
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,

I read this on Perry Noble's blog and wanted to share it with you. What a blessing!

Why Should We Worship?

These Nine Things Are True About EVERYONE Who Is In Christ (And are true for those who do not know Christ!)

#1 – **I Was Dead – Ephesians 2:1)** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins

#2 – **I Was An Object Of Wrath – Ephesians 2:2-9)** in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3) Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4) But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5) even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6) and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7) so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8) For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9) not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

#3 – **I Had No Purpose – Ephesians 2:10)** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

#4 – **I Was Separate From Christ – Ephesians 2:11-12)** Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands— 12) remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

#5 – **I Was Excluded From Citizenship – Ephesians 2:12)** remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

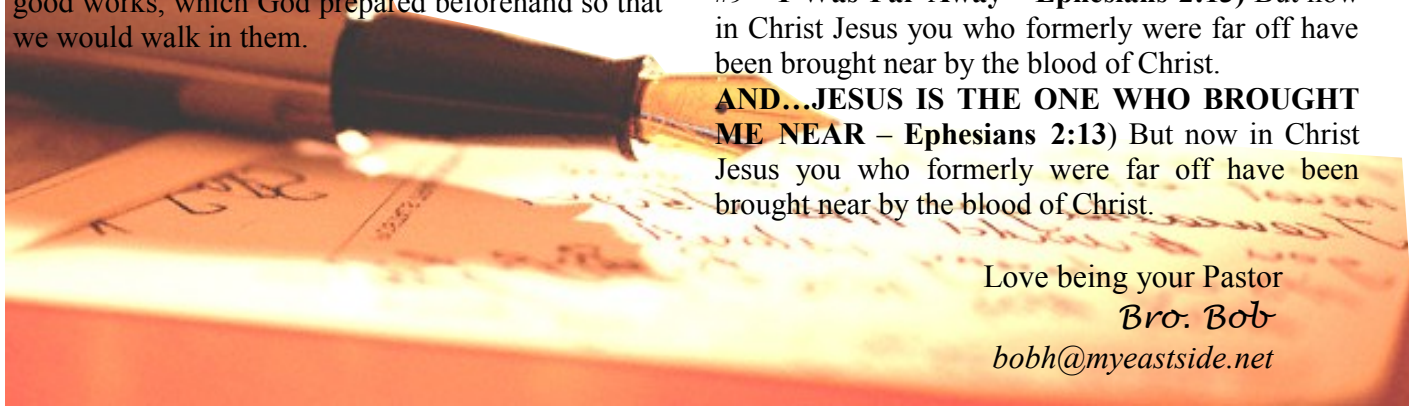
#6 – **I Was A Foreigner – Ephesians 2:12)** remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

#7 – **I Was Without Hope – Ephesians 2:12)** remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

#8 – **I Was Without God – Ephesians 2:12)** remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

#9 – **I Was Far Away – Ephesians 2:13)** But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

AND...JESUS IS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT ME NEAR – Ephesians 2:13) But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.



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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

5 AM: Andrea Hinton
12 AM: Greg Hinton
19 AM: Anna Hansen
26 AM: Kay Jacques

Nursery Schedule

5 AM: Linda Holcomb & Cheryl Suggs
12 AM: Kathy Daniels & Bonny Bowen
19 AM: Melinda & Greg Hinton
26 AM: Hope Seabolt & Stephanie Grant



Children's Pastor Commentary



Are your kids ready for some fun? They are not going to want to miss this exciting time!! The fun starts on February 11th at 8 AM. We are going to meet at the church and head to the bowling alley (location TBD) for COSMIC BOWLING and lunch. After lunch we will head over to Score Indoors in Fairburn for XTREME DODGE BALL, XTREME INFLATABLES, XTREME PARACHUTE GAMES and XTREME CIRCLE GAMES. It all ends at 4, then we will head back to the church. Please invite as many kids as possible as we not only will be having fun, but there will be a clear gospel message they won't want to miss! This is for children in 1st—6th Grade, cost is \$23 per person.

Children's Outing

Our next children's outing is on March 3rd and I'm thinking of going to the Zoo but I need to know who would be able to go. If we have 15 people go, we can qualify for a group rate which would be \$15.99 for ages 12+, \$11.99 for ages 3-11, 2 and under are free. Let me know if you are interested as soon as you can. I'll also be looking at other alternatives.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 11th, 8 - 5 PM - WoL February Funtastic
- ◆ Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8:15PM - Word of Life
- ◆ Teleios - Rooted, Sundays @ 6:00 PM
- ◆ March 3rd - Children's Outing

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Weekly Focus

Children's Worship

City Streets, The Musical

2/5 - Jesus Is A Good Friend!
John 15:13

2/12 - A Good Friend Prays For Others!
Romans 12:12

2/19 - A Good Friend Accepts Others!
Romans 15:7

2/26 - A Good Friend Cares For Others!
Matthew 22:39b

Toddler & Pre-K Worship

City Streets, The Musical Jr.

2/5 - I Should Learn About Jesus!
Luke 10:38-42

2/12 - I Thank Jesus!
Luke 17:11-19

2/19 - I Can Be A Friend Like Jesus!
Luke 19:1-10; John 15:14

2/26 - I Should Show Love!
Matthew 25:31-46



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.

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.

A Message from A Friends House - We are so excited about all the publicity that the IKEA Project generated for A Friends House. Thank you all for all of your support in helping us achieve a 2nd place finish! We will receive a \$1000 IKEA gift card which we will use to purchase some much needed linens for the children.

Community Mission Outreach - A team of 20 went to Helping in His Ministries Food Pantry on Saturday, January 28 from 9 to 12 noon. The team had a great time of fellowship together. Our mission this day was to break pallets of food into different food groups. Also we prepared bags for distribution to be handed out to the needy families in Henry County. If you have not had the opportunity to join us on this great outreach, please sign up to join us next month.

We have added a new mission's bulletin board. This bulletin board will have all information pertaining to all mission opportunities. Please come by and check it out. We would love for you to be a part of the missions outreach at Eastside Baptist Church.

Mark Your Calendar - The Global Impact Celebration will be September 26 -30. We are in need of your help, if you would to be a part of the GIC and would like to serve on one of our teams please let either Jackie De Lozier or Mike Martin know.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for your support in helping East Side Baptist Church pass their goal in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

*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.



“What Can I Do When My Children Go Bad”

I was reading an article in a periodical that I received. I found it to be extremely interesting and sobering. It was written by a lady who had her daughter to come in one day and announce, “Mom, I’m gay.” Following in this article that I read with great interest, I discovered certain things given from this mother that I think would help any parent or grandparent. When those words reach the ears of this mom, she said, “It unleashed a firestorm in the heart of me as a parent and the life of our family, shaking foundations to their core.” This happens in Christian families, and they tend to bring shame, embarrassment, and frustration to Christian parents who desire a God-honoring life for their children. There are several phases that I have discovered that individuals will go through emotionally when this kind of statement is made to a parent. Let me just list a few of these:

- 1) There is a period of denial – just absolutely refusing to believe it. Coming out of that will be the reality of what you had been denying. Yes, it is real. Yes, it is happening, and yes, it is very painful.
- 2) From the denial stage, the parent will move into the anger phase. Allowing your emotions to come and rise to the surface, expressing your anger to the child. However, you must realize spiritually that your anger should be released upon the devil who has caused this.
- 3) Christian parents then enter into what I call the “guilt phase.” You’ve had to face this reality, and then you begin to ask yourself, what have I done that has created this? What are my responsibilities as a failure as a parent? And the list can go on and on and on. Once the shock and grief subside, we begin to heap upon ourselves the responsibility. The question is how can I help my child.

Let me give you a few things that I believe would be of help.

- 1) Learn and practice the discipline of fasting as described in Isaiah 58. Set aside a day or a week or a meal. Fast for this child who is out in the world. Fast that God might intercede and bring change through the Holy Spirit of God.
- 2) I would suggest that you find a prayer partner to come along side that you can have utmost confidence in and you feel very comfortable in expressing some inner feelings. Sometimes there is such an embarrassment and shame that we refuse to reach out to someone who can come in and pray with us and understand the path that you as a parent are having to walk. Find you a prayer partner.
- 3) Learn how to pray for your wayward child by going back and making certain that they have been saved and born again. Pray for them in the decisions that they are making. Pray that God will protect them in the midst of this conflict.
- 4) Pray that the eyes of this child will be open. Satan is the enemy, and he has blinded the eyes of your child that has gone wayward. Pray that the Holy Spirit of God would open the eyes of your child that they may be able to see the truth about what is happening in their life. Ask God to break them, and then ask God to heal them. For in Him alone does healing come.
- 5) After praying all of these things on your child’s behalf, I want to encourage the parent to thank God for what He is going to do. Hold on to the promises of God’s Word. Hold on to the Scripture. God is at work in your child’s life even when it looks like He is not.

Well, I’m so thankful for that article that I read about this child, and also how it ended. For this child repented, returned, and confessed her sin, and God has restored her to the family and to her own life. Jesus makes the difference.

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“Is it Sinful or Inappropriate to Include Instruments in Worship?”



The Old Testament abounds with explicit instructions for worship. God was quite adamant about the manner in which He desired to be worshiped. In addition to the directions for sacrifices, offerings, attire, and attitudes of the worshippers, the Lord commanded praise from a plethora of musical instruments: trumpet, lute, harp, tambourine, strings, pipe, and cymbals to name a few specified in Psalm 150.

The New Testament contains much less specific instructions for outward appearance and regulations for worship. Instead, the focus is much more oriented toward the spiritual condition of the worshipper. Not much is normalized in regards to method and means for a proper response to God’s revelation. This lack of explicit instruction has led some to conclude that the use of instruments is therefore inappropriate or even sinful today. In making this argument, many point to two passages in particular:

- Colossians 3:16 *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”*
- Ephesians 5:18-19 *“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart...”*

These passages say nothing about instruments in worship and thus some conclude that instruments are forbidden in the church. This is called the *“regulative principle”* or the idea that only what is explicitly commanded in the Scriptures is acceptable. In addition, it is noted that instruments can engage emotions and lead people away from the truths which should be expressed within the lyrics of song or that those on stage with instruments could potentially exalt their own talents rather than their Savior.

While these dangers are certainly possible, an attractive or talented singer with no accompaniment could distract just as easily. There is a Latin phrase that states, *abusus usum non tollit*. It means *“abuse does not take away proper use,”* and I think this is a good starting approach to issues of potential dangers. In attempting to engage this position I have two initial thoughts.

First, arguments from silence are notoriously weak. The New Testament also does not mention cars or computers, but most evangelicals are not crusading for their prohibition. A truly consistent application of the *“regulative principle”* would demand that one not do anything which is not explicitly commended in the Scriptures. Is this really what Paul intended?

Second, if you really want to be strict in interpreting the passage in this way, then you would need to also restrict vocals as the texts do not explicitly mention the mouth, but rather, the heart. It says to make melody *“with all your heart.”* Does God intend for stirred souls to silently sing?

In the end, a better method of interpretation is that anything which the Scriptures do not explicitly or implicitly condemn is acceptable. Neither these nor any other passages in the New Testament are intended to prohibit the use of instruments. If you have an instrument, play it to the Lord and from your heart. That is the point of the text. The author exalts the role of the heart to show that authentic worship should be affectionate, not that it must be *a cappella*.

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Student Ministry

Dear Eastside Family

Happy February! Can you believe we've already zoomed past January? December will be here before we know it. It's crazy, but it's also expected. We know that January is followed by February which is followed by March which is followed by... well, you can see where this is going. However, on Wednesday nights we've been talking about something not quite so expected. Would you like to know what it is? Come on Wednesday night!

...But we both know that probably won't happen, so I'll tell you anyway. We've been talking about the Rapture of the Church. If you need a little brushing up on what that is and when it'll happen, ask your kids and grand kids, they can tell you (they'll tell you that no one knows when it'll happen except God the Father). What they can also tell you is that we must be living right now in such a way that shows we are anticipating the day Christ calls his Church, his Bride, home, the dead first and then those of us that are alive.

At the end of one Wednesday night last month we had three questions for the students that they discussed in their small groups. The questions were 1) Why is it important to know Christ as Savior before the Rapture occurs? 2) Why is it important to know and read the Word before the Rapture occurs? And 3) why is it important to tell our unsaved friends about Christ before the Rapture occurs? These are three very important questions for all of us, not just our students. Before Jesus left He reminded us to be anxiously waiting for His return. This doesn't mean living the American Dream and waiting on retirement. This means actually doing what He told us to do. In one sentence, what does that look like? Love God with everything you are, love others as much as you love yourself, and make disciples. Like the last letter said, it's pretty simple but not all that easy. If it were easy, we wouldn't need God to help us do it. But all that just means is that He has provided a way for us to learn to trust Him, which only brings us closer to Him. I'm seeing a win-win here, how about you?

Anyway, like the questions asked, why is it so important to be focused on what Christ told us to do before the Rapture occurs? Because we can only spread the peace and life found in Christ while we're here on earth. Once we're gone, either by death or by Rapture, whichever occurs first for us, that's it. No more chances to see our friends and family come to know Christ. Do you love them enough to want them around for eternity? Then tell them what Christ has done for you and what He can do for them. That's called evangelism, and it's the first step in the course of discipleship. It's also an awesome way to outwardly show that you not only care about your fellow man but also the God that created you. That makes you a role model for the younger generation (and everyone knows our younger generations need the best, most Godly role models possible). This leads us back to January's newsletter. Are you willing to do what Jesus commanded you to do and spend time discipling the younger generation so that they too can glorify God and bring about another generation of Christ followers? As the Bible says, "The harvest is ready but the laborers are few." Will you love God with everything, love others, and make disciples? Or will you snub your nose at God and say, "Thanks, but no thanks"? Both choices have drastic, life-changing effects. Don't choose the wrong one.

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1 Corinthians 11:1*





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Wednesday	7:00 pm



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