
myEastSide

April 2011

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

Dear Church Family,

April is here and Easter is just around the corner. Spring is such a beautiful time of the year. The trees are budding and blooming and the flowers are beginning to grow. The rain and sunshine of the spring produce the fruit of the summer. There is a process God has placed in nature. We see the cycle each year. There are variables to all of the seasons but the process is the same.

What about the season of life you are in? Are you growing? Are you following the growth process God has established for your life? Are you in the Word daily? Are you communing with Him on a regular basis? Not just asking for His hand but are you seeking His heart?

The rains come in all of our lives. It comes in the life of churches as well. None of us like the rainy days, especially when they last for a while. We must remember God has a plan. He knows what He is up to. Where would the fruit be if it were not for the rain. The sun can be scorching at times but it is necessary. Is there fruit in your life that the Holy Spirit is producing. Galatians 5:22-23 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Do you see these characteristics bearing in your life? These are not forced reactions but realities produced by the Holy Spirit through a life that is surrendered to Him.

It is exciting to see the many lives in the fellowship of Eastside that God is working through. There are many who are growing in their walk with Christ. It is easy for us to focus on the negative around us.

We can get caught up in the gossip people share. We can spotlight the few who grumble and complain OR we can Praise the Lord for the work He is doing. I for one want to highlight what He is doing in and through the lives of the people of Eastside.

We have many who serve out of a grateful heart. We have within our fellowship many who want to reach out to those around us with the love of God. Lives are being changed. Marriages are being blessed. People are growing. Serving the Lord is a blessing to many. The community is being served. The Bible is being read, heard, taught and lived out. Believers are singing and praising God. Saints are praying for the salvation of others. Church members are ministering to people within the body and outside the body.

Glory to God for the great thing He has done and is doing!

Easter is April 24th just over 3 weeks away. We are praying for 250 on Easter Sunday. Have you invited your friend? Pray for many to hear the gospel and be saved that day.

Love being your Pastor,
Bro. Bob



Kids East Side

March Awana Schedule:

- 4/06 NO Awana (spring break)
- 4/13 Wear Uniform
- 4/20 Career Dress Up Night
- 4/27 Wear Uniform



"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!

Nursery Schedule

- 3 AM: Sharon & Steve Hicks
- 10 AM: Tina & Mike Martin
- 17 AM: Linda Holcomb & Cheryl Suggs
- 24 AM: Kathy Daniels & Bonny Bowen

*If you have any questions, please contact
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Children's Pastor Commentary

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This month we will continue our "Spy Chase" series. Your children have become "Cadets", learning how to be spies. Each week we have joined the secret spy organization "P.R.O.P.H.E.T.," and have been protecting the teachings of the Bible from the Villainous League of Bad Guys. It's been difficult to decipher the shutdown codes, but they have done an excellent job, and have cracked the code every time.

awana

Don't forget to bring your children back on Wednesdays for our AWANA program. You won't want to miss it. Also please remember that April 6th is spring break. There will be no AWANA on that day.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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 on a rotational basis. We could really use your help. Let me know if God is leading you towards helping in this area, or in other areas of the Children's Ministry.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Thank you all for your candy donations. If you still have donations you haven't brought, please drop them off at my office. Our Easter Eggstravaganza this year will be on April 23rd. From 10:30 AM- to around 1:00 PM. We are going to have games, music, prizes, food and an egg hunt. I hope you all come and please have your children bring their friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Henry & Rockdale county schools Spring Break 4th—8th.
- ◆ No AWANA the 6th.
- ◆ The children will be singing during the Easter Service on the 24th.

*Nick Carrillo,
Pastor of Children*

WEEKLY FOCUS

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Spy Chase

4/3 - I Will Obey God! We will learn that we need to obey God to have the best life possible.

4/10 - I Will Praise God! We will learn that we can praise God many ways.

4/17 - I Will give To God First! We will learn that we should joyfully give to God first.

4/24 - No Children's Worship Service

TODDLER & PRE-K WORSHIP

Spy Chase Jr

4/3 - Friends Forgive Others! God wants us to be a friend by forgiving others.

4/10 - Friends Say Kind Words! God wants friends to say kind words.

4/17 - Friends Work Together! God wants friends to work together with each other.

4/24 - No Toddler & Pre-K Worship Service



Missions

We have so many opportunities as a church to reach out and serve.

Community Mission Trip – Our community outreach to the Helping in His Name Ministries Food Pantry was on Saturday March 29 from 9 am to 12 noon. Our Team had an awesome time sorting and bagging for distribution for the Families of Henry County. *Please Note:* This ministry outreach to the Helping in His name ministry is twice a quarter, please watch the Sunday Bulletin for details.

News in the Mission Field - Please be in pray for our Mission Teams as we serve in the Kingdom of God. Linda Holcomb will be going to Haiti serving on a Medical Mission Team with Dr. Sorg. Our Adults and Youth will be serving with the Bold Missions Builders in Dublin, Ga. in June. Dr. and Mrs. Long will be serving in Jamaica with several teams in July. Mike Martin along with a team from Eastside will be serving in St. Kitts in July.

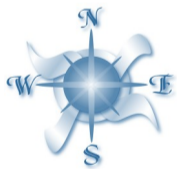
Xport Living Hope Fundraiser - This is a project that our Youth are a part of and very much involved in. This outreach is a part of the snowconyers which is a local youth event where students and leaders from local churches converge with each other in music, great communicators and life changing experiences. Students from every middle school and high school in Rockdale County, if you would like to help in this ministry there is a box in the foyer for donations and also there is a list of all items that are needed in this year's project which is going to Nakuru Kenya.

Who is Annie Walker Armstrong - She was a passionate advocate for missionaries and their work, Annie Armstrong is one of the Southern Baptists heroes. She championed missions involvement and she gave personally and sacrificially of her time and talents to see the gospel go forward throughout the world. Her legacy is easily recognized in modern day mission champions who pray fervently, give generously and go continuously to share the good news of Jesus Christ with everyone, everywhere. Our goal for Eastside Baptist Church is \$2500. Please be a part of this great ministry outreach. The month of March and April is Annie Armstrong .

Coffee and Fellowship Time - Eastside Café will open its doors in April to offer a warm welcoming area to our Church Family and Visitors. The Café will be located in the room directly across from the mission's bulletin board.

*Serving the Lord,
Mike Martin*

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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.*

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“Dealing with Sickness”

Having been in ministry now going on 55 yrs, one of the hardest things I have had to do is to stand beside the bed of someone who is dying. I must try to give comfort to both the one who is sick and to the family who must soon say goodbye. Those are difficult times. On more than one occasion I have had to help families decide when to turn off the machine that was keeping the body alive long after the brain had ceased to function. That is never, never easy.

All of our families have at some time experienced this matter of severe physical illness and eventually death. How difficult it is to hear the doctor tell us there is no hope. That is when I have to remind myself that all through the Bible, God has a lot to say about physical illnesses. Whether it was Naaman, Nebuchadnezzar, David’s unborn son, and don’t forget about what Job had to experience! No, the Bible is not silent on this matter. In fact, when Jesus came to earth he had deep concern for the sick. So great was his heart for the sick that one fifth of the gospels is given to the topic of healing!

We must understand that sickness is a very real part of life. What parent can’t remember a late night when their child had a fever, stomach ache or other some other malady? I don’t know of anyone who goes through life without experiencing some sort of physical illness. Why are we sick? I have asked myself that a lot of times and then I remember that sickness entered the human race as the result of the fall of man (Romans 6:12). Since that time people have known what it is like to be unhealthy. It is very interesting to me that the Bible mentions many symptoms- blindness, boils, deafness, fever, and internal bleeding, and many more. However, the Word of God never makes any attempt to diagnose or categorize the symptoms of physical or mental illness.

Sadly, physical illness is a part of life. How many times have I said to myself, “I wish I would have never eaten that pizza at 11pm...!!” or, “That spicy food sure was good, so how about seconds?” All of us have done this. I also have to remind myself that physical illness can cause psychological illnesses. Much of the mental stress we endure can and will come because we are simply physically sick. But do not lose heart. Even though sickness is a part of the curse, God often uses it to strengthen his people and bring himself glory. For the next couple of months we will look at physical illness from God’s perspective.

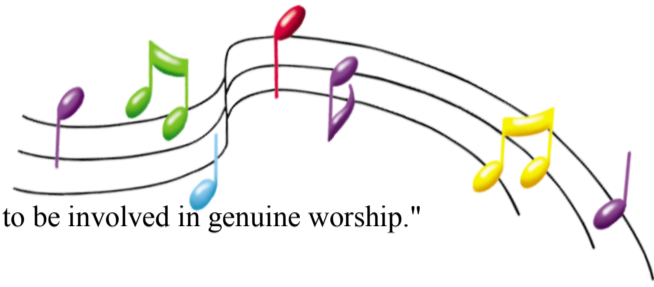
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Great Quotes on Worship



Jerry Kerns -

"The whole person, with all his senses, with both mind and body, needs to be involved in genuine worship."

C.S. Lewis -

"The most valuable thing the Psalms do for me is to express the same delight in God which made David dance."

Graham Truscott -

"When God's people begin to praise and worship Him using the Biblical methods He gives, the Power of His presence comes among His people in an even greater measure."

Charles H. Spurgeon -

"God is to be praised with the voice, and the heart should go therewith in holy exultation."

A. W. Tozer -

"Without worship, we go about miserable."

Manley Beasley -

"A glimpse of God will save you. To gaze at Him will sanctify you."

C. S. Lewis -

"We only learn to behave ourselves in the presence of God."

Michael Catt -

"If we are going to worship in Spirit, we must develop a spirit of worship."

Richard Foster - "As worship begins in holy expectancy, it ends in holy obedience. Holy obedience saves worship from becoming an opiate, an escape from the pressing needs of modern life."

Jack Hayford -

"Worship changes the worshiper into the image of the One worshiped"

Jessica Leah Springer -

"As John 4:23 says, Its time, as worshipers of God, to give him all we have. For when he is exalted, everything about me is decreased. So many times we stand in the way of really stepping into the secret place of worship with God. Just abandon tradition and the "expected" ways of Praise & Worship and get lost in the holy of holies with the sole intention of blessing the Fathers heart."

Lamar Boschman -

"When I worship, I would rather my heart be without words than my words be without heart."

Graham Kendrick -

"Worship is first and foremost for His benefit, not ours, though it is marvelous to discover that in giving Him pleasure, we ourselves enter into what can become our richest and most wholesome experience in life." p.58 "A Heart For Worship" by Lamar Boschman

Don McMinn -

"Our entire being is fashioned as an instrument of praise. Just as a master violin maker designs an instrument to produce maximum aesthetic results, so God tailor-made our bodies, souls and spirits to work together in consonance to produce pleasing expressions of praise and worship. When we use body language to express praise, that which is internal becomes visible." p.60 "A Heart For Worship" by Lamar Boschman



dnow

Disciple Now Conyers is a local retreat where students and leaders from local churches converge with each other in a weekend of huge music, great communicators, and life changing experiences. Students and an adult leader will spend time in small groups.

The theme of ***DNOW11*** is ***"X-CHANGE" I Peter 2:24***

We are also very excited about this year's mission project, X-Port Living Hope. Check back soon for many more details about this project and how you and your student can help bring hope to many hurting people in Nakuru, Kenya.

This year's event will take place at Heritage Hills Baptist Church and in homes (small groups) throughout Rockdale County.

Registration will begin January 12th, 2011.

The cost of dnowconyers11 will be:

\$45 if registered and paid January 12-February 23

\$55 if registered and paid February 24-April 14

\$60 at the door

Registration fee includes all meals, T-shirt, transportation, and sessions.

PRE DNOW Rallies Dates and Locations

January 12, 2011 Eastside Baptist Church

February 23, 2011 Rockdale Baptist Church

March 16, 2011 Zion Baptist Church

April 13, 2011 Heritage Hills Baptist Church





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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