

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MAY 29, 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

### **The Perfect Body**

**Speaker: Jeffery King**  
**1 Corinthians 12:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

**1 Corinthians 12:18-20 ESV**

## Today's Events:

### 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal:

We invite all our visitors to stay and fellowship with us.

**Congregational Singing** this evening at 5 PM.

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## Events for this week:

### Tuesday:

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

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### Next Sunday:

**Lads to Leaders** will begin working on Second Language (Spanish) starting on June 5th following our evening Bible classes. This is open for everyone not just L2L. **Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.**

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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  
06/08 Burl Hill  
06/09 Todd & Melinda Sanford  
06/10 Scott & Sandy Kelly  
06/11 Bryant & Bobbi Evans  
Mike & Nelda Sanford  
06/12 Richard & Vivian Davis  
06/13 Sandy Kelly  
06/17 Don & Phyllis Gill  
06/20 Hampton Sharpe  
06/21 Josh Ratliff  
Danny & Sarah Velazquez  
06/22 Burl & Joy Hill  
Jonathan Ling  
06/27 Laura Anne Ling  
George Owens

**Our deepest sympathy is extended** to Don & Phyllis Gill in the passing of Don's brother, John Gill. He and his wife are members of the Gulf Shores church.

## Mark Your CALENDAR

- 06/05 L2L will be starting Second Language (Spanish) following our evening Bible Classes.
- 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.
- 06/19 Mark Your Calendar Meeting following our evening Bible classes. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 06/21 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 06/25-07/01 Indian Creek Youth Camp
- 06/28 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

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By: Bryant Evans

21 lives were snuffed out Tuesday. 21 people died in a convulsive act of madness. We ask why. Pundits on the news shows are recycling the usual explanations while politicians are divided over any solution. All this as 21 coffins are readied for burial.

While news reports focus on everything from unlocked doors, and assault rifles, to slow response times, there are outlets that are starting to consider the fundamental reasons behind a barbaric attack. The correct understanding of why school shootings occur will also explain why violence and chaos are rising across the land, not just in schools. It's an answer that some will not like. It will drive them insane, but it is still true.

Evil is real.

Raw, festering, bloody evil, is real and stalks humanity. It is neither a concept nor a vague idea, it is a real, malevolent being called Satan.

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*"...He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)*

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Genesis 3 introduced Satan when he encourages Eve to eat from the forbidden tree. He lies. He tells her that she *will not die* even though God has plainly said otherwise (Genesis 3:1-4). Too late the first couple discovers his lies. They have sinned and they are separated from God. They are banished from the Garden of Eden and driven from the Tree of Life. They are dead men walking. In the next generation – among their own sons – Cain kills his brother. Satan the liar. Satan the murderer. From that moment our world has been sucked into a vortex of sin, evil, chaos, and lawlessness. Today our culture is upside down. An inverted world where people *"call evil good and good evil,"* where they put *"darkness for light and light for darkness"* and *"bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter"* (Isaiah 5:20).

To acknowledge the reality of Satan is to acknowledge the reality of pure goodness and love that is Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Creator. Without a standard of good, there can be no measure of evil. Therein is the problem. Our world wants to be free of evil but rejects good.

You and I, as individuals or as a community, are powerless against the god of this world. Alone we cannot "fix" the evil thoughts and motives that find their way into people's hearts. Such powerlessness is why Jesus came into the world. He inflicts the fatal wound on Satan (Genesis 3:15). He brings light into the darkness (John 8:12, 12:46). He leads us in victory (Proverbs 21:31; 1 Corinthians 15:57) and makes us more than conquerors (Romans 8:37). In the end, Satan is the loser (Revelation 20:10). The wicked may reign now, but their time is coming to an end. Satan will be successful in finding some who will blame God for the Uvalde shootings. Forgive them for comments made in the depths of grief and lamentation, but God is not to blame. Only Satan.

**Please keep in your prayers:**

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

**Bryant Evans** is in Guyana until June 4th.

**Rose Keller** is now completely bedridden and can no longer talk (Beatrice Roger's aunt).

**Josh Bowman** is now home 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**

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

**Sunday Morning**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lord's Table (presiding): | James Day                   |
| Leading Prayer:           | Kent Purser<br>Todd Sanford |
| Leading Singing:          | Noah Evans                  |
| Scripture Reading:        | Andrew Ashley               |

**Wednesday Evening**

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| Leading Prayer:  | Scott Kelly<br>William Hill |
| Leading Singing: | Seth Ratliff                |

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