

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

SEPTEMBER 25, 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

### **My Family Matthew 12:46-49**

<sup>46</sup> While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. <sup>48</sup> But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup> And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!"

**Matthew 12:46-49 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:

**L2L Meeting** at 4:15 pm for all parents and helpers.  
See Jonathan or Susan Ling for details.

**L2L Bible Bowl Practice** at 5:45 PM on Ezra 1,  
2:61-70.

**Mark Your Calendar Meeting:** following our  
evening Bible Study. Please bring finger foods and  
drinks.

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## Events for this week:

### Tuesday:

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

### **Gospel Meeting**

#### **Meridian Street Church of Christ**

Sept. 25th- 29th, 6 PM nightly

(Jeffery King is the guest speaker on Tuesday, Sept. 27th)

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## Next Sunday:

**L2L Bible Bowl Practice** at 5:45 PM on Ezra 3-4.

### **Homecoming Day at Flomaton Church of Christ**

Oct. 2nd, 11 AM and 2 PM

Guest Speaker: Billy Lambert

More info is on the bulletin board across from the library.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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  
10/05 James & Ann Christopher  
10/09 Ed Johnson  
Tommy & Dawna Ratliff  
10/14 Melinda Sanford  
10/15 Aaron Ashley  
10/16 Andrew Ashley  
10/19 Susan McLaughlin  
10/21 Garlin & Linda Farris  
10/23 James Christopher



## Wonderful Wednesdays

October 5th at 5:45 pm

Sign-up Sheet is on the bulletin  
board.

### Breakfast Menu for dinner:

Sausage Breakfast Casserole  
Hashbrown Casserole  
Pancakes            Bacon  
Biscuits            Sausage Gravy  
Cinnamon Roll Delight  
Fruit

## Mark Your CALENDAR

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| 10/04 | Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall   |
| 10/02 | L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 5:45 PM on Ezra 3-4.<br>Annual Homecoming Day at Flomaton church of Christ. More info on bulletin board across from the library. |
| 10/05 | Wonderful Wednesday Meal, 5:45 PM. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.  |
| 10/11 | Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall   |
| 10/09 | L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 5:45 PM on Ezra 5-6.   |
| 10/15 | Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.   |
| 10/16 | Youth Area Wide at Margaret Street.   |
| 10/18 | Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall   |
| 10/22 | Purser/Werling Wedding  |

# Culture Has Failed. What now?

By: Bryant Evans

Culture promised so much but delivered nothing. We were told that happiness comes from faster internet, more entertainment options, the sexual revolution, changing pronouns, legalized drugs, more alcohol, more credit, less work, and so on. But despite the promises, we're still stressed and bubbling with anxiety. Happiness is elusive and, when found, so brief. Like an endless train of zombies stumbling into a dark tunnel, we wander, hoping that fulfillment and satisfaction are just ahead. They're not. Culture has failed. What now?

There is a better way.

## 1. Don't trust what doesn't deliver.

Promises from cultural, political, and societal leaders haven't delivered. Your station in life has changed little from where you stood ten years ago. Would you keep the same internet provider if they couldn't meet their promises? Would you change your cell phone provider if you experienced spotty coverage despite their lovely blue and purple maps?

Culture is saying that religion is bad, that there is no God, and it's all a scam. Maybe their thoughts on faith are as useless as a pretty blue map with only a rare gap. It's time to reconsider.

## 2. Consider Jesus.

Now, wait. Before you click away, read just a little further. The next 60 seconds could be life-changing.

Jesus is the greatest teacher who ever walked. Initially, I am only asking that you consider his words. For the moment, let's forget his miracles and his divine claims. Just focus on what he taught.

In a single lesson (Matthew 5, 6, and 7), Jesus declared the "Golden Rule," "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them..." (Matthew 7:12). He declared the uselessness of worry and anxiety (Matthew 6:25-29) while reminding us to focus on the day, not tomorrow (Matthew 6:34). Jesus declared that we should not only love our neighbors (Matthew 22:39) but even our enemies (Matthew 5:43-47).

By any measure, these teachings are world-changing!

## 3. Focus on Jesus, not His disciples.

You've seen hypocrites. Preachers who are greedy cheaters. Church leaders who are sexual abusers. Double-talking Christians who would embarrass a crusty old sailor. Hypocrites are real, and they are found in the church.

There is a difference between Jesus and broken Christians.

Peter, who struggled with his own set of sins, always pointed to Jesus and not to himself.

*"...but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15, 16).*

Should you take up the mantle of faith, you will follow Jesus and no one else. And, you will stumble.

## 4. Expect from Jesus what culture has failed to deliver.

Jesus changes our outlook and our thinking. He transforms our minds through his message (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18). We come to know real and abiding peace. We think less about this world and focus on eternity. Your boss, bank, and neighbor become less irritating as you grow deeper in Christ.

Despite what some money-grubbing preachers will tell you, prosperity is never assured. But that's ok because our view of money is downgraded. It is no longer a goal but a tool to help others. You will not suddenly become rich. You won't find "\$56,000 in the mail." But you will find peace and a release from the anxiety vexing you. It's not instant, but it is real.

I have one goal with this message. I hope you will turn to Jesus to find what culture failed to deliver.

**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.

**Ed Johnson** is undergoing tests for possible cancer. He will have an MRI on October 13th.

**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:	James Day
	Todd Sanford
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive
Scripture Reading:	Seth Ratliff

**Wednesday Evening**

Leading Prayer:	Noah Evans
	Peter Verrett
Leading Singing:	Nathan Evans

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