
myEast Side

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

Dear Church Family,

WOW what a wonderful Global Impact Celebration (GIC)! God blessed in an awesome way. From the beginning when the missionaries started arriving until the conclusion of the service on Sunday God's presence was here.

I thank the Lord for the ministries and missionaries that were able to be with us this year. We have such a wonderful group of people we partner with to reach the world for Christ. From ministries carrying the gospel into public schools here in America to missionaries praying and sharing Christ in predominately Muslim countries we are privileged to partner with some great heroes of the faith. It is thrilling to hear their stories of how God is using them to touch their part of the world for Jesus Christ.

The messages from Ron Long and Jim Sheffield were powerful. God used these two men to motivate and challenge us to "rock our world with hope." If you did not hear both of the messages please get a copy of the sermon.

Each service was different and yet very powerful. Getting to know our missionaries on Thursday was informative as well as fun. Friday morning we not only heard more testimonies but the Ethridge's shared at length how God is using them in a very hostile environment to share the love of Christ.

The Block Party on Saturday was a HUGE success with over 400 people attending from our community. We had a great deal of fun as kids played and we were able to have conversations with so many of the people from the neighborhoods surrounding our church. Our front yard has proved to be a wonderful vehicle to attract many families to our facility. We then were able to interact with them and let them know we care about them and the community. So many expressed thanks for our willingness to host them in this fashion.

The people of our community seem to be disconnected in many ways. We have different interest, backgrounds and goals and therefore are not bound together in any way other than locale. These type of events allow us as a church to demonstrate a concern for the community that brings these very different and disconnected together. Please join me in praying for the seeds we have planted. Pray that God will give the increase and they will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the people who helped make this GIC a wonderful success. Our Mission's Director Mike Martin and the GIC Co-coordinators, Marie Britt and Jackie DeLozier deserve our gratitude for all of their service. They work hard for about 10 months getting ready for this important event. They will be the first to tell you that they do not do it alone. There are many people working hard to serve and do their part so that it all comes together for the Glory of the Lord. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED!!

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

- 2 AM: Linda Holcomb & Cheryl Suggs
- 9 AM: Kathy Daniels & Bonny Bowen
- 16 AM: Melinda & Greg Hinton
- 23 AM: Temi Adeleke & Andrea Hinton
- 30 AM: Sharon & Steve Hicks

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

Olympians & Gopher Buddies

Our Word of Life ministries have been going for a month now and let me tell you, I am excited. We are already growing and need more PT coaches. Is God calling you to help? I pray that he is.

Every week we start our club night with songs, some are pretty silly. Ask your kids to sing the fruits of the spirit song to you. It's fun! We then move into our pledges. After that our little gopher buddies break off into their own time while the Olympians have a large group bible lesson. From there, our Olympians go into their personal training time (small groups) where our PT coaches get some one on one time with these children. The Big-O-Vent is next where we have games and Christian Service (missions) activities. To wrap up the night, we have our closing ceremonies. What a fun time for these children that come.

Parents, remember that each child needs to have their quiet time with the Lord every day. They also need to work on their memory verses, learning their pledges and Olympian motto so they can earn membership into the club.

Children's Outing

Our next Children's Outing will be on Saturday October 15th. We will be going to Chuck E. Cheese in Conyers, next to Red Lobster. The address is 1530 Dogwood Drive SE, Conyers, GA 30013. We will be there from 2 - 4 PM. It is free to get in, just bring money for games and food. I'll bring some coupons to help save you a little money. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Children's Outing @ Chuck E. Cheese - Oct. 15th
- ◆ Fall Festival - Oct 31st, 6 - 8 PM

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Weekly Focus

Children's Worship

The Great Sky Bridge Showdown

10/2 - You Are The Church!

We will learn that the church is not just the building where we meet. The church is really the people who serve and worship God together.

10/9 - Keep On Serving God!

We will learn that when we make the decision to follow Jesus and serve God, we should know that it will not always be easy. However, it is the absolute best way to live life.

*Entourage *New Series**

10/16 - A Good Friend Is Wise!

We will learn that good friends give and listen to wise advice.

10/23 - A Good Friend Is Helpful!

We will learn that a good friend helps others.

10/30 - A Good Friend Will Always Be There For You!

We will learn that a good friend is loyal.

Toddler & Pre-K Worship

The Great Sky Bridge Showdown Jr.

10/2 - God Gives Me Friends To Help Me

10/9 - God Will Keep His Promises

*Entourage Jr. *New Series**

10/16 - I Worship Jesus

10/23 - I Tell Others About Jesus

10/30 - I Will Do What Jesus Says



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 Global Impact Celebration was awesome! It was great to see our Missionaries again and hear their blessing how God has worked within their ministry. It was great also to see our Local Ministries joining us during this wonderful celebration. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with our members of Eastside and all our Missionaries during our meals on Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday Night we heard a very powerful message from Dr. Ron Long and then on Sunday we were challenged by Dr. Jim Sheffield. On Saturday our block party was exciting we had many visitors.

I would like to thank everyone who had a part of this year's Global Impact Celebration. I appreciate all your time and hard work that went into this celebration.

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.

Please Pray - Linda Holcomb is Liberia from 10/1 – 10/17. Linda is working along with Dr. Sorg and our own Missionaries Mariam and Doc who are our Missionaries to Liberia. Continue to keep Linda in your prayers.

Work Day - We will be going to Helping in His Name Ministries (Food Pantry) on October 8 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.

*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.*



“A Healing Community”

There is not a human problem that the Bible does not address. Throughout the infallible, inspired pages of God’s word it teaches us about anxiety, loneliness, discouragement, doubt, grief, abnormal sexual behavior, bitterness, poverty, greed, inter-personal relationships, and much more. The truth of the word of God points out the fallacies that happened in some of the greatest saints of God.

For example, David is the only man that God speaks of as being a man after God’s own heart. And yet, this same man committed flagrant adultery, murder, and made a wreck of his family. Another example is Job. Here was a godly man, wealthy, prestigious, and highly respected in the community. Then, suddenly everything fell apart for him; he lost his wealth and his health. His children died in a tornado which threw him into intense grief and despair. Even his wife began to nag and complain to him. And, what about his close friends? They offered little help. These are only two of the many examples contained in the word of God.

I am a firm believer in Christian counseling. I have a lot of questions about secular counselors. That’s why I am so grateful for the ministry at Eastside that offers counseling to the body life of our church.

I find it interesting that many times Christian counselors expect their clients to bring problems about prayer, doubt, doctrine, spiritual growth or guilt over sinful behavior. However, statistics indicate that only 10% deal with religious issues. Most often people come because of marriage tensions, crises, depression, inter-personal conflicts, confusion and other personal problems as it relates to living every day life.

Jesus was concerned about these kinds of problems. He stated that he had come to give life and to give it more abundantly (*John 10:10*). And abundance means purpose. Jesus gives us purpose in living. Jesus gives us not only eternal life in heaven but also abundant life while on the earth. There are many times when as fellow pilgrims we need help in understanding the purpose that will lead to abundance in life. It has been said that the Christian life is wonderful in the sweet by and by; the problem is we have to live life in the nasty here and now.

Christian counseling is a vital part of the ministry for the wholeness of an individual. I am very thankful for a church that recognizes this need.

Ron Long

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“Song Story: God Will Make A Way”



“...I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:10-21

It seems most of the songs that are meaningful to Christians were born during a dark period in someone’s life. A tragedy of epic proportions was the background for the writing of one of Don Moen’s most influential and widely known songs.

Don, the second oldest of the four children of Morris and Marjorie Moen, was born in Duluth, Minnesota in 1950. Mrs. Moen was a church pianist, so she saw to it that her children be involved in church and Sunday school activities, especially the music programs. She started each of them in piano lessons in the second grade. Don reports that he, his older brother and two younger sisters, went “kicking and screaming for six years.”

Don started playing the violin in the third grade, and it was to be his major instrument in the coming years. With it he was able to win a scholarship to the University of Southern Mississippi. He was soon playing in seven orchestras that were in a radius of about 100 miles from his school. Even with that kind of success, the violin was not his first love. His ultimate goal was to be a navy pilot, but his glasses kept him from that ambition. Don said, “Being a violinist was what I thought I would do for the rest of my life.”

Moen, presently the President of Integrity Music, related the following earthshaking story of tragedy and death, which led to the writing of one of Christendom’s most meaningful songs. Don’s sister-in-law, Susan Phelps, and her husband Craig, were involved in a car accident during a ski trip from their Oklahoma home to a resort in Colorado. Far out in the Texas panhandle their van was hit by an eighteen wheeler. A rear panel of the van was hit with such force that all four of the Phelps’ children were thrown out.

In the darkness they were able to locate all of their injured children by their crying -- all except one. Craig, who was a physician, finally located him beside a nearby fence. He was already dead. His neck had been broken.

As Craig picked up his son and tried to revive him, God said to him, “Jeremy is with me. You deal with those who are living.” They sat for forty-five minutes out in the wilderness waiting for an ambulance.

Don had been asked to sing for the funeral, so the next day while traveling by plane to Oklahoma, he began to read in Isaiah chapter 43 where God says, *I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*” He picked up his legal pad and sketched a song that the Lord was giving him He planned to sing it at the memorial service. When he arrived he found that the Phelps had already selected Henry Smith’s song, *Give Thanks*, for him to sing.

After the funeral Don, while holding Susan and Craig in his arms, said, “The Lord gave me a song for you,” and he began to sing *God will make a way, where there seems to be no way.* He later made a taped copy of the song for Susan to play on her small cassette player just above her kitchen sink. He knew that when all of the people had gone, and everything was said and done, that there would be days when she needed to hear that God was working in ways that she couldn’t see.

Don continued, “About two years later I was called to sing in a small church in Dothan, Alabama. Although I had never intended to sing **God Will Make a Way** in a public service -- I had written it just for that grieving family -- somehow I felt impressed of the Lord to share the song with those people. I did so, and it had a tremendous impact on them.”

“The following week I was leading worship during the Wednesday staff devotional period at Integrity Music, and again the Lord laid it upon my heart to sing that song. I pulled out my legal pad, looked at the words, and sang it for them. It seemed as if almost everyone there needed to hear the words, *He works in ways we cannot see.*”

Following the devotional period F. G. Baldwin approached me and asked, ‘Don, have you ever thought of recording that song?’ I said, ‘Oh no, I would never record that song. It is much too simple.’ Baldwin protested, ‘That song has a tremendous message and I think it needs to be recorded.’ After discussing it with some of the staff, we decided to put the song on a project entitled, ‘Eternal God.’”

Reflection

In times of trial, and especially in times of extreme trial, we need to be assured that we have a God who loves us and who will provide for our every need, physical, emotional, or spiritual. During those times see if you, too, are not encouraged and helped by singing Don’s song.

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Student Ministry

Dear Eastside Family,

This past month has been very busy and very exciting. Not only are we getting settled into our new Word of Life curriculum on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, but we also wrapped up September with our 2nd-annual block party. It has definitely been a fun time.

As you may have noticed, we had many of our youth and even some teens outside of Eastside participating and helping with the events and activities at the block party. Our teens from Eastside did this voluntarily and without complaint. Yes, that is exactly what Jesus taught us to do, and no, I am not saying that they should be compensated for their time. I would like to point out to the rest of the Eastside family that this makes a perfect opportunity to speak out and encourage, lift up, and thank those who helped for their willingness to serve. As Jesus himself told us in Matthew 25:40, *“The king will answer them, ‘I can guarantee this truth: Whatever you did for one of my brothers or sisters, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did for me.’* we are doing for God what we do for others. What a great way to give God glory by serving Him in a way He told us to. So yes, take just a few seconds next time you see one of our young people at church and thank them for serving Jesus. Encouragement is such a powerful tool.

With that being said, it’s easy to think about church activities, block parties, our annual Global Impact Celebrations, foreign and local missionaries and to get comfortable with the idea that as long as we show up and help out and as long as we keep giving and tithing that that’s all God really needs from us. If He hasn’t called us to be a missionary (and yes, God calls *some* to be missionaries to specific people groups and areas and *most* to other walks of life) then we don’t have to worry about adopting kids from foster care or going across the world to Mongolia or Turkey. We generally think back to the passage of Scripture where Paul is talking about the body of Christ and how it has many parts and gifts (1 Corinthians 12) and we tell ourselves something to the effect of, “Oh, that’s not my gift,” or “I haven’t been called to do that.” Instead of picturing ourselves as hands or feet we try to squeeze ourselves into a part like the shoulders or the waist by saying that we *support* those who do God’s work. We can do this by committing to pray or giving a monetary gift. These are extremely important by the way, and should in no way be looked down upon or belittled. Ask a missionary if they could get by without prayer and money and see what they say. That would be similar to asking a mechanic if a car could get by without gasoline or a battery. It’s not possible. But we have to realize it doesn’t stop there. We easily forget one very important passage found at the end of Matthew 28. Jesus told ALL of US to make disciples. Not just missionaries and pastors, but ALL Christians everywhere. That includes me and you. So, what is a disciple? How do you become a disciple? How do you make a disciple? Where do you start? How do you know if you’ve finished? Are you not only discipling others but also being disciplined by another? Are you doing what Jesus commanded you to do? If not, what will you do about it? These are tough questions, no doubt. Do you love Jesus enough to find the answers?

Yours in Christ
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