

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

JUNE 5, 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

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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

They Were Pricked in Their Heart

Speaker: Jeffery King

Acts 2:36-37

³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Acts 2:36-37 KJV



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

Events for this week:

Tuesday:

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

Saturday:

Youth Night Out at Get A Clue Escape Rooms in Foley. Cost is \$15. Meet at the church building at 5 PM. See Noah or Nathan for any questions.

Next Sunday:

Lads to Leaders Second Language (Spanish) following our evening Bible classes.

Are you registered for camp?

2022 Summer Registration is now open for the week of **June 26th—July 1st.**



You can register online at indiancreekyouthcamp.org and click on the link. **Select Scholarship as payment method and use the code ESCOC2022. Do not send any funds to camp.** Payment should be given to Bryant or Glenda.

All Camp Fees are due by June 19th.

Staff & Staff Child- Free (accompanied by parent, grandparent or guardian)

All other Campers- \$145.00

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



Mark Your CALENDAR

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| 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 |

1 Thessalonians 4 – Hope in Christ

By: Wayne Jackson for “*Christian Courier*”

The Christians in the city of Thessalonica were apparently disturbed about several uncertainties which they entertained concerning their loved ones who had died in the Lord. Hence, Paul gave them brief instruction regarding this matter and concluded by suggesting: “Wherefore comfort one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

Words, especially those of the Holy Scriptures, do have the power to comfort (cf. Romans 15:4). Let us call attention to three (of the several) important points which the apostle made within the context of 1 Thessalonians 4:13ff.

First, the inspired writer referred to departed Christians as ones who had fallen “asleep.” Underline the word “asleep” and in your margin write: **See Daniel 12:2; John 11:11,43,44.**

In the Bible, the word “sleep,” is only used of the condition of the **body** in death. The soul does not sleep. The sleeping metaphor is probably employed of the body in death for two reasons.

1. Just as the soul does not cease to exist while we are literally sleeping, neither does it cease to exist when the physical body dies.
2. As the sleep of the body is temporary, so shall the death of the human body be temporary. The body will be raised from the dead (see 1 Corinthians 15). Even the wicked will experience a resurrection (John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15).

Second, Paul admonishes that we should not “sorrow, even as the rest, who have no hope.” He does not say that it is wrong to mourn when we lose a dear one. Elsewhere, the apostle implied that if his beloved friend Epaphroditus had died, he would have experienced “sorrow upon sorrow” (Philippians 2:27). The point made here is this: we do not sorrow “even as” those who are without hope.

Mark the expression “even as.” It translates a Greek word which denotes **degree** or **extent**. Make that marginal notation.

From this context we may also necessarily infer that “hope” is the possession of Christians; it does not belong to “the rest,” i.e., those who remain identified with the world. Concerning those who die **outside of Christ** (note the phrase “in Christ” vv. 14,16), i.e., outside of His spiritual body, the church (Colossians 1:18,24), **there is no hope**. But those who have died “in Christ”:

1. are happy (cf. Revelation 14:13, where those who have died in the Lord are said to be “blessed,” meaning happy);
2. are at rest (again, see Revelation 14:13);
3. will accompany Christ when He returns to effect the resurrection and to claim living saints (4:14b,16,17);
4. will enjoy a blissful reunion with their loved ones who have died in the service of God (cf. Genesis 25:8; 2 Samuel 12:23; Matthew 8:11);
5. shall “ever be with the Lord” (4:17).

We must add this point as well. Those “in Christ” are they who, through faith, have been immersed for the forgiveness of their sins, hence, have entered **into** Him (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26,27).

Third, the basis of our confidence and comfort is the fact that “Jesus died and rose again” (v. 14). If Christ was not raised, then our faith and preaching are in vain. If such is the case, our hope has been only in this life and we are therefore most pitiable (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:13-19).

Please keep in your prayers:

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

Anna Sandrell broke her foot in two places and might have a blood clot (daughter of Dwight & Julia Isenhower).

Tom Busby fell but did not break anything. He has a follow-up appointment with his lung specialist to check the scarring on his lungs (father of Patrice Kenney).

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:	James Day
Usher:	Hunter Harp
Building Lockup:	Chad Chupek
Treasurer Assistants:	Jesse Olive and William Hill

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Kent Purser
Leading Prayer:	Scott Lloyd
	Garlin Farris
Leading Singing:	Caleb Ratliff
Scripture Reading:	Eli Ratliff

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	John Sibley
	Chad Chupek
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans

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