
myEast Side

September 2011

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

Dear Church Family,

September is here and that means Global Impact Celebration, (GIC). This is the highlight of our year. We get to celebrate as a church family what God has done through our church and the missionaries we work with and support. This year promises to be no less exciting. The world around us is in a mess, but God's work is still going on. He is faithful to His people and His plan.

We rejoice to see and hear of the people who have been saved and the lives that are being transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit. As we all share and teach the Word of God, He promised to accomplish the work that He sent it out to accomplish (Isa. 55:10-11).

The dates for the GIC are September 21 - 25. I encourage you to set aside those dates to plan being a part of our celebration. We have around 18 missionaries who will be joining us as we celebrate together.

The reach and work of Eastside Baptist Church is extended out around our community as well as to many parts of the world through the ministries and missionaries we support.

We have a wonderful group of people we partner with to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to every corner of the globe.

We help provide food, clothing and shelter to little children right in our community as well as teach and train people in remote village's in Mongolia half way around the world. There are many ministries in between. We help train seminary students who will go out into many countries of the world. We help feed the hungry. We support orphans who have no one else. We teach the Bible to school kids from many countries around the world. We reach into secular countries, we reach into Muslim countries, we reach into jail cells as well as wide open pastures. We carry the gospel into public schools of our land as well as on athletic fields. We reach boys and girls through VBS in far away places and teach pastors in Africa who would have no other opportunity. We also love to put roof on church buildings for the Glory of God.

See we have much to celebrate!! Join us as we do so during our GIC. You had a part in it, so celebrate with us and let's continue it another year for the sake of people and the glory of God.

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
interactive Bible lessons!
Can't wait to see your children at **ELEVATE!**

Nursery Schedule

- 4 AM: Melinda & Greg Hinton
- 11 AM: Temi Adeleke & Andrea Hinton
- 18 AM: Sharon & Steve Hicks
- 25 AM: Tina & Mike Martin

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

TELEIOS

Do you have any old costumes at home that are just taking up space and you want to get rid of them? We are looking for some costumes for the musical we are learning. Any children's costumes surrounding the birth of Jesus time period would be appreciated.

We also need a manger for baby Jesus. We need some live sheep and cows. They have to be able to climb stairs so they can make it on stage. Just kidding!!! We really do need the manger.

OLYMPIANS & GOPHER BUDDIES

As I write this, we have had our kickoff and are eagerly awaiting our first night with these two new and exciting programs. I can't wait to see how God uses these programs to grow our children in Christ. I want to encourage each of you to be in prayer for the coaches involved with this program as we pour into these children, for the children that will be learning about the risen Lord we serve and how they can serve Him, and for those families in the community that we want to reach with the gospel of Christ.

For those of you still wanting to get involved, we do still need coaches that can help! Please be in prayer for this need.

JUMP START WOL FALL CONFERENCE

Word of Life is having their **Fall Conference** for all the workers in West Georgia and East Alabama. They have a fun and exciting day planned and are praying that all of their churches will bring 100% of their teams. I want to encourage each of you who are involved to come. Also, we get extra points for bringing guests! So, anyone from our church, or any of your friends are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Parents Night Out - Sept. 16th, 6 - 9 PM
- ◆ Jump Start Word of Life Fall Conference - Sept. 17th, 9 AM - 3:30 PM
- ◆ Children's GIC - Sept. 21 - 22

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WEEKLY FOCUS

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

*The Great Sky Bridge
Showdown*

9/4 - Family Focus Weekend -
No Children's Worship

9/11 - Praise God Instead of
Yourself! We should focus on
God and the great things He has
done instead of focusing on
ourselves. God deserves the
praise, not us.

9/18 - Keep God Your Priority!
We should keep God our
priority. It is okay to be busy
and to have possessions, but
none of the things we do or own
should ever become more im-
portant to us than God.

9/25 - Share With Others!
We should share with others
because everything we have
comes from God. And God
wants us to use what He has
given us so we can help others.

TODDLER & PRE-K WORSHIP

*The Great Sky Bridge
Showdown Jr.*

9/4 - Family Focus Weekend -
No Toddler/Pre-K Worship

9/11 - God is Powerful!

9/18 - God Gives Me Rules
To Follow!

9/25 - God Provides For My
Needs!



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 coming up the rest of this year and the next.

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 Friend's House. Orientation is always the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 am. If interested, please see Pat Sorg, our Jerusalem Leader.

Mark Your Calendar – September is upon us and it is time for 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 the Conference will be *What if We Rocked the World with Hope?* This is going to be a good one! As of this writing, we have 16 Missionaries and 5 local ministries joining us for this awesome event. It will be great to see our Missionaries and hear how God has worked in their lives while fulfilling the command of the Great Commission. *Looking forward to hearing from our Local Ministries and State wide Ministries as well and to see how Eastside as a church can answer that call of the Great Commission.*

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

GIC Schedule

9/21/11	5:30 pm	Church-wide Banquet
	7:00 pm	Kick-off Service
		Children's GIC
9/22/11	6:30 pm	Church-wide Meal & Program
	7:00 pm	Children's GIC
9/23/11	10:30am	Service and Lunch / Missionaries
9/24/11	12-4 pm	Block Party
9/25/11	9:30 am	Missionaries in Sunday School Classes
	10:50am	Life Commitment Service

*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
follows after the service.
All are welcome.



“This Time of the Year”

Well, I’m prone to ask the question, “Where did it go?” What I mean by that is, “What happened to the summer?” Because now we are in September, and I’m prone to ask, “My, my, where did it go?”

Coming with September is the beginning of football season. Oh, how I loved to play football, and how I enjoy it today. We used to have a phrase, “At this time of the year, you can smell the grass.” That means it’s football season. There’s nothing like a chilly afternoon in late October and your favorite team (mine is the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Long’s is the University of Georgia. We are a divided household). Then to hear the roar of all the fans when your team comes running out on the field...it’s football season! The emotions kick in, and “the juices begin to flow.” How exciting! I’ve observed fans at football games. They are standing up and cheering and hollering for their favorite team. Oh, I’m glad football season is here again! It certainly gives me something to do on Saturday afternoon.

But I’ve been prone to wonder. How is it that we can get so excited about a football team and have no excitement about the love of Jesus Christ who lives within us? How easy it is to be a spectator on Saturday afternoon but also be a spectator on Sunday morning. Christianity is not a spectator sport. We are to be involved, and our emotions are to praise the name of the Lord.

Let me remind you again, it’s one thing on a Saturday afternoon to really get involved with your team. It’s another thing on Sunday morning to get involved with the Lord Jesus Christ because we are to praise the name of the Lord. As the Psalmist said, “Shout for joy to God all the earth. Sing of the glories of His name and make His praise glorious.”

Yes, I’ll get excited on Saturday afternoons now, but I want to tell you that I get excited when I think about what Jesus has done for me on Calvary. He has set me free from sin, death, hell, and the grave. I can shout on Saturday, but I can shout on Sunday singing praises to the name of the Redeemer.

Ron Long

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“Sacred Moments”



This topic of writing came about as I noticed just how much we spend interacting with one another in a digital, virtual format and caused me to think and ask myself some questions I would like to ask you. Like, how much mental energy do you expend each day creating a conversation with some sort of social media vehicle? What about the time-toll that texting takes on us?

The world shouts, “What’s on your mind?” “What’s happening?” or “Respond to me immediately!” What about the angst you may feel as you wait for a mention, reply, post, etc.? What does that angst say about us?

Most of my digital discussions have no eternal substance, yet I continue to stare deeply into a screen, virtually ignoring the real world that is moving and living and breathing all around me.

The desire to be heard and “join the conversation” has muffled the blaring commands of God on us to listen and be still, to pray and hope, to minister to others by weeping with them and physically hearing, holding and helping them.

Now, I’m not saying there can’t be digital conversations that carry eternal weight, but are we missing moments with those staring us in the face because we’re staring at a phone or computer?

Like, when you see a flower or sunrise or rainbow, do you praise the living God who spoke those colors and petals and water droplets into being?

Or when someone around you is suffering or struggling, do you take the time to pray for that person?

Are you losing sight of and missing these sacred moments as the world rushes by?

Will you do whatever it takes to add to the already bloated virtual conversation happening all over the world, deferring conversation, sacred moments of teaching, hearing or simply being present with your spouse, friends and children? Is it worth the trade?

You will be given thousands of sacred moments today. Don’t drown out the flesh and blood all around you to join a conversation with no eternal substance. Look into the eyes of your friends, spouse and children. Be present with them.

Sacred moments are fleeting. Let’s not miss them.

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Student Ministry

Dear Eastside Family,

This month our youth group has started the new program Word of Life Student Ministries. This is a brand new program for us at Eastside and it's something we're very excited about! The biggest thing about WoL (Word of Life) is it's focus on discipleship and doctrinal teaching. It's because of this focus that we are thrilled to be using it with our youth program.

As always, we are in need of your love and support through prayer. We cannot be in prayer too much about this. We believe this is something God can and will use to equip the students in our family to glorify Him with even greater and clearer purpose and that's exactly what we're aiming for. Because Jesus told us to make disciples as we're here on this earth, we must strive to do everything possible to make sure that we are fulfilling that job. When a person comes to know Christ as the Savior, it doesn't stop there, unless we want a great tragedy to occur. No, we must continue to teach, train, and build up the children of God. That's why discipleship is so important. But we must also remember why and how we do what we do.

This past month on the Wednesday nights leading up to the kick-off of WoL (which occurred on the 24th of August), we've been talking about playing the background when it comes to life and following Christ. This simply means that as we go through life that we're constantly allowing Christ to get the credit and glory for the successes in life. We're also making sure that in everything we do we're making Christ look good, not like He's worthless and meaningless to us on everyday but Sunday. We call this "playing the background." This phrase is inspired from a song called "Background" written and recorded by LeCrae, a Christian hip-hop artist (a quick Google search of his name and song will bring up a great music video of this God-glorifying song). When we play the background, we're not seen. Much like a backstage assistant, we are not meant to be remembered. We are not created to go down in the history books as an awesome human being. We are created to magnify the Father so much that when people remember us and our legacy they remember nothing but the work Christ did in us. That's why we are here. And while we're here, God has promised to let us enjoy His grace as we bring Him glory. Grace is simply God giving us something we don't deserve and haven't earned, and in most cases, something we'd never earn if we tried. You know, like, His love, forgiveness, faithfulness, goodness, joy, gentleness, peace, patience, kindness, and discipline.

Thank you again for your continued support through prayer and encouragement, not only to our youth leadership team but also to our students. Join us as we lift up this ministry to the glory of God and as we seek to "play the background."

*Grace and peace
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Morning Worship	10:50 am
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Tuesday	10:30 am
Wednesday	7:00 pm



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