

December 05, 2022

EASTSIDE CHURCH



a loving neighborhood church



PARKING LOT THOUGHT

A recap of Sunday's Sermon from Pastor Doug.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men. This is difficult to believe when there is often a lack of peace on earth. Jesus is our peace¹. Trust in Him as you keep seeking peace and keep on offering peace to others. You can simply say "Peace" to those you encounter². And finally, if you lack peace yourself in this moment, envision that first Christmas, and keep singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men." ..."

¹ Eph 2:14 "For He himself is our peace..."

² Luke 10:5-6 "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house'

[Click to hear the story of 'I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day' \(YouTube\)](#)
Lyrics are in the 'Worship' block below.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

How did you do?

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 FAMILY NIGHT

BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY

WORSHIP * TEACHING
CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY STATIONS
YUMMY TREATS!

4 to 6 PM
DECEMBER 10TH

RSVP michellef@ecburg.org

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CHURCH POTLUCK LUNCH

NEXT SUNDAY • bring a savory or
DEC. 11 sweet dish to share
right after • drop it off before
the service the service

psssst...

Plan to stick around after the potluck to help write Christmas cards with the Congregational Care team!

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP NIGHT

Wednesday, December **14**, 6:30PM

6:30-7:30 worship

7:30-8:30 food & fellowship

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

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LESS STRESS, MORE MEANING THIS ADVENT SEASON

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

On Sunday, we lit the Peace candle and heard an encouraging message of how we have received Peace even when we don't see peace around us. As Pastor Doug said, it is a choice to keep seeking and choosing Peace moment by moment.

The holidays are a time when we can fall into a trap of thinking we need to be the ones to create peace through perfection. Chasing perfection to get all the right gifts, cook the perfect meals, decorate every corner, show up to every event, see every relative, capture it all in perfect photos, and control all the outcomes, usually results in stress, burnout, or disillusionment. When we make an idol out "perfection," we fail to worship Jesus who is our true Peace.

When you make your Christmas plans, are you open to interruptions? Detours? Second choices?

It's hard to choose Peace in the moment if we're busy judging other people, situations, and even God for not perfecting *our* plans. This may be your year to **delegate** some things and see others shine; **release** control in favor of togetherness; or **reduce** the number of dollars you spend or events you commit to hosting or attending.

Moment by moment, will the next choice draw you closer to the Prince of Peace? We don't need to be perfect because we are covered by The One who is!

"For He Himself is our peace..." (Ephesians 2:14a)

-- 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



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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



*I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And mild and sweet their songs repeat
Of peace on Earth, good will to men*

*And the bells are ringing (peace on Earth)
Like a choir they're singing (peace on Earth)
In my heart I hear them (peace on Earth)
Peace on Earth, good will to men*

*And in despair I bowed my head
"There is no peace on Earth, " I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on Earth, good will to men*

*But the bells are ringing (peace on Earth)
Like a choir singing (peace on Earth)
Does anybody hear them? (Peace on Earth)
Peace on Earth, good will to men*

*Then rang the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on Earth, good will to men*

*Then ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on Earth, good will to men*

*the bells, they're ringing
Like a choir they're singing
with our hearts, we'll hear them
Peace on Earth, good will to men*

*Do you hear the bells, they're ringing?
The light, the angels singing
Open up your heart and hear them
Peace on Earth, good will to men*

SUPPORTING EASTSIDE



BUDGET STATUS:

as of Nov 28, 2022

Jan to Oct 2022

Budgeted: \$241,000

Received: \$241,471

November 2022

Budgeted: \$33,000

Received Month-to-Date: \$18,004

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.

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