

November 28, 2022

EASTSIDE CHURCH



a loving neighborhood church



PARKING LOT THOUGHT

A recap of Sunday's Sermon from Chaplain Ben Willis.

"If we weep in the wasteland, God brings the rain. Before Zechariah's prophecy at the birth of his son, John the Baptist, there had been no Prophets in Israel for 450 years. What the last Prophet, Joel, and the people had waited for was God's rain to pour from Heaven - the former to prepare us for Christ, and the latter, Christ, to be our hope and bringer of new life. Receive the rain of God's blessing. Be His rain to another this Advent as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Hope."

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

As Pastor Doug teaches us about unity from Ephesians, let's commit to memorizing Ephesians 4:1-6.

Chapter 4 | Unity in the Body of Christ

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP NIGHT

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30PM

6:30-7:30 worship

7:30-8:30 food & fellowship

- bring a savory or sweet dish for sharing
- invite family & friends



eastsidechurchwma.org/current-events/



"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2).

On Sunday, we lit the Christ candle and heard a message of how God's people finally experienced their hope realized in the birth of Christ. Living on "this side" of that event and the Cross, we have the gift of knowing victory and the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

Yet, the stress and sadness of living in a fallen world can sometimes wear us down and

even disappoint us during this time of year.

Once we acknowledge that, we can deal with it!

Managing our expectations with Christ, Our Hope, is the healing way to be filled when we're empty. He will comfort and restore us as we **praise Him** for what He's already done, who He is, and what He will do. **Pouring our hearts out to Him** in prayer, **reading His Word**, and getting outside of ourselves to **serve others** are some of the ways we can trust Him to meet us in the dark or disappointing times, and fill any gaps between what we expect and what we receive.

He "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14) and now He lives in us and completes us. Choose HOPE this Advent season.

-- Ashley Willis | ashleyw@ecburg.org



PRAYER & PRAISE

The Lord is faithful! We praise Him for His goodness, His faithfulness and His provision! We bring Glory to His name when we express our praises and share our burdens with Him.

As a congregation let's be faithful in prayer this week:

1. **Pray for peace this advent season.**
2. **Pray for those who need the message of the coming of Christ.**
3. **Pray to be a peacemaker in the season ahead.**

Do you need prayer? Eastside prayer team members would love to pray for you confidentially. If you would like your prayer requests to be shared, we will lift them up during our weekly prayer times.

Contact prayer@ecburg.org

Scheduled Prayer Times This Week:

- **Saturday Mornings**
In person @ Eastside 9-10 am (*stay for the Bible Study @ 10!*)
- **Thursday Evenings**
7-7:30 pm call-in
- **Sunday Mornings**
9:30 in the foyer before the service

[Check times and instructions here.](#)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Get involved in
neighborhood ministry.
Reach out to serve@ecburg.org

LITERACY FOR LIFE

Each Wednesday Eastside hosts a Literacy for Life group, which is usually attended by several women from our neighborhood. Lively discussion and laughter help these women build confidence in their English in a wonderful and meaningful time together.

Interested in joining in? We'd love to hear from you. Better yet, just show up at the church at 9:30 Wednesday morning!

BRENTWOOD APARTMENTS

Brentwood ministry continues!

Extra hearts and hands are always welcome. We yearn to divide the children into small groups to increase effectiveness of this precious ministry.



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome Kids!

We're having a great time with the 'Hands-on Bible Curriculum'!

[Please click here to register](#) your child(ren) and learn more about what we do.

A few more helpers are needed -- contact Michelle Flanagan for details OR signup at the church.



YOUNG ADULTS

As advertised! You are invited!
Sundays at 6 PM at the Cox's house: 5500 Scotts Pond Dr., Williamsburg.
Bring your friends!

Questions?
Contact Gigi at coxsgjpeb@comcast.net



YOUTH GROUP

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him" (Psalms 127:3). As our Youth continue to grow, let us pray for them. They are a gift from God and His love for them is reflected through the love we have for them.

Grades 6 - 12 are welcomed!

For more info regarding all things youth and meeting schedules please contact our **Youth Director Kris Samuel** at **908-227-2421** or at - **youth@ecburg.org**



WOMEN / MEN

- **Women's Bible Study: every other Tuesday afternoon, 1:00-2:30 PM**
 Contact Jinks Babey at 757.375.0167 or jinksBabey@gmail.com
- **Coffee w/ Friends Wednesday mornings @ 8:30, [Column 15](#)** - all are welcome - show up and join in!
- **Small Group every other Wednesday, 6:30 PM**
 for info contact **Patty** at pattygrayeastside@gmail.com or **Ashley** at ashleyw@ecburg.org

ADAM-TO-NOAH BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays @ 10 am

understanding the
relevance of Eden
for your life today



eastsidechurchwmbg.org/current-events/

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

TURNING POINT

Are you going through a challenging time in your life? Would you like to talk it through in a confidential setting? If so, Eastside's Turning Point Ministry is here to give you an extra layer of emotional and spiritual support.

To make an appointment, please email ashleyw@ecburg.org or call Ashley Willis (M.A. Pastoral Counseling) at 757-784-5165.

TURNING POINT

CARE TEAM IN ACTION!

Are you able to help members of your church family? Run errands, write notes of encouragement, provide meals are just a few ways you can help others who are experiencing illness, grieving a loss, or welcoming a new addition to the family.

If so, please email susanc@ecburg.org for more info.

If you or someone you know has a need that can be met by our Care Team, please email susanc@ecburg.org



*You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now, revealed in You our Christ*

*What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus*

*You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?*

*Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The Heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again*

*You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God, You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the Glory
Yours is the Name above all names*

*What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus*



BUDGET STATUS:

as of Nov 20, 2022

Jan to Oct 2022

Budgeted: \$241,000

Received: \$241,471

November 2022

Budgeted: \$33,000

Received Month-to-Date: \$13,993

Annual 2022

Budgeted: \$310,000

GIVING:

You are a blessing! We so appreciate your continued support.

[Click here](#) for everything you need to know about giving to Eastside Church online, by text or by mail.