
myEast Side

March 2011

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

Dear Church Family,

Read this article from a fellow pastor and thought it was worth repeating...

What Type of Church Member are You?

The friend- Every pastor should be blessed with at least one person that doesn't care about the fact he's the shepherd. These friends help pastors stay sane. They just enjoy the pastor for who he is, warts and all. I love hanging out with them.

The supporter- This person is a vocal supporter of leadership. When the rumor mill gets turning, they stand up and call people out. When dissension begins, they work hard to bring back unity. They love their pastors and champion the vision of the church.

The Mulder- Remember X-Files? Remember how Mulder always had some crazy conspiracy theory about aliens? Seems like there's always at least one hyper-spiritual person in the church that thinks demons are behind everything that goes wrong. Don't get me wrong; I believe in spiritual warfare and do not take it lightly. But I don't think a demon named "Techno" is causing the microphones to go dead.

The caregiver- These people truly enjoy being selfless. When you thank them for their "sacrifices," they look at you funny. What most view as bothersome chores, they happily accept.

The opportunist- He uses the church for a business network. She uses it to gain political access to a constituency. They avoid church leaders unless their networks or constituencies are threatened. Then they get nasty.

The Pharisee- I like to call them the silly police. They enforce neckties in the traditional church. They enforce coolness in the contemporary church. In every case, it's about "the look" of a person and not the progress of discipleship.

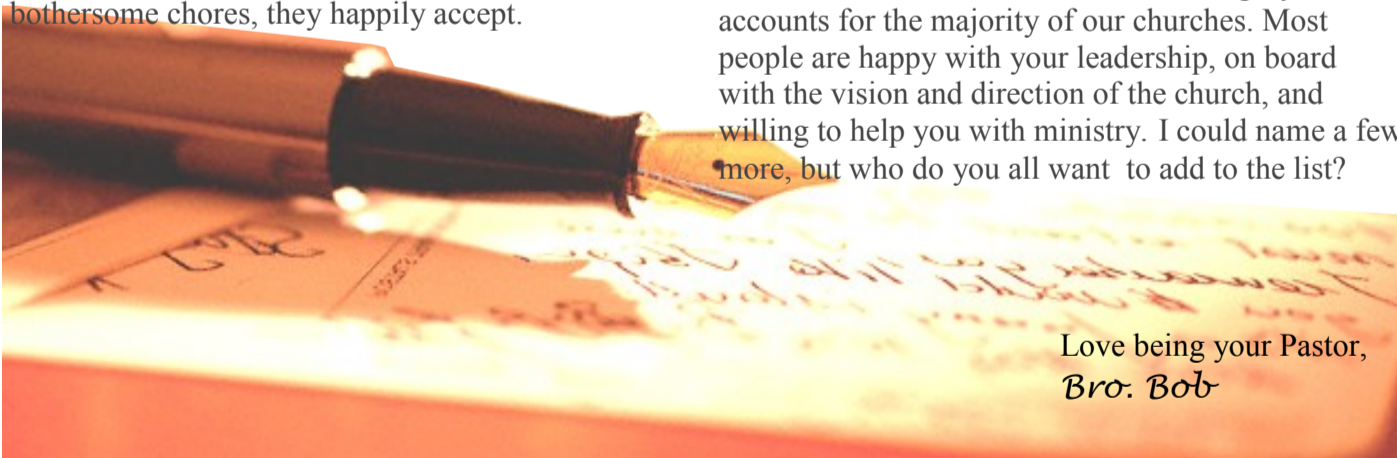
The mentor- This member is a rare breed. If my Dad's father were still alive, they would be the same age. He is light years beyond me in spiritual maturity. And he will never know how much of an influence on me he has. I am forever changed because of his guidance, and I am a better pastor because of his influence.

The warrior- This person prays unceasingly. If we had more of them in our churches, then revival would break out across our nation.

The anxious Annie- This person feels the need to tell everyone to pray for their third cousin's best friend's neighbor's son's cat that recently coughed up a tough hairball and had to go to the vet. Poor thing. Now let's pray for Scuffles.

The chinwag starter- Most everyone is guilty of some form of gossip, but this person is the hub for all the rumor spokes.

The follower- If we are honest, this category accounts for the majority of our churches. Most people are happy with your leadership, on board with the vision and direction of the church, and willing to help you with ministry. I could name a few more, but who do you all want to add to the list?



Love being your Pastor,
Bro. Bob

Kids East Side

March Awana Schedule:

- 3/02 Wear Uniform
- 3/09 Game Night
- 3/16 Wear Unifor
- 3/23 Talent Night
- 3/30 Theme: Black-Out Night
(bring a flashlight)



"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

- 6 AM: Linda Holcomb & Cheryl Suggs
- 13 AM: Kathy Daniels & Bonny Bowen
- 20 AM: Melinda & Greg Hinton
- 27 AM: Temi Adeleke & Andrea Hinton

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This month we will be starting a new 8 week series entitled "Spy Chase". Spy Chase will immerse your children into a world of espionage, intrigue, and fun. In Spy Chase, your children will join "P.R.O.P.H.E.T.," a secret spy organization. Their mission is to protect the teachings of the Bible from the Villainous League of Bad Guys. Your children will join the P.R.O.P.H.E.T. team on their mission by helping them solve the puzzle to keep the world safe. Along the way, they will learn about some real prophets, like Isaiah, Elijah, and others. We're going to have a blast.

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Don't forget to bring your children back on Wednesdays for our AWANA program. You won't want to miss it.

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

During the month of March, we will be collecting candy donations for our Easter Egg Hunt in April. We are going to make this year's Easter Egg Hunt an outreach to our Jerusalem. Please put donations in the bin outside my office, or in the bin by the carport entrance. Thank you in advance for your donations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Outing – The date has changed from the 12th to Saturday the 19th. We will be going skating at Starlight Skating Center in Stockbridge. Tentative plans are to skate from 2 - 5 PM. Cost will be \$10 per child for entry and skate rental. Money for games, food and drinks is additional. Parents get in free. We will meet at the skating rink.

*Nick Carrillo,
Pastor of Children*

WEEKLY FOCUS

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Spy Chase

3/6 - I Will Follow Only God - We will be learning that we should follow only God and His ways.

3/13 - I Will Have Peace When I'm Afraid Because God Is With Me - We will be learning that when we are afraid, we can pray to God for peace because He is with us.

3/20 - I Will Listen To God - We will be learning that we should listen to God.

3/27 - I Will Obey God - We will be learning that we have to obey God to have the best life possible.

TODDLER & PRE-K WORSHIP

Dr. Tomorrows Robot Repair Shop Jr.

3/6 - I Will Tell Everyone About Jesus

Spy Chase Jr.

3/13 - Friends Take Turns - God wants me to be a friend by taking turns.

3/20 - Friends Put Others First - God wants me to be a friend by putting others first.

3/27 - Friends Forgive Others - God wants me to be a friend by forgiving others.



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 will be Saturday March 29 from 9 am to 12 noon. This will be an awesome time sorting and bagging for distribution for the Families of Henry County. Please Note: This outreach team may only have 20 members. Please sign up early at the missions bulletin board located in the foyer at the carport.

News from the Field - I received an email from Pat Ham. Pat has finished recording the book of Genesis this past fall. These recordings were downloaded onto CD's which the Indians can listen to in their homes. It is hard to imagine their having the devices now which enable them to do this. They have come a long way from the days when Pat's battery powered tape recorder was a thing of wonder to them. Pat is planning a trip down to the area later this year and will be preparing some simple New Testament studies for the Indians in these months before she returns.

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 dnowconyers 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 this year's project is going to Nakuru Kenya.

*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.*



“Resolving Conflict”

Jesus stated that a house divided against itself cannot stand. (Matthew 12:25) Conflict, whether in a marriage, workplace or church, is natural and normal. However, it can turn into a very painful and disastrous end. It does not have to. It is not the conflict that concerns me; it is how we handle the conflict. How do we view and work through our differences? This will determine to a large extent our whole life pattern. Conflicts can be resolved by those who are willing to treat each other with respect and with true expressions of love.

I've discovered that in handling conflicts the very first step is to get a clarification of what the goals are. Many times people in conflict want the same goals in spite of their differences. A husband and wife may want a good marriage but are in conflict over their lifestyles, money management or raising the children. We want the conflict resolved in a way that will be agreeable and to the benefit of everyone involved. When we clarify the goals, we are inclined to enhance the relationship so that further communication will improve.

I discourage people from bargaining over their position. Bargaining takes place when each side takes up a position and argues for that position while hoping to reach an agreeable, mutual solution. Each side adopts a rigid position, is stubborn about it and argues that position. As a result of that, anger flares up and it gets worse.

To avoid this we need to consider what each other really wants and whether our goals are similar. When our goals are similar, conflict resolution is easier. And don't forget the important words:
“I'm sorry.”

Ron Long

Even with these last few days of Spring, we can almost be sure of a few more cool days before Spring is really here. March is a month of cold days, wind and unpredictable weather just as life can be at many times. However, God's word tells us:

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

Ladies' mark your calendars for a few dates ahead:

Bible Study of Daniel— Begins Wednesday March 2 at 10am.

Ladies' Spring Conference Bethlehem Baptist---
Saturday, April 16, 2011
Women Of Faith Conference---August 12 & 13

Also, plans are in the way for a Ladies Retreat--more info to come.
We will have sign up sheets for all these events.
Planned to be blessed this year . Bring a friend.

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

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Sacred vs. Secular?



What's the difference between things that are sacred and things that are secular? We Christians love to put things into neat little boxes. I think this somehow gives us a sense of security and assuredness that we are living our lives correctly.

With music, art or books we try especially hard to place each person's creative work into the appropriate category. Of course, to do this we need rules - lots of rules. Here are some examples:

-If you sing about Jesus, then you are a "Christian artist"

-If your book is sold in Lifeway, then you are a "Christian author"

-If your CD does not mention Jesus or God or isn't performed by a "Christian artist", then it's "secular" music

-If your art doesn't include a cross, a depiction of Jesus or some other religious symbol, then it's "secular"

-If you sing music on Sunday morning at church, you have a "sacred" job, but if you sing music on Friday night at a local pub, you have a "secular" job.

The problem with our rules is that they are based on our own ideas and therefore change over time. I remember 20 years ago when the entire outcry over drums in a worship service was because "drums were secular and therefore of the devil"! I also remember the outcry against Jars of Clay when the song "Flood" crossed over and took off in mainstream radio and a bunch of unsaved people started coming to their shows. *Oh no!*

Psalm 24:1 says, *"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. The earth and all it's people belong to him."* If everything belongs to God, who are we to say what is not sacred? God says "I made that. It's for my glory. Therefore it is sacred to me." In the book *Diverse Worship* (Pedrito U. Maynard-Reid) the author points out that this division between "sacred" and "secular" isn't really even a Christian thing - just something our Western culture has devised.

We could learn a lot from our brothers and sisters in Christ from our African-American churches or those in the Middle East, who make no such distinction. Our faith involves all of life and all of life is part of how we express our faith. What if there was just one category and we viewed life as if *everything* was sacred? How would this affect the way we did business? Or the way we treated our lost neighbor? Or how we appreciated someone's creative work?

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. sayings were posted above the chalkboards in most every classroom at college. I remember his way of putting this was, *"To the Christian, there is no difference between the sacred and the secular. All things are sacred."* Let's live every moment as sacred unto the Lord.

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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.

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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