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# myEast Side

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August 2011

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

Dear Church Family

The summer has been hot and quick. While the hot weather is not over the short summer break is. It was busy and full of activity.

We started off with a great VBS in early June. Praise the Lord for those who were saved! Then it was off to Dublin. No not Ireland but Dublin Georgia. Neither was it a vacation. We carried 49 people to tear off and re-roof the Educational building at Poplar Springs North Baptist Church. It was extremely hot but we accomplished our mission.

Dr. Jim Britt preached a powerful message entitled, "The Prayer that Changed a Nation." God used Bro. Jim to challenge us to pray for the condition of our nation. We sent a group to St. Kitts and they came back reporting 26 professions of faith as a result of their week in Kids Camp. Praise the Lord again!

We were able to pray over and commission two missionaries to Liberia as well. Dr. Warmington and Marian Stewart are the first two foreign missionaries to ever leave the country of Jamaica and go serve another nation as missionaries for Christ. We support these ladies in their mission endeavor called "Faith and Deeds Ministries. What a privilege.

We had a wonderful homecoming this year as we celebrated 101 years of ministry as Eastside Baptist Church. God has certainly been faithful to us!

Dr. Jim Britt was back again and preached a wonderfully powerful message on the Book of Revelation. Our hearts were, as usual, blessed by this godly preacher of the gospel. It is always a treat to have Bro. Jim preach at Eastside.

Our new Teleios semester begins this month. Our Kickoff is August 7th and the classes begin on August 14th. You will see our classes listed in this newsletter. Avail yourself of one of these opportunities as we grow in our faith and relationship with Christ.

Remember to pray for our new ministry with Word of Life. The staff and I are very excited about the potential this ministry has to grow us together around God's Word. It will challenge us as well as equip us to be all God wants us to be. Yes it is for our Children's Ministry and Student Ministry but all of us can benefit by use of their Quiet Time Diary material. There is a written form as well as an online website to develop and enhance our daily Quiet Time with the Lord. I have been using this tool for a month now and have found it to be a real blessing. All of our staff is now involved. That means we all are studying the same passage of Scripture every day in our walk with Christ and we are accountable to each other for the process. Check it out at: [www.quiettimediary.com](http://www.quiettimediary.com). Hope to see online!

Love being your Pastor,  
**Bro. Bob**  
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# Kids East Side

Olympians and Gopher Buddies  
Wednesday's at 6:45pm

*"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

- 7 AM: Sharon & Steve Hicks
- 14 AM: Tina & Mike Martin
- 21 AM: Linda Holcomb & Cheryl Suggs
- 28 AM: Kathy Daniels & Bonny Bowen

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



# Children's Pastor Commentary

## TELEIOS

Teleios starts back up again this month. Our children's Teleios class will be learning a Christmas musical entitled "The Birth of Jesus". Not only will the children learn the musical, but we will be learning about the events surrounding His Birth.

## OLYMPIANS & GOPHER BUDDIES

Last month I gave you some information about what these two new programs for our children on Wednesday nights. This month is when it all gets started.

We will have our kickoff event on Wednesday the 24th. Classes start on Wednesday the 31st. This is a new program for our church and we need workers to make it happen. If you love working with children and helping them grow in Christ, we can find a place for you to help. Training will be provided.

## TRAINING

Olympians and Gopher Buddies training classes will be provided for those interested in helping. They will be on Tuesday, August 9th and Thursday, August 11th, from 6:30—8:30. Please be prepared to attend both nights.

## WORSHIP

Whether it's huge towers, strong walls or even gigantic boats, the Bible is full of incredible stories about construction projects. In this new series, The Great Sky Bridge Showdown, we will learn about some of those projects as we join Ike Ironsides and Caleb Cade on the job site. So, put on your hard hat and tool belt and let's get ready to build a life that is pleasing to God!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Olympians & Gopher Buddies:

- Training - August 9th
- Training - August 11th
- Kickoff - August 24th
- First Night - August 31st

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## WEEKLY FOCUS

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

#### *To The Depths*

8/7 - I Can Look Forward To Heaven Because Jesus Forgives Me!

#### *The Great Sky Bridge Showdown*

8/14 - Follow God's Plan! God has a plan for our lives, by following God's plan we can experience the best life possible.

8/21 - Obey God Above All Else! God is the ultimate authority and we should be obedient to Him above all others.

8/28 - Never Give Up Doing Good! As followers of God we should try to do good things, even when doing something good becomes difficult, we shouldn't give up.

### TODDLER & PRE-K WORSHIP

#### *To The Depths*

8/7 - Family Focus Weekend - No Toddler & Pre-K Worship

#### *The Great Sky Bridge Showdown*

8/14 - God Has A Plan For Me!

8/21 - God Hears Me When I'm Sad!

8/28 - God Helps Me Obey Him!



# Missions

We have so many opportunities as a church to reach out and serve. If you would like to serve on one of our mission outreaches please let us know. Information is provided on our Missions bulletin board about all the activities and mission trips that will be coming up the rest of this year and next year.

This year's Mission Trip to St. Kitts was a little different but AWESOME! What made it different and AWESOME was I had the wrong dates for Vacation Bible School. VBS was one week later due to the school system extended their school year by one week. *God does not make mistakes – God had another plan for the Team from Eastside Baptist Church.* We went with the original week we had and during that week inside of doing VBS we did Kids Camp. Kid's Camp average from 83 to 153 each day, it was such a blessing. There were 26 Professions of Faith. PRAISE THE LORD! There will be testimonies and pictures during the next mission's moment on Sunday Morning. *We serve an AWESOME and LOVING GOD!*

**A Friend's House** – This ministry outreach is looking for volunteers to work a couple hours a week in their office or working with the children. Please note that a background check and orientation is required by A Friends House. Orientation is always the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 am. If you are interested please see Pat Sorg our Jerusalem Leader.

**Mark Your Calendar** – Next month will be our Global Impact Celebration and those dates are September 21-25. This year's Celebration will include all four of the Acts 1:8 challenge. Our theme for this year's Conference will be *What if we rocked the world with hope?* Please check out the mission's bulletin for the full schedule for Global Impact Celebration.

**Coffee and Fellowship Time** - Please stop by and visit our Eastside Café. This is a time to come and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate along with a cookie or some type of a sweet dessert. *If you would like to donate or make cookies for the Café, please see Pat Sorg or Lisa Phelps.*

Please continue to pray for all our Missionaries and Ministry Teams as they continue to answer the call of the Great Commission.

*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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## *“The Consequences of Marital Problems”*

We are drowning in a sea of information from bookstores and library shelves with books describing the experiences of a once happy marriage that now has grown cold, distant and unhappy. We were told that we were to live “happily ever after”. Now that the wedding is over, all gifts are unwrapped and we are down to the living out the marriage vows, we find ourselves so very unhappy. What we thought and had pre-concluded would happen just simply has not happened. We find ourselves in almost a state of depression. The tension surfaces either from problems in the bedroom or balancing the checkbook or to simple things like who will carry out the trash. The excitement of the “courting days” is over. It is now the difficulty of living out the marriage.

When these emotions begin to occur, it results in bringing about an attitude of confusion, hopelessness and despair. We do not want anyone to know that we are having problems. We keep them within ourselves. We suppress the anger only to have it surface in other areas. We find ourselves in the middle of conflict simply watching our marriage disintegrate. We begin to withdraw from our family and our close friends even to the point of almost exile. What happens is that we often conclude that things are never going to get any better so why should I even try.

Marriage is built on hope. People get married because they hope that life together is going to be more satisfying and purposeful than life would be alone. Almost all marriages go through periods of disillusionment. This produces sadness, hurt, and anger. We must rediscover hope.

There can never be a marriage that is built properly on hope without foundational Biblical principles. The Word of God outlines to us how we can have a hopeful marriage. So, first it begins with our personal relationship with the Lord. Secondly, seek help. We must seek help. Help is available. Through sound Biblical counseling you can identify the problems and seek proper resolve. You do not solve a problem by hoping it will go away—you identify it, and then work through it with the clear understanding that “unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.” Psalm 127:1

That is why we thank God for the ministry of our church to help those who are hurting.

*Ron Long*

### *My Eastside Staff*

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## “Not to Us...”



I thought I would throw out some food for thought as well as a Bible verse pertaining to prayer before the first song is sung. Given all the effort that is instilled in music ministry such as song selection, setup in church, practice, and the inevitable last-minute-adjustments, the focus can easily become blurred. We may feel that the attention is on us.

Certainly, there is some attention that will be given to us. During live music, the congregation will naturally be curious about the music source. Without seeing the music group, it would feel eerily disembodied, wouldn't it? In addition to this proverbial spotlight, in some churches there may be physical spotlights as well on the music group.

What are we to do with this attention? Redirect it.

It is at a time like this that I like to reflect upon the Bible, specifically Psalm 115:1: *"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!"*

This moment is not about us. It is all about him.

If this doesn't work, I think about myself wearing a shirt with *"It's not about me"* emblazoned on the front! (For the self-centered music group member, this shirt would not be recommended as a gift! As a gift it would make a powerful impression, wouldn't it?! But that would signal uncontrolled haughtiness, I suppose.)

We should act to redirect that attention. I like to think of good church music groups as a lens, focusing the attention on Christ.

How is this accomplished? Three words: prayer, prayer, prayer.

Or perhaps it is best to frame it as three prayers in one. First let's start with Prayer One.

1. Prayer one is for us and our instruments. It is a prayer that we may use our voices and instruments to the best of our ability.
2. Prayer two is for us as His Instruments. It is a prayer that we may be used as His Instruments to do His will.
3. Prayer three is for the congregation or assembly. It is a prayer that His people may shortly hear the beauty of Christ.

The easy way to remember this is Our Instruments, His Instruments, His People. Three steps to Prayerful Song.

So choir members, music / sound / video ministry teams..., let's remember this together and pray, pray, pray before we even begin to sing the first song. Remember, *"Not To Us..."*

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# Student Ministry

Dear Eastside Family,

This past month has been a God-blessed month! It's exciting to see what all is happening, not only in the topics we're studying on Sunday mornings, but also in the physical curricula we will be using starting this month of August.

In Sunday School we've been studying through the book of James. This book is an awesome tool for any believer because James talks about so many aspects of our day-to-day life and how we can use these things to glorify God and bring unity among the body of Christ. All through the book James reminds us of our faith we have put in Christ. He reminds us that our faith must be accompanied with action, or it is dead and powerless to save. He then gives us many examples of the downfalls and sins the churches he is writing to are struggling with. He doesn't use his letter as a checklist, a how-to or go-to guide, or even another religious pamphlet on how to be a good Christian. James isn't interested in that. Rather, he rebukes sin and gives explanations of how their sin is wrong and what they need to do to confess, repent, and glorify God to the fullest. He is making disciples, exactly what Jesus told him to do. And that's exactly what Jesus told us to do. Jesus didn't ask His followers to make disciples. He didn't give some the gift of discipleship and some not, expecting us to figure out who's good at what and play to our strengths when it comes to training others in Christ. No, Jesus commanded all of us to do that. That was a direct order. From God: Make disciples. Thankfully, James teaches us fantastic ways of doing just that. Plus, as any teacher has ever learned, the best way to learn something is to teach it. When we teach God's Word and make disciples, God uses that to teach us and make us an even better disciple. That's a "win-win" any way you look at it. We glorify God and enjoy His grace. That's exactly what we were created to do.

As I mentioned before, we are starting some new material this month. In our Teleios class we will be tackling a book called Mercury Rising, by Jay Strack and Richard Land. Jay Strack is the founding member and President of Student Leadership University, an organization for training students (something of which our church has been a part of in the past). This book deals with "8 Issues That Are Too Hot to Handle" including abortion, homosexuality, pornography, euthanasia and other topics. I look forward to a real-life, real-questions, real-issues study from these leading authors and teachers. Also, our Wednesday night and Sunday School program will be changing this month as well. We will be moving to the teen/student program provided by Word of Life ministries (wol.org). This is a program that will provide your teens with Biblical doctrine, relevant topics, small group accountability, and a daily quiet time (either with a book or online). This study has much to offer our students and I trust that God will use this to build us up to look more like Him. Please feel free to contact me in any way convenient to you to ask any questions, express concerns or opinions, and also provide general feedback.

Thank you for your prayers for our youth leadership team, your teens, and our entire ministry here at Eastside. None of this is possible without God's love, mercy, and forgiveness. With that being said, your prayers are deeply coveted and needed. Without God's guidance, wisdom, and understanding we would be lost. Thank you for your love and support and we look forward to seeing how God will use us for His glory.

*Yours in Christ,  
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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*