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November 2011

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

Dear Church Family,

It is exciting to see so many people growing in their walk with the Lord. That is the supreme task of the church; to make disciples. Jesus left us the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. He told us that as we go we are to make disciples. That is not just the conversion of sinners into believers but lost people into fully devoted followers of Christ. The task is not done when a newly saved person is baptized. It is really just beginning.

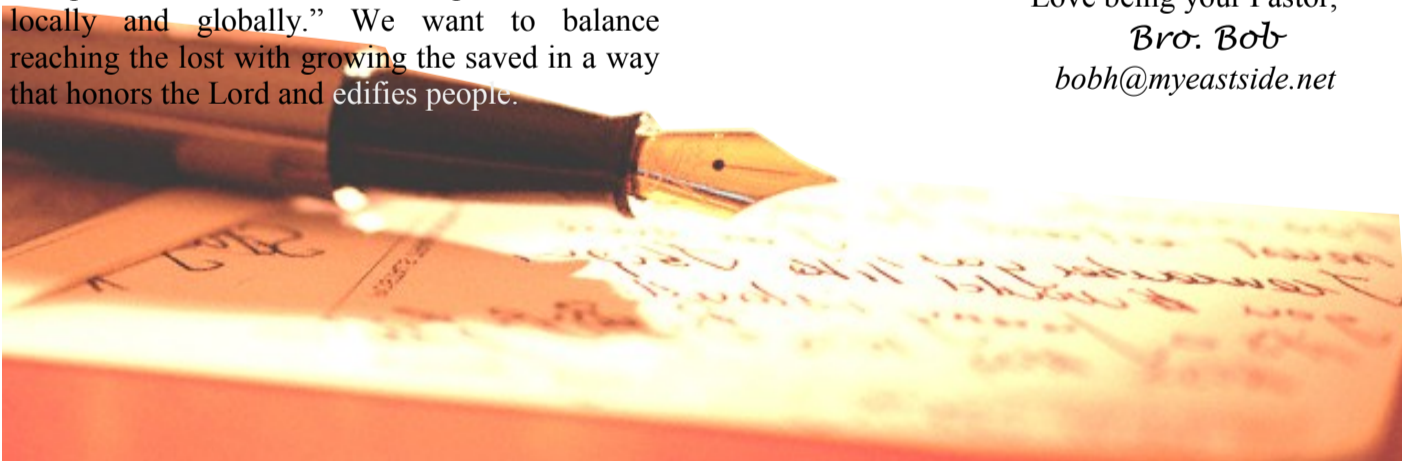
Some churches focus primarily on winning people to the Lord and once they are baptized the focus turns on the lost again. They pride themselves on the number of baptisms they have each year as if that is the only number that matters to a church. Then you have churches that put all their attention on the "deeper life." They believe that going deeper with the Lord is all that is important. They easily fall into the trap of turning inward to the degree that they fail to reach the lost or even worse feel that being around lost people somehow interferes with their relationship with Christ.

Going to either extreme is wrong. Jesus commanded that we do both and at the same time. That is why our purpose statement is, "Eastside Baptist Church exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ to impact the world locally and globally." We want to balance reaching the lost with growing the saved in a way that honors the Lord and edifies people.

Why do we have Sunday School? What is Teleios for? Why are we engaged with Word of Life? Why spend the money for block parties and fall festivals? These all fit our purpose statement. They are part of the reason we exist. First we want to love and worship God and then we are here for people. We want to love them, encourage them, share the gospel with them, minister to them, equip them, train them and teach them to do the same for Jesus and others. We are suppose to be about others. We all are tempted to focus on ourselves, but we must learn to die to self and allow the love of Jesus to flow through us to others.

When churches think that the church is all about them and their comfort they loose their way. One sign of that happening is they begin to complain about not having their preferences or having to change. Let us ask ourselves are we focused on ourselves or God using us to reach others? When we begin to pray that God will use us to reach others, we will start seeing a change in our attitude and our walk with the Lord. I want God to use me. How about you?

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!**

Sunday School Nursery Schedule

6 AM: Anna Hansen
13 AM: Kay Jacques
20 AM: Grace Phelps
27 AM: Andrea Hinton

Nursery Schedule

6 AM: Tina & Mike Martin
13 AM: Linda Holcomb & Cheryl Suggs
20 AM: Kathy Daniels & Bonny Bowen
27 AM: Melinda & Greg Hinton



Children's Pastor Commentary

Children's Worship

Lights! Camera! Action! In the Entourage series, our children are joining Julie Simpson and the cast and crew of Treasure Hunters 7 as we are learning how to be the right kind of friend. We are working our way through the stories and examples found in the Bible. We are also learning how to choose good friends and how to be a good friend.

Toddler and Pre-K Worship

Just like the older children, our toddlers and pre-K children are having a blast doing our Entourage Jr. series. Each week your children are going on a backstage tour of an actual movie studio. Our children are meeting movie stars, agents, prop people and so many more as they learn how to be followers of Jesus.

Olympians & Gopher Buddies

Quiet Time! Quiet Time! Don't forget to help your children with their Quiet Time! Also if you want to start doing your own quiet time with them, I have 30 day trial coupons for the online Quiet Time. Stop by my office and pick one up. The verses are the same as the ones your children are doing every day.

Can you believe our club is already growing? What an awesome problem to have! Since we are growing, we are in need of more coaches to help during our club nights. Are you free Wednesday nights? If you are unable to help during club, would you be willing to be in prayer about this need? I am sure God will provide. His timing is always perfect.

Fall Festival

As I write this newsletter, we haven't had our Fall Festival yet. I am really looking forward to it. Events like these allow our Jerusalem to come have fun with us, while we get to love on them and share Christ with them. We never know what God will do with the seeds we plant. Praying that God will send us plenty of children to share the gospel with.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ No Word of Life Club - November 23rd

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Weekly Focus

Children's Worship

Entourage

11/6 - Jesus Is A Good Friend!
We will learn that Jesus is the best friend we can have.

11/13 - A Good Friend Prays For Others!

We will learn that learn that a good friend prays for others.

11/20 - A Good Friend Accepts Others!

We will learn that a good friend accepts others.

11/27 - Family Focus Weekend
- No Children's Worship

Toddler & Pre-K Worship

Entourage Jr.

11/6 - I Should Learn About Jesus

11/13 - I Thank Jesus

11/20 - I Can Be A Friend Like Jesus

11/27 - Family Focus Weekend
- No Toddler & Pre-K Worship



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.

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.

Linda Holcomb is home from her mission trip to Liberia. Linda had an opportunity to spend time with Mariam Stewart and Coril Warmington our Missionaries to Liberia. *Dr. and Mrs. Long* is home from their mission trip to Venezuela.

Work Day - We will be going to Helping in His Name Ministries (Food Pantry) on November 12, from 9 – 12 noon. If you would like to be part of this ministry opportunity please sign up on the mission's bulletin board. We can only take a team of 20 people. We still need a few more volunteers.

November Outreach - We will be doing a Thanksgiving outreach to families who are in need. If you are interested in being a part of this outreach, please see the mission's bulletin board or Mike Martin.

Lottie Moon - As followers of Jesus Christ, we the church are called to be the body of Christ. We are His *heart*, His *hands* and His *voice* in the midst of a world filled with unreached peoples. An unreached people group is a group where less than 2 percent of the population is reached. During the month of November and December we will be taking up our Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Please help us reach our goal of \$2500.

Coffee Café - Our Café has been open for a while now and we would like to thank all that have donated to support us. Our Café is solely funded by donations. Please come visit and fellowship with our church family and have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a treat. We are looking for people who would be willing to serve in the Café by greeting guest, making coffee and supplying treats. Anyone who is interested please see Pat Sorg or Lisa Phelps. God bless you and thank you in advance for your consideration.

*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.



“When A Crisis Comes”

Most of us, from time to time, have experienced some kind of a crisis in our lives. Some greater than others. But for most of us, there have been those times when our insecurities surface and we find ourselves in the midst of a crisis. We feel that we are unable to handle the circumstances. The anxieties that come along with this crisis serve to bring about the worries of life.

A crisis has been defined as, “a turning point that cannot be avoided.” A crisis situation may be expected or unexpected, real or imaginary, actual or potential. It has often been stated that the Chinese word for “crisis” involves two characters. One means danger; the other means opportunities.

Crises are filled with danger because they disrupt our lives and threaten to overwhelm the people who are affected. There are emotional and spiritual ups and downs, and of course at the time, we must exert extra effort to deal with the emergencies of unexpected problems. However, we can learn to cope and be able to meet the insecurities and challenges that affect our lives.

Other crisis present opportunities, opportunities to change, grow, and develop in better ways of coping and dealing with our circumstances. Since people often, when they are in a crisis, feel confused, they are more open to outside help. Including the help that comes from God or from another counselor.

When I look into the Bible, it deals with all kinds of crisis with all kinds of people. Adam, Eve, Cain, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, and the list goes on and on. Just look at Hebrews 11 that summarizes crises that had endings that were useful. I do not have an explanation as to why crisis occurs. I’ve found that, as a pastor for all those years, it is very difficult to bring about reason because in reality we might never know the reasons. But what I have learned and what I do know is when Jesus said “My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth....let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

I thank God that although I do not understand the reasoning for crisis, I do understand the presence of the Lord Jesus through the crisis. I repeat again, I do not understand, but what I do understand is that I do not have to go through them alone. Thank God for the amazing grace of God that will see us through any and every crisis.

Ron Long

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“Most Embarrassing Moments in Music Ministry”



If you're like me, you will likely find these painfully familiar. What a gift to be able to laugh at ourselves! And what a greater gift is His forgiveness of our blunders! Enjoy.

Phone Fumbles...

I had my phone ring right next to the microphone during a silent prayer. I was so embarrassed!

Remember to Leave the Church Without It...

We once had a guest speaker leave his lapel on while going to the bathroom - I figured out what was happening and was giving the "slash your throat" signal to the sound guys - they hit the mute button on that channel, but as you know, the mute only mutes the house - and the mic was up plenty loud enough in the stage monitors for us to hear it all the way through to the flush!

So That's How the Pied Piper Did It...

I was leading the music for VBS. It was a sing-along with the tracks provided by the publisher and the first day we were to have the kids sing chorus/verse 1/chorus and stop. So I was teaching the hand motions as we went and when it came time to stop the tape, the sound guy was not paying attention so I gave him the "slash". I about fell out when 100 little kids followed suit and all "slashed their throats". It was so funny.

Muppet Mayhem...

A few years back we had a joke about Muppets in the band, and our keyboardist sequenced in the Muppets theme tune on his keyboard. You can guess what happened - right in the middle of a particularly intimate and quiet moment on a Sunday night, complete with atmospheric lights and smoke machine, most of the 200 congregation on their knee's, and Ben rests his forehead right on the button that plays the Muppets tune... fortunately our pastor saw the funny side.

In Conclusion...

Think twice before bringing your cell phone in church, wearing a mobile microphone, teaching sign language, and playing keyboard. Other than that you should be safe!

*Don Phelps,
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Student Ministry

Dear Eastside Family,

This past month of October has been very awesome in any ways. Most recently we celebrated our annual Fall Festival and we thank you for coming out and supporting the community and the outreach our church is participating in. It has also been awesome for our youth group because of the two days prior to our Fall Festival. This year we partnered with several churches from around the area and held what we called One Famine 2011. Every student that came participated in disciple-making events, games, and lessons. It was a very rewarding time for all of those in participation.

One Famine was simple in concept but eye-opening in practice. Each student that participated paid \$25 to join us for the weekend. That might sound like an average price for a two-day weekend, but let me tell you what their money, and your donations went to. Part of their money paid for the two meals they ate while they were there. Yes, two meals. We had breakfast Saturday morning and a late lunch mid-Sunday afternoon. This was to bring awareness to all of us that there are people in this world who go without food for long lengths of time. This can be hard for us as Americans to imagine since we're used to at least 3, sometimes more, regular meals a day. You can look around and see that not too many people miss too many meals. But many people do miss meals and it's our responsibility as followers of Christ to help them. After all, Jesus told us that whatever we do for the people around us, even those who seem unimportant, we also do for Him. Remember, people can't see Jesus, but they can see us. How well are we portraying Him?

Some of the money they paid went to buy t-shirts for the students (after all, it's not a real event if there's no t-shirt to prove it happened, right? haha). The rest of the money, along with all of your donations of food (and most of the coupons and donated money used to buy even more food) went to the Rockdale Emergency Relief Fund. As we talked about several Sundays ago, how do we bring glory to God? By keeping His commandments. That includes helping our fellow man.

We as an entire student ministry would also like to say thank you for your support toward us and our ministry. We thank you for supporting us as we've been selling the Chick-fil-A calendars as well. This reminds me of a billboard I saw on the interstate a few weeks ago, written by "The Cows," of course. It said: Roses are red, Violets are blue. Eat More Chickin. Moo." I thought you might find that funny as I did too.

Also, I'd like to share a praise report with you since most of you aren't with us on Wednesday nights. Just recently we had a young girl named Kemi Shekoni who prayed and committed her life to Christ! Please be in prayer for her as she begins this new and awesome phase in her life and that she would remain committed to Christ and walk in His love. Once again, thank you for your love and support.

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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