

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

SEPTEMBER 4, 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

**Faith in the Blood of Jesus**

**Speaker: Jeffery King**

**Romans 5:9**

<sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

**Romans 5:9 ESV**

**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.

<b>Wonderful Wednesday</b> Sept. 7th at 5:45 PM	
Sign-up Sheet is on the bulletin board	
<b>Mexican Fiesta</b>	
Chicken & Beef Tacos	Mexican Rice
Chicken Enchiladas	Refried Beans
Cheese Dip	Chips & Salsa
Banana Pudding	Eclair Cake



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

09/04 John & Jamie Langham  
09/07 Scott Lloyd  
09/10 Carol Jordan  
09/15 Jeff & Jackie King  
09/21 Mike Sanford  
09/22 Rick & Sharon Hovater  
09/24 Barbara Stewart  
09/25 Seth Ratliff  
09/26 Joy Hill  
09/27 Jerry Brown  
09/28 William Hill  
Colby Sanford  
09/29 Gerald Seales  
09/30 David & Rebekah Perry

### **Next Sunday:**

**Area Wide Youth** at Summerdale church of Christ. The van will leave the church building at 2:15 PM if you need a ride. Please see Noah Evans for details.

**L2L Kick-off** following our evening Bible Classes. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

## Mark Your CALENDAR



- 09/11 Youth Area Wide at Summerdale church.  
L2L Kickoff following our evening Bible Classes. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 09/13 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 09/16 Primetimer's Bible Study, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks.
- 09/17 Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast item.  
Youth Devo at the Spanish Fort church, 4:30 PM. See Noah for details.  
Sills/Seasholtz Wedding in Georgia
- 09/20 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 09/24 Ladies Day at Scenic Hills church of Christ, 9 AM—Noon. More info is on the bulletin board across from the library.  
Area Wide Singing Service, 6 PM at ESCOC
- 09/25 Mark Your Calendar Meeting following our evening Bible Classes.
- 09/27 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

# Pass the Salt, Please!

By: Jeffery King

We often hear "Pass the salt please" at the dinner table. The person who is asking for the salt, what are they really asking for? What are the expectations of the salt in the container? In a sense, you can say that the person is seeking something they feel can enhance the taste of what they are about to eat.

No doubt they have tasted the dish and found it to be bland. Therefore, they ask someone to pass the salt, please. Let's look at some reasons why a person may ask someone to pass the salt.

## The expectations of the salt

A person is expecting something to happen when they receive the salt container. He expects salt to come from the container after an effort is made to release the salt. Not all containers work the same; some must be turned upside down while others may require twisting of some sort. Whatever method is required you expect the salt to be released and to see it make contact with the dish, and to change the taste of the dish for the better.

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus shows us this concept from the spiritual side. Jesus refers to the Child of God as the salt of the earth. Next, he asked a rhetorical question; He asked if the salt has lost its flavor, wherewith shall it be salted. In other words, we, as children of God, it is our responsibility to influence the world and if we lose our ability to spread the good news, (The Gospel) wherewith shall it be salted? I am afraid to say that if children of God go missing in action, we leave the door open for false teachers of false doctrine. And we become no good for anything but to be trodden under the foot of man.

We expect the salt to leave the container. Notice the phrase most commonly used, "Pass the salt please! Why not ask, "Can someone pass the container of salt, please"? One reason could be that the container is overlooked and has no value in the eyes of the user. The expected user of the salt places his or her value in the power of the salt, and its abilities to change the taste of the dish. The user of the salt hardly considers the container, partially because the only value the container holds is for the gathering of the salt. The user knows that for the salt to be effective it must leave the container. The same holds true when it comes to the saints of God. Matthew 5:13 considers the Children of God to be the salt of the earth but, the salt is of no value when confined to the container. It must leave the container, likewise, we are of no value if we remain inside of the walls of the building and that is all we do. Some people mistake the building for being the Church and even try to make the building sacred. When the only value of the building is where the saints gather for worship. If we are going to change the taste of the world, we must do it outside of the building.

## The stimulation of the salt

When the salt encounters the dish, it is supposed to stimulate the taste of the dish. The salt is known to stimulate the flavor of whatever it encounters. Whenever salt is added, the dish begins to take on the flavor of the salt. For example, meat cannot make salt taste meatier but, salt can make meat taste saltier; contact is vital when it comes to the spiritual savor. The spiritual savor for man is the goodness of the Lord. We must make contact with the world so that we can get them to taste and see for themselves that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8). There may be someone standing on the edge of obeying the gospel and the only thing that is keeping them from doing so is the lack of stimulation from the salt.

As Christians we must stand ready to pass the salt. It is the only way we are going to see a change for the better in our world.

## The preservation of the salt

Salt is also known for its ability to preserve or keep. Those who are familiar with the old-fashioned smokehouses know the functions of salt.

Salt preserves the meat by drying out water; all living things need water and cannot grow in the absence of water. Including bacteria that can cause food poisoning. God has preserved his word for us today (Psalms 12:7). The more of it we take in, the stronger we become.

*"Say the lord will preserve him and keep him alive; and He shall be blessed upon the earth, and thou will not deliver him unto the will of his enemies"* (Psalms 41:2).

Therefore, we are preserved through the words of God. We must strive every day of our lives to be pleasing unto God and be the kind of Christian who looks for every opportunity to pass the salt.

**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.

**Les Bland** is recovering from foot surgery.

**George Owens** is home recovering from knee surgery.

**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), **Will Scott** (friend of Dwight Isenhower).

**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:	Garlin, Linda and Jeff Farris
Usher:	Peter Verrett
Building Lockup:	James Day
Treasurer Assistants:	Sid Chupek and Hunter Harp

**Sunday Morning**

Lord's Table (presiding):	Robert Cagle
Leading Prayer:	Kent Purser
	Tim Ashley
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Eli Ratliff

**Wednesday Evening**

Leading Prayer:	Scott Kelly
	Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Seth Ratliff

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