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# myEast Side

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February 2011

*Eastside Baptist Church exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ to impact the world locally and globally.*

I want to commend you on the way you handled the situation with the Dabney Family over the past three months. You honored the Lord in you love and support, and you defeated the devil in what you did not do. You did not gossip about this but you prayed. We all prayed for a different outcome but the good news is that God is not finished. Keep praying for all the Dabneys in the days ahead. Our God is the one who can take the broken pieces of our lives and create a masterpiece with them for His glory and our good.

I appreciate how you responded by your generosity through the love offering. You gave over \$2600 and it is very appreciated by Tim and well as your Pastor. Tim and his family have been a tremendous blessing for the past three years while they were at Eastside. We all love them and thank the Lord for their impact on the life of our Church.

As we look for a new Student Pastor please be in prayer for God's man and God's will. Seeking the Lord for His direction and leadership is critical in the search for staff of any Church. I covet your prayers in the days ahead.

I also want to thank the members of the Youth Leadership Team for all they do. Tim referred to them last week. The team members are Jenna Gray, Caleb Halstead, Greg Hinton, Brandon & Masina McGarry, Hope Seabolt and Brandon Williams. This team is responsible for leading and directing our Student Ministry during this time. Please pray for each of them as they work extra hard to serve and lead our Students.

February 12th is the Youth Valentine's Banquet at 5pm. The theme this year is "Romance in Italy." It promises to be a delightful night to celebrate your love and support our Youth. We get to pick our entree and dessert as well as choose a favorite love song from the 1940's and 50's. The proceeds from the Valentine's Banquet all go to the Youth Mission Project for this summer.

Love being your Pastor,  
Bro. Bob



# Kids East Side

## February Awana Schedule:

2/02	Wear Uniform
2/09	Red/Hearts Night
2/16	Wear Uniform
2/23	Crazy Hair Night



*"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11*



Parents—be sure to have your children here for **ELEVATE**—our approach to Children's Worship—Packed with high-energy worship, age specific small groups, and fun and interactive Bible lessons! Can't wait to see Everyone!

**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**

## Nursery & Toddler Worship

6	AM:	Melinda & Greg Hinton
13	AM:	Temi Adeleke & Andrea Hinton
20	AM:	Sharon & Steve Hicks
27	AM:	Tina & Mike Martin

*If you have any questions, please contact  
Nick Carrillo @ 678-350-5333*



# Children's Pastor Commentary

## Children's Christmas Mission Project

UPDATE: I wanted to give you all an update on our missions project. For our Christmas Mission Project in December, our children collected many items for Helping In His Name Ministries. Among those items collected were toiletry items, canned goods, drinks and chips. Times are rough for families and many have lost their jobs. I want to personally thank you all for your generous donations to help these families in their time of need.

## AWANA

Parents and leaders, please make a note on your calendar, we will be having AWANA on February 23rd to make up for the snow day in January. The theme will be Crazy Hair Night. I believe the winner of our last crazy hair night was the person pictured here. We could not confirm his or her identity as this person wouldn't take off their mask. Hrrmm. Any ideas who this mystery person could be?



## We Need Your Help

God is good. He has provided us a teacher for our 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday school class. After seeking the Lord's will, Mrs. Felicia Mitchell has volunteered to teach this class. Praise be to God.

In the Children's ministry, we are always looking for caring adults to help out. One place in particular we have a need is helping in the nursery during Sunday School, we could really use you. Let me know if God is leading you towards helping in this area, or in other areas of the Children's Ministry.

## Upcoming Events

Children's Outing – Saturday March 12th. Details soon to follow.

## Weekly Focus

### Children's Worship

*Dr. Tomorrows Robot Repair Shop*

2/6 - I Will Use My Words to Encourage Others. The children will learn that their mouth reminds them to praise God and to encourage others.

2/13 - I Will See People as God Sees Them. The children will learn their eyes remind them to see others the way God sees them.

2/20 - I Will Put Godly Things In My Mind. The children will learn that what they put into their minds will come out in their words and actions.

2/27 - I Will Cooperate And Work With Others At Church. The children will learn they should work together and cooperate with others to make the church the best it can be.

### Toddler & Pre-K Worship

*Dr. Tomorrows Robot Repair Shop Jr.*

2/6 - Jesus Teaches Me

2/13 - Jesus Prayed

2/20 - Jesus Wants To Spend Time With Me

2/27 - Jesus Cares For Others



# Missions

We have so many opportunities as a church to reach out and serve. Each one of us can be a part of a ministry at Eastside Baptist Church.

February - will be A Friends House month. There will be an area in the foyer (by the carport) for donations for this ministry needs. There will be a list of these items that are in need and this list will be available on Sunday, February 6.

Community Mission Trip - Our community outreach to the Helping in His Name Ministries Food Pantry was Saturday January 29. We had an awesome time sorting and bagging for distribution for the Families of Henry County.

Youth Mission Outreach - Last month a team of 3 Adults and 8 Youth reached out to one of our Families within Eastside Baptist Church. We went and took down a satellite dish, raked leaves and had a great time.

News from the Field - *What's cooking with the Cooks?*

Our Missionaries John and Lois Cook rejoice in what God is doing in Korea through Korea Child Evangelism Fellowship. CEF is a ministry to the Korean children and Korean people through prayer, interest and financial support. From the middle of October until the middle of December God has allowed John and Lois to minister to and among the Korean CEF and staff and missionaries. Please continue to pray for John and Lois Cook as they continue to work and serve the Lord in His Kingdom.

A Special Note - If you would to be a part of missions and would like to serve on team, please let us know. There is always an opportunity for you to serve.

We now have email addresses for each area of our Acts 1:8 Ministries. If you have any questions or have any outreach ideas please let us know. These emails are listed below along with each ministry Leaders name.

Jerusalem	<a href="mailto:Jerusalem@myeastside.net">Jerusalem@myeastside.net</a>	Pat Sorg
Judea	<a href="mailto:Judea@myeastside.net">Judea@myeastside.net</a>	Richard Kirby
Samaria	<a href="mailto:Samaria@myeastside.net">Samaria@myeastside.net</a>	Jim West
Ends of Earth	<a href="mailto:Endsofearth@myeastside.net">Endsofearth@myeastside.net</a>	Linda Holcomb

*Serving the Lord,  
Mike Martin  
mikem@myeastside.net*



## Tuesday Morning Worship Service

*Each Tuesday at 10:30 am  
A traditional service with singing  
and preaching.  
A light lunch and time of fellowship  
after the service.  
All who can attend at this time  
are welcome.*



## “Forgiveness”

Well football season has come and gone and I'm sure by now you have taken back the things that did not fit or was the wrong color!

That is why I enjoy getting books for Christmas. I have a stack that will take me the summer to finish. One of those was the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Theologian. At the age of 13, he decided that God would have him to be a theologian.

It was during the time that Nazi and Hitler raine of terror. He was arrested and later put to death. He wrote “Letters and Papers from prison” before his death. He thought of forgiveness and concluded “violence has become justice, lawlessness has become order, and war has become peace.”

We may want to forgive, but the situation may not be ripe for it. I know it is hard to forgive someone who is still “battering” us. Yet, there will be a time and a moment when we forgive. It is for your healing! The one who has been hurt! To forgive by the grace of God. It will be healing for you.

*Ron Long*

As we celebrate the Valentine Heart in February, it brings to mind that the Lord tells us to-

*"Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."*

*This year may we have a Heart that seeks :*

*A Heart that yearns for a close relationship with Christ*

*A Heart to worship the Lord*

*A Heart for the Lost*

*A Heart committed to service*

*Psalm 51:10*

*February is the month that we will collect soup and food items for the Friends House.*

*The container will be in the foyer.*

*Thank you for helping with this Ministry.*

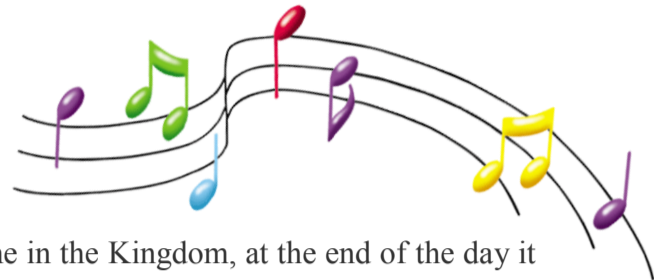
*God Bless You,  
Linda Reynolds  
Heart to Heart Ladies' Ministry*

### *My Eastside Staff*

Senior Pastor:	<i>Dr. Bob Halstead</i>
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## Are You Easily Provoked?



No matter how talented I am, or how much God chooses to use me in the Kingdom, at the end of the day it boils down to one thing. Am I walking in love? Recently in my own journey I have found the Father calling me to a deeper walk of love. He's been challenging me to make love my reflex, not just an afterthought. It is easy to talk about love but when it comes down to it, I have to be honest – it's something the Father has to work in me. It is not my natural reaction. It may be the same with you.

Over the years, one of the primary challenges I have faced in my love walk comes out of I Corinthians 13:4 where Paul says that love is not "easily provoked". Honestly, I can be very easily provoked. If a situation arises and it's something I care deeply about, or has the potential to shine a negative light on me then it's on. I've recognized this pattern time and time again in my own life. Finally, I got the memo and began to ask the Holy Spirit for help!

Recently, I've taken time to explore this phenomenon with the Lord and found that at the core of this propensity to be easily provoked is a desire to self-protect. Here's how it happens. I have my plans all laid out (of course there are no perfectionist tendencies here) and then some situation or well-meaning person comes along and in my opinion screws things up. It could be as simple as changing a date or a time for an event, challenging my reasoning for a decision, or calling into question my motives. So, my natural reaction is to come out with a Braveheart-esque vigor to defend what is mine. Phrases like "it's not fair" or "that will make me look bad" are often at the core of my anger, revealing a not-so-righteous indignation and delusional feelings of self-importance.

As I've embarked on this intentional journey of Love, the Father started showing me that my desire to self-protect and defend myself so vigorously was rooted in my lack of trust in Him as my protector. That was hard to swallow at first but upon deeper examination was found to be absolutely true. In my own self, I am much more comfortable in taking the sword and "cutting off the ear" of anyone who comes against me rather than allowing my Father to be my defender. The truth about Love is that the Father never asked me to defend myself. He declares in His Word that He is my defender, my rock, my fortress, my very present help in time of need. My challenge and yours is, in that split second of time when we have the opportunity to choose a reaction to a provocative situation, to choose Christ.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Father is leading each of us to a life of trusting Him. It's like the lyrics to *Desert Song* that says, "All of my life, in every season, you are still God. I have a reason to sing; I have a reason to worship." No matter what's going on in my life I can choose to trust the Father and walk in love or pick up the sword and chop some ears. His desire for each of us is that we be free to completely love others and completely trust Him for the details. As for me, I'm learning to put down my sword. Let us all heed the wisdom of Hebrews 10:24 as it reminds us again, "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good works." How much better would it be for all of us "easily provoked" types to be provoked unto love?

Don Phelps  
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Eastside Baptist Church Youth Ministry Presents

# Romance In Italy

Have you made your Valentine plans yet?  
The Youth Ministry would like to take care of those  
plans for you.

Who: Youth Ministry will be serving dinner  
What: Romantic Italian Valentine Dinner  
When: Saturday, February 12 at 5:00pm  
Where: Eastside Baptist Church (*fellowship hall*)  
Why: To help fund youth mission projects

We will be playing swing and jazz music from the 40's & 50's for  
your entertainment

## The Menu will be as follows:

Starter: Salad (*Ranch or Italian dressing*)  
Appetizer: Breadsticks w/marinara sauce  
Choose an entrée: Spaghetti or Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo  
Choose a dessert: Ice Cream or Brownie Alamode  
Drinks: Sweet Tea, Coke, Sprite, & Water

\$10 per person / RSVP - 770-860-0400 or sign up at the Church by  
Sunday, February 6, 2011





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**Service Times:**

Sunday School	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:50 am
Teleios	6:00 pm
Tuesday	10:30 am
Wednesday	7:00 pm



*Building our Future*