

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY 17, 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

### **Making the Best Use of Your Time Ephesians 5:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

**Ephesians 5:15-16 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** Second Language (Spanish) 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.

### Friday:

**Family Movie & Ice Cream Night**, 6:30 PM at the church building. Bring your favorite ice cream and toppings. Movie is TBD. See Jerry Brown for details.

### Saturday:

**Couples Shower for Zach Sills & Candy Seasholtz**, 4-7 PM at the church building. They are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Target.

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**Cindy Hatcher is in need of** several Queen or King, white or neutral colored, flat sheets for a project she is working on in the church storage shed. If you have any, it doesn't matter the condition, just bring them to her.

### **New address for Bob & Linda Ledford:**

487 Sunnybrook Drive  
Brentwood, TN 37027

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

07/18 Logan Ling  
07/20 Donna Neu  
07/26 Jim & Mary Riley  
07/28 Kent Purser  
07/29 Jonathan & Susan Ling  
Mary Riley  
07/30 Amanda Lloyd  
08/01 Tim & Angel Ashley  
Linda Farris  
08/02 Gail Bush  
08/04 MaeBelle Perry  
08/06 Peter Verrett  
08/11 Tim Ashley  
Brenda Davis  
08/13 Holland Chupek  
TR & Marvetta Clevenger  
08/14 Vivian Davis  
Nelda Sanford  
08/16 Ann Christopher  
08/19 Cindy Hatcher  
08/23 Ricky Hovater  
Jeffery King  
08/24 Jim Riley  
08/30 Jesse Olive  
08/31 Bob & Linda Ledford

## Mark Your CALENDAR

07/26	Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
07/31	5th Sunday Fellowship Meal following our morning services.
08/02	Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
08/09	Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
08/16	Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
08/19	Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
08/20	Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item.
08/21	Youth Area Wide at Creekwood church.
08/23	Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
08/28	Youth Devo at the Lings following evening Bible Classes.
08/30	Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

# Part 1 of 2: Abortions Bottom Line

By: Bryant Evans

Protests against the recent Supreme Court abortion ruling have been swift, loud, and sometimes violent. The core argument offered by pro-abortion supporters is that women have a right to their own bodies. On the other side, pro-life supporters argue that abortion is wrong because it takes the life of the most vulnerable people among us. Both sides believe their argument is far superior to the other argument. Let's try and cut through the noise of the abortion protest and determine which argument is superior. Our interest is not political or even legal. I am concerned with the morality of abortion. And because I believe that morality is anchored in the purity of God's character, and I believe that God's character is reflected in the truth of the Bible I will look to the Bible for the ultimate answer to this question. However, in this article, I will appeal to science and logic to demonstrate that abortion is wrong. My desire is that this article will be read by nonreligious people and that they will be convinced by the facts herein.

Even though I believe this to be a moral issue to which God has spoken in his word, I understand that I have no right to force a religious belief upon another person. Jesus never tried to force a person to follow him. In fact, the Scriptures are full of occasions where people stopped following Jesus because his teachings were difficult (see John 6). Abortion is a corrosive detriment to society even apart from the Scriptures. Just as 19<sup>th</sup> century slavery was ultimately rejected because it was morally wrong, present-day abortion should be rejected because it is morally wrong.

## A woman has a right to her own body

Does a woman have a right to control her own body? Yes, and no. No one has an absolute right to use their body any way they want to. No one has a right to use their body in a criminal act. Prostitution is almost universally illegal. Even though that action occurs between two consenting adults, we understand that it strikes at the morality of society. Therefore, most societies make prostitution a criminal act. Drug abuse is illegal. Even though the person consuming the illicit drugs only harms their body, as a society we have chosen to make such behavior illegal.

More to the point, we reject the idea that a person can use their own body to harm someone else. Even if we allow, only for purposes of discussion, that a woman does have an absolute right to her own body, we unequivocally reject the idea that she has a right to anyone else's body. That which grows within the pregnant woman, whether we call it a fetus or an unborn child, is as unique as a grown child is from its mother.

In reality, the expectant mother carries within her womb a separate human being. She is the temporary home of the unborn child. Left alone to develop naturally, the child will be born at roughly nine months and will live independently from the mother.

It is true that a woman has many rights to her own body including the right to engage in the action which produced the child. Pro Life writer Cassy Fiano-Chesser, a woman with five children says it this way:

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*Except in the very rare circumstance that a woman gets pregnant from being raped, women do have control over their bodies. They have control over if and when they choose to have sex, which is what causes pregnancy. And because no birth control method is 100% reliable, it's a risk that women take every time they have sex.*

*While abortion advocates claim that consent to sex is not necessarily consent to pregnancy, this is a denial of exactly how our bodies are supposed to work. It's not punishment or patriarchy; it's biology. So if a woman is not ready to be a parent, there's a way she can take control of her own body and avoid pregnancy: don't have sex. (<https://www.liveaction.org/news/abortion-nothing-control-body/>)*

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She does not have the right to the child's body. Neither pre nor post birth will she ever have an absolute right to that child's body.

To be continued....

**Please keep in your prayers:**

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

**Richard Davis** has to have dialysis three times a week.

**Jamie Langham's** scan results came back good. The doctor said they were better than he expected.

**Judy Parrish** is not feeling well. Her son tested positive for COVID.

**Tom Busby** tested positive for COVID (Patrice Kenney's father).

**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), **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), **Shea Hovater** (Sister-In-Law of Rickie & Sharon Hovater).

**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:	Peter & Glenda Verrett
Usher:	Peter Verrett
Building Lockup:	John Langham
Treasurer Assistants:	Jerry Brown and Nathan Evans

**Sunday Morning**

Lord's Table (presiding):	John Langham
Leading Prayer:	Scott Lloyd
	Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff
Scripture Reading:	Josh Ratliff

**Wednesday Evening**

Leading Prayer:	Garlin Farris
	Kent Purser
Leading Singing:	Logan Ling

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