
myEast Side

May 2011

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

Dear Church Family,

Praise the Lord for the wonderful Easter Service we had. What an exciting day as we came expecting the Lord to do something in our midst and He did. We had a great crowd and most of all we had several people trust Christ as Savior. You worked, prayed and invited your friends and family and God blessed that effort. I want to thank you for all your hard work on Saturday at the Easter Eggstravaganza and Sunday's service. It paid off. We had many guests on both days.

I also want to update you about another work in progress. Several months ago I began asking you to pray for our Church Study Group. This group is made up of Nick Carrillo, Steve Hicks, Randall Holcomb, Mike Martin, Don Phelps, Ted Rogers and myself. We have been studying God's Word to gain His insight about the structure of our church. For several years we have operated in various ways regarding the leadership of our church. We all, at times, have operated with a "pick and choose" method in regards to our Church By-laws and this has led to an uncertainty about how we are to operate in decision making.

Our goal has been and is, to look at God's Word and seek His direction about the leadership and governance of our Church. One thing has been clear and remains clear and that is that Christ is the Head of our Church. The question is under His headship how does He want us to operate?

We have been meeting, praying, reading, studying and discussing this whole issue in light of Scripture. It has been a long, and at times, difficult process, but one that has had many rewards for us as individuals, as a group and will have for our church.

The Bible speaks of Elders, Pastors, Bishops, Deacons, qualifications, leadership, shepherding, teaching, doctrine, sin as well as other things in regards to the leadership of a church. In the study of the Church, how any church governs itself is called "polity." That may be a new term to you. We are studying the Scriptures and seeking God's leadership and wisdom as to what "polity" He wants us to have in order to best function in accordance to His will and glory.

We are not through although we have come a long way. Please continue to pray for each of the men as we seek God's guidance. We hope to be sharing our findings in the months ahead. This process has been very revealing for each of us. It has stretched us in many ways. Each one of us have come to discover our own ideas and ways have not ALWAYS corresponded to the teaching of God's Word. Ask any member of this group and he will share with you how this process has been a process of growth all along. We all agree completely that this has been overall a blessing and will be a benefit for our church and her future. I can personally say that I have come to love these men more and more through this study.

Thank you for your prayers in the coming months.

Love being your Pastor,
Bro. Bob



Kids East Side

April Awana Schedule:

- 5/4 Wear Uniform/AWANA Store
- 5/11 LUAU/AWANA Awards/
Last Night of AWANA



"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

- 1 AM: Melinda & Greg Hinton
- 8 AM: Temi Adeleke & Andrea Hinton
- 15 AM: Sharon & Steve Hicks
- 22 AM: Tina & Mike Martin
- 29 AM: Linda Holcomb & Cheryl Suggs

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This month we will finish our "Spy Chase" series" and we start a new series titled "To The Depths". Get ready to board the Steadfast, a deep-sea rescue submarine. Join Captain Sandbar and his loyal first mate, Major Reefrash as they journey to the deepest parts of the ocean. Their mission: to rescue a stranded garbage submarine, the Scumscrubber. As we join their mission, we will see how God wants us to live by studying passages from the book of James.

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As we come to the end of AWANA for this school year, we all look forward to our AWANA luau. This will be held on the 11th. Please join us as we have a fun night with food and awards for your children's accomplishments. This will also be the last night of AWANA.

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.

VBS-GOLD RUSH

VBS is right around the corner. We will have work-days every Saturday up until VBS, which is June 6th -10th. If you are available to help us get ready for VBS, we have tons to do. There are many decorations and props that need to be made in advance. You don't have to have any special talent to help. Just a willingness to serve. We will also need some more help during the week of VBS. Let me know if you can help in any way.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Bible Bucks Store on the 15th
- ◆ AWANA Store on the 4th.
- ◆ AWANA Last Night & Luau/Awards on the 11th

*Nick Carrillo,
Pastor of Children*

WEEKLY FOCUS

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Spy Chase

5/1 - I Will Tell Others About Jesus! We will learn that we should tell others about Jesus and what He did for us

To The Depths

5/8 - God Loves Everyone And So Should I!

5/15 - When Trouble Comes I Will Praise God!

5/22 - I Will Do The Right Thing, Not Just Talk About It!

5/29 - No Children's Worship Service

TODDLER & PRE-K WORSHIP

Spy Chase Jr.

5/1 - Friends Help Others! God wants me to be a friend by helping others.

5/8 - Friends Share! God wants me to be a friend by sharing.

To The Depths Jr.

5/15 - I Will Trust God To Take Care Of Me.

5/22 - I Will Follow Directions.

5/29 - No Toddler & Pre-K Worship Service



Missions

Serving the Lord - One of our Missionaries who Eastside has supported for over forty years has gone home to be with the Lord. This truly Man of God was Brother Clifford New. Clifford had been sick for some time and was unable to return to the mission field. He served as a Missionary to Africa and Brazil. In a letter received from his Nephew Bro Daniel Harper who is the Pastor of the Saks Baptist Church in Anniston, Alabama stated that Brother Clifford always counted it a high honor to have the opportunity to serve God and Eastside on the mission field for all of these years. His Nephew also stated that he never lost his zeal for missions, even when it became apparent he would never be able to return due to poor health.

Please continue to pray for his Wife Faye and their Family.

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

News in the Mission Field - Please be in pray for Linda Holcomb as she will be a member of a Medical Mission Team in Haiti May 21-28. We look forward to hear how God has truly worked during this time.

June 19- 25 Our Adults and Youth will be serving with the Bold Missions Builders in Dublin, Ga. in June. This years trip we will be putting on a new roof on a educational building at the Poplar Springs Baptist Church. *If you would like to be a part of this awesome mission trip, please sign up on the missions bulletin board located in the hallway by the carport. Information is also available for this trip on the board.*

Month of May - This month will be collecting items for our Mission Trip to St. Kitts. Items that will be needed will be candy (please no chocolate)(we are need of about 4000 pieces of candy) , crayons, coloring books and butter cookies). If you would like to donate any of these items there will a container located in foyer at the carport or you can see Mike Martin.

Mark Your Calendar - This years Global Impact Celebration will be September 21-25. This year's Celebration will include all four of the Acts 1:8 challenge.

Coffee and Fellowship Time - Please stop by and visit our Eastside Café. This is a time to come and have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate along with some of sweet dessert before Sunday School.

***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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Eastside Baptist Church "A Healing Community"

In these very difficult economic times we become aware of the financial pressures that many families are under. The Bible teaches us much about finances and about giving even to the degree that some misinterpret the verse that says "*the love of money is the root of all evil*". Note it doesn't say money is the root of all evil but the *love* of it. My major concern is the stress that results from financial problems, which includes worry about money and how to pay the bills. Research has indicated that between 70-75% of all worry concerns money. Family and marital problems that arise are increased because of financial pressures. Financial stress is a major cause of divorce. Financial problems can result in jealousy and resentment that can last for a lifetime. Emotional emptiness and unhappiness occur when one's main focus in life is to accumulate possessions. A primary result of financial problems is spiritual deadness. This comes about when we get too concerned about money or have the wrong attitude towards it.

During these tough economic times when people are losing their jobs and having to tighten their financial belt, it is time for us to once again look to our Lord as he teaches us in the word of God about our finances. We, as Christians walking in fellowship with the Lord, can come to the understanding that He knows our every need. He promises to meet our needs; but we must remember, not our wants. "*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;...And my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*"

Philippians 4:6 & 19

Ron Long

Happy Mother's Day!!

Mother's Day is May 8. Be sure to honor your mother on this special day!

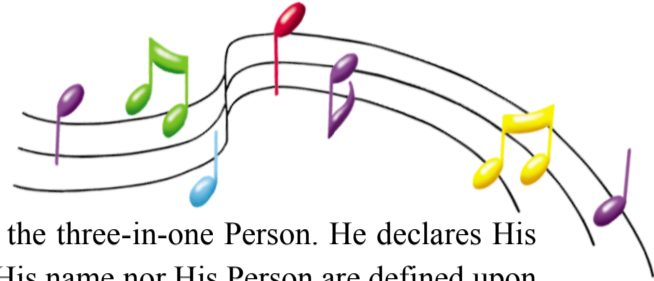


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“The Story”



God, the infinite, personal, powerful, center of all things; He is the three-in-one Person. He declares His name to be YHWH, meaning *"I Am that I Am"*. That is, neither His name nor His Person are defined upon anything else, but all things that do exist come from Him and for His pleasure they were created. YHWH was complete in His glory, love and community as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, before creation began.

Out of His love, He spoke creation into existence and brought life to the earth. He created man in His own image and breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life. As image bearers, we reflected God's character and qualities to the earth, bringing and bearing in our lives the goodness and love of our father to the rest of creation. As members of creation, we expressed back to God the praise of all things and articulated the responsive love of all creation back to its Creator. But soon, prompted by Satan's lies, we broke relationship with God and tore at the very love that tethered us to our creative destiny as God's image bearers on earth. In the breach of that relationship, sin, death, pain and sickness flooded the creation God had intended us to steward.

Though we had caused the breach, we would not (and could not) mend it. Where God is, there is no breach. His realm that breaths and expands is not defined in time or space, or even dimensions. His realm is called *"kingdom of God"*. The kingdom burst into the earth through God Himself, the Son. Just as sin had once brought death flooding into creation at the garden, now the Son (Jesus) healed the breach and brought the kingdom flooding into the earth. Jesus sacrificed his life, dying for us to repair the breach. His death and resurrection was the first *"kingdom of God"* act. He also showed us the right way of life, leading us by example to live tethered in love to the Father, through the Holy Spirit. Some, however, loved the breach and Satan's lies, more than the Rescuer and His kingdom story.

But those who believed found new life and became His *"salvation storytellers"* - telling Jesus' *death and resurrection* rescue story (represented by the Cross) and living as agents of this new kingdom. He sends us now to our families, churches, communities and countries. The same *"resurrection"* power that brought Jesus to life now works through us to expand the breathing Kingdom and bring healing into every stark, broken, sickened realm of our earth (and every person in it). We do this first by loving God, then each other, then taking our storytelling to every person (and all creation) that has yet to hear.

We continue to be storytellers, until Jesus returns in bodily form to claim His kingship over all things. At that time the kingdom of God will be fully expressed. We are to be restored to the place of image bearers in an unstained world. A world where rescued humanity will dwell with God, and He will dwell with us. Who have you shared the story with lately?

Don Phelps
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Student Ministry

The youth at Eastside spent the weekend of April 15, 2011 at dnow (discipleship now). Our weekend was based around the crucifixion. Our verse was 1 Peter 2:24(...by his wounds we are healed). We had such an eye-opening experience that we get to now share with others. I know I wanted to go tell someone about my weekend as soon as I left and as soon as I got some sleep. LOL.

We had a lot of together time and we learned a lot about each other. We did a lot of praying and worshipping this weekend and it was truly touching. We did the cross experience which was really neat to see. We carried a piece of wood up a hill, touched shredded bone (like something Christ would have been beaten with), touched the crown of thorns, and tried to pull ourselves up while we hung on to rope over our head, and nailed a nail into a wooden cross.

We also prayed over items that we collected to go to Kenya. We filled a 40-foot container with all these items and then everyone laid their hands on this container as we prayed over it. We put our handprints on the container so everyone it passes will see the love in it. The last thing we put into the container was a wooded cross with all of our faces nailed to it so when they open the container in Kenya the first thing they'll see are all the faces of people who laid their hands on those items.

We also prayed for a high school student who was supposed to be with us for dnow weekend but could not make it. Here is his story and I hope it touches your heart like it touched mine. Alex Gilland was enjoying a day at the lake Saturday April 9, 2011 on a boat with his mom, dad, sister, and her boyfriend. Their boat was idling while another family friend was working on their boat. A jet ski that was being driven by a girl that was extremely intoxicated got too close to their boat, hit the wake, and went air born. The jet ski collided with the Gilland's boat where Alex was relaxing. The jet ski hit Alex in the back of the head causing extreme head trauma. They rushed the boat to the marina. Alex was airlifted to Grady Memorial where he underwent brain surgery to stop internal bleeding and swelling. Alex's chance of living was extremely low. By God's grace and many prayers, the surgery was successful and the surgeon told the family that he expected a complete recovery. At first, it looked like many months of rehab. However, God continued to do miracles in Alex's life. He was able to come home from rehab April 20, 2011. The doctors are amazed by how quickly he has been recovering. Alex was able to attend church on Easter Sunday and is well on his way to complete recovery. He expects to be back in school before this school year is over.

This is just a reminder that we don't know what God has in store for us and we need to be prepared for when that unexpected happens. We learned a lot this weekend and I just hope that it is something that we will carry with us and share with everyone around us. I am so glad I got to share this weekend with our Youth at Eastside. They have been such a blessing to me in the short time that I've been with the church and I'm so thankful that God has put me here at Eastside with them. If you want to know more about our weekend just ask one of the youth, a leader, or myself or go to facebook and join dnowconyers2011.

*Fly with Christ,
Jenna Gray*





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