physical life is an exception). However, I want to avoid the strident, inflammatory rhetoric that marks the discussion. I hope that somewhere, one person will be persuaded to give birth to that wonderful child within.

The Law

The law is the moral minimum adopted by society. Most agree that legality does not equate with morality. *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896) saw a near-unanimous U.S. Supreme Court rule that racial segregation was constitutional. This case gave rise to the infamous "separate but equal" doctrine in law. Fifty-eight years later, the U.S. Supreme Court would overturn *Plessy*, at least regarding education, with the unanimous *Brown v. Board of Education* (1958). What was right in 1958 was also right in 1896. Morality doesn't change.

In 1973 the Supreme Court ruled that there is a right to privacy in the Constitution which allows abortion. The late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg thought the decision in *Roe* was errant despite her own support of abortion rights. *Roe*, like *Plessy* before, may soon be overturned.

Any action's morality or "rightness" never depends on a court ruling or legislative act.

The Facts

The unborn is a person. At conception, a new and unique creation begins to exist. That unborn child (or zygote, embryo, or fetus) possesses DNA different from the mother or father or from any other living being (except, usually, an identical twin). Within the growing being, everything from height to hair color is already determined. While a child may "favor" one parent or the other, they will not be identical. They are unique.

This unique child, barring some tragic intervention, will be delivered and grow to old age. It only needs support and nurturing. The same thing it will require at 1 hour, one day, one month, one year, and so on.

Some suggest that abortion should be legal until the time of "viability," that is, until the child can live outside the womb. When is that time? Once, the Supreme Court said 28 weeks. Today, over half of all children born a month *earlier* (24 weeks) survive. It is not unreasonable to believe that that number will be cut shorter and shorter in the near future. Viability is not a reasonable basis for the legality of abortion.

The Question

Abortion rights arguments today reduce to two opposing points of view. Pro-life advocates assert that the unborn is a person and is deserving of protection. Pro-abortion advocates focus on the rights of the woman who is pregnant.

We are left with a question: What is more important, the life of a child or the mother's rights?

The Bible

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 85.5% of women receiving abortions were unmarried.

The Bible is clear; sexual intercourse belongs only in marriage. The first lesson we should share is that God has a plan to prevent unwanted pregnancies. In 2022 it may seem extreme, but it is still true: Sex is for marriage only (Hebrews 13:4; Acts 15:29; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 1 Corinthians 6:9, 13, 18; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 4:5).

The Bible also views the growing child as a person. Observe the interchange between born and not yet born in these verses.

"Let the day perish on which I was born, and the night that said, 'A man is conceived.'" (Job 3:3).

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5)

*The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name. (Isaiah 49:1)*

Consider also Luke 1:41 – 44 and Luke 2:16, where the Greek term for "baby" is applied to the child still in the womb. And many other passages are similar.

Abortion is a tragic decision that we should seek to prevent.

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Bryant Evans will be traveling to Guyana this Friday and returning home on June 4th.

Annette & Hugh Daniel both have COVID (sister & brother-in-law of Patti Van Iderstine).

Josh Bowman in ICU in Birmingham with complications following surgery for Crohn's Disease (family member of Patti Van Iderstine).

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:	Scott Lloyd John Langham
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Scripture Reading:	Logan Ling

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	Garlin Farris Kent Purser
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff

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