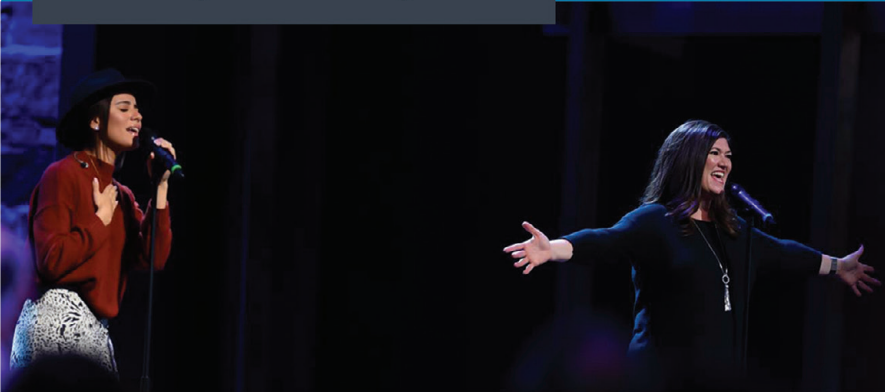


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## PASTOR'S PEN

DR. JOHN HULL

One of my key sources for trends happening in our culture and the subsequent impact on church-life is Thom Rainer at ThomRainer.com. Thom is a former LifeWay executive, prolific author, podcaster and a researcher with relevant data of what churches in America are currently experiencing in attendance and giving.

In a recent podcast, Thom shared some staggering data. He stated "83% of people will stay in your church after five years if they regularly come to both a group (Life Group, Sunday School class, small group, home group) and a worship service. But only 16% will stay in a church after five years, if they only come to the worship service."

This is a huge fact that can't be ignored. People who only attend a worship service are more likely to fade away. They don't leave because they are upset. Most often they leave because they never connected beyond the worship time. Getting people involved in a small group setting, according to Rainer's research, reveals they are five times more likely to stay rooted into the life of the church.

Here we are at Eastside launching a brand new year and another decade -2020! You have the wonderful opportunity to engage with a group of people and do life together. Care and concern, prayer, studying God's Word, accountability, encouragement and having fun all factor into what a healthy Life Group gets done on a weekly basis.

Our Life Groups at Eastside are categorized either by age or topic. There is a point of commonality in each class. There are seasonal and recreational gatherings beyond Sundays.

So are YOU in a Life Group? Take a look at this edition to discover our Sunday Life Groups and weekday discipleship opportunities. In 2020 let's do life together at Eastside!

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### 2020

HOW TO JUMP START YOUR  
**NEW YEAR**

**JANUARY 5: BODY**

**JANUARY 12: CHURCH**

**JANUARY 19: FAMILY**

**JANUARY 26: TIME AND MONEY**

**NEW SERMON SERIES  
BEGINNING JANUARY 5**



## DID YOU KNOW?

**DR. JOSH RICE**  
GENERATIONS PASTOR

Josh Rice is a familiar face on the platform. We are blessed to have such a gifted communicator as part of our teaching team. His messages move at a fast clip with vast amounts of Bible information and finish with a challenging life message. And when you get to know Josh you will discover that operating at a fast clip pretty much sums up his every day.

He is a long distance runner; a real estate investor; an adjunct faculty member at several local colleges; a handyman; a pretty good golfer; "a pretty bad but passionate basketball player" and an involved dad and husband. In his down time, he enjoys motorcycles, playing the drums, traveling to new places, archeology and sitting down with a good book on ancient Roman and Greek civilization!

Growing up in a pastor's home, Josh lived in four states by the second grade. He received Jesus at a young age and developed a love for reading the Bible. In the third grade, Josh said that "while watching a Passion play on Good Friday, I sensed that God was calling me in a very personal way to tell the story of Jesus to others. I have always considered this the night that I was called to ministry."

His calling was confirmed in high school as he served in foreign and local missions. A graduate of Lee University, Josh studied Bible and Theology. His passion for God and the scriptures eventually led to a Ph.D. and ministry in the church.

He served eight years on the staff of Mount Paran Church of God when God opened the door for him and his wife Johanna and his two girls, Sophia and Evangelia to come to Eastside. In addition to preaching and leading adult discipleship departments, Josh enjoys working with students.

"I fell in love with the students and leaders in Eastside's student ministry when I was just a "fill-in" speaker on Sunday nights. Along the way, I met John Hull and came to really admire the direction he was taking Eastside. One day it dawned on us: this is where we want to be, hopefully for a long time! We love the community, the people, the students, the school, the love for missions, and the neighborhood. It has been such a wonderful three years."

## FAMILY TIES THE HOPKINS FAMILY

What is the best way to grow a church? Simply invite someone to come with you! That's exactly how Eastside became the church home to the Hopkins family twenty years ago. Marshall was invited by a friend at work and it was the perfect fit for both him and Mandy.

Marietta was familiar to Marshall as he studied engineering at Southern Polytechnic, now part of Kennesaw State University. Mandy was interested in music and quickly became involved in Eastside's orchestra. But the real draw for making Eastside their church home was the friendships they formed in a newlywed Life Group class led by David and Shellie Reynolds. "It was the perfect place for us as we'd only been married for two months. Even today some of our closest friends came out of that newlywed class. We continue to do life together. We raised our young children supporting and encouraging each other and now we are working through the teen years together."

Mandy and Marshall have three children; Noelle, Luke and Landon. They are quick to tell you that Eastside is where their children grew to love the Lord and under the influence of wonderful teachers, they each have accepted Christ as their Savior. The children are currently active in our Student and Children's ministries.

Over the years, the Hopkins have faithfully served in so many ministries at Eastside. Both Mandy and Marshall taught in the Student Ministry. Marshall worked many years with AWANAS. He now serves on the Nominating Ministry, leads the Acts 2:42 Life Group and is currently a Church Elder. Mandy plays French horn, leads an 8th grade Life Group, supports the Ladies Ministry and teaches 5th grade at Eastside Christian School where she puts her education degree from Valdosta State to work.





# REACHING OUR SAMARIA

## Eastside's Mosaic Campus



**T**he concept of the Eastside's Mosaic campus is to create a welcoming environment where small multi-lingual congregations can grow in their cultural uniqueness yet be a part of the larger church family, Eastside Mosaic.

Since our move to the former Olive Springs campus in Smyrna, Mosaic has been hosting various congregations on its grounds. Two congregations hold services on Sunday mornings. - Eastside's Mosaic Church, led by Campus Pastor Adrian Coetzer, meets at 10:30am in the Chapel and Eastside's Brazilian Church, led by Campus Pastor Lindolfo Dossantos, meets at 11:00am in the Worship Center. They share children's ministry efforts. At 1:30pm. Eastside's Salem Haitian Baptist Church meets and on Tuesday evenings at 8:00pm Mosaic en Espanol, led by Campus Pastor Adrian Coetzer, finds its home on our Mosaic campus.

On any given week there is in excess of 300 people worshipping on the Mosaic campus and we are discovering that we are truly better together!

During the week, our Mosaic campus operates as a Community Ministry and Resource Center. We have identified specific needs in the community that we are working to address either directly or through partnerships with organizations such as MUST, Storehouse Ministries, Feed My Lambs, and Good Samaritan Community Clinic, most of whom are hosted on Mosaic campus.

On November 16th, our partner churches and our community partners joined together to host a campus-wide Fall Community Festival. Between the bounce-houses, delicious Brazilian food, and the ever-popular fried Oreos, the event was a tremendous success! Over 500 people from many families enjoyed this wonderful day. We are excited to see what the Lord will do in our community through the ministry of Eastside Mosaic.

# HANDS & FEET

The New Year is always exciting as we anticipate how God will use our church family to serve others. But it is also encouraging to look back and reflect on the many ways God allowed us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in 2019. We remember the many blessings that came in serving.



## JANUARY 2019

Caring Ministry provided \$25,378 to help those in need in our church and community.



## FEBRUARY 2019

Student Ministry served three of our local schools with community service projects.



## JUNE 2019

250 children attending VBS raised \$2,216 for Storehouse Ministries lunch program.



## JULY 2019

MUST Summer Lunch Program provided 3,442 meals to kids with our generous \$6,023 donation.



## AUGUST 2019

\$4,638 was given in support of Hurricane Relief.



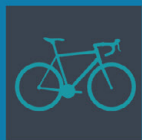
## SEPTEMBER 2019

Eastside donated \$3,206 to purchase over 3,000 Bibles to be distributed in the Middle East.



## NOVEMBER 2019


Eastside families purchased and packed 140 food boxes for Storehouse Ministries.



## DECEMBER 2019

We donated 110 new bicycles to the MUST Ministries toy shop.

Student Ministry held a toy drive and assisted at a block party with the Atlanta Dream Center for an immigrant community in Clarkston, GA. With your generous donations, 175 children received gifts for Christmas.



EASTSIDE'S SCHOOL OF BALLET PRESENTS



GERDA AND THE  
*Snow Queen*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020**  
**10AM & 1PM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**



**Wheeler High School Performing Arts Center**  
**375 Holt Road, Marietta, GA 30068**

**Please come dressed in your favorite fairytale attire**  
For more information, contact Director Lisa Marsh  
at [lmash@ebcnet.org](mailto:lmash@ebcnet.org)

# OUR GROWING CARING MINISTRY

*an interview with Jerry Rowell*

"Thirty years ago God made it very clear to Charlotte Ware and me that we were to help spearhead a ministry at Eastside with the sole intent of helping people in need in our church and community. It was to be more than just words, it was boots on the ground, providing food, shelter, bill paying, transportation whatever would help people out of a bad situation in the name of Jesus. Eastside's Caring Ministry was underway and over the years our church has made a huge difference in the lives of thousands of people."

2020 will bring some wonderful new changes to this vital ministry. The Caring Ministry has relocated to Eastside's Mosaic campus and alongside Campus Pastor Adrian Coetzer, is broadening our influence in the community. Here are a few examples:

*There are ten schools within the five-mile radius of Eastside's Mosaic campus where many parents struggle to provide food for their children. In conjunction with Storehouse Ministries, the Caring Ministry is providing organization and labor to prepare lunches and distribute them in the area.*

*One block from the church is a free Health Clinic where people daily stand in long lines waiting to be seen. We want to make sure they have a good lunch so we are providing sandwiches for hungry people.*

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*We are assisting, along with Eastside Life Groups, to provide help in a newly designed Computer Lab in the church building. People looking for jobs online are finding opportunities and application assistance.*

*At teacher direction, selected students at two local schools, Dunleigh Elementary School and Fair Oaks Elementary will be able to take home a "Blessing Bag" on Fridays with non-perishable food items for their families. We will also help to provide uniform clothing for children.*

*Eastside's Mosaic church building gives us many opportunities for outreach in the community by providing space for graduation ceremonies, PTA conferences, musical performances, etc. As we assist with parking and greeting, we extend the invitation to attend one of Eastside's seven Sunday services.*

While this wonderful community involvement is taking place, the Caring Ministry's primary focus remains on our church members. We are here to help with needed home repairs, such as heat and air, rent checks, medical bills, insurance payments, transportation needs, furniture and food. Whatever and however we can come alongside you in a crisis moment is our desire. We care.

"There have been many miracle stories over the years but what I find most amazing is that the Caring Ministry is non-budgeted ministry. Several times a year there is an appeal to donate to the Caring Ministry and God supplies. He provides what we need long before we even know we need it and uses your generous hearts and funds to make it happen."

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## JANUARY 16: DONUTS WITH DAD - EASTSIDE WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Enjoy a special breakfast with your little one (children in 2 year old class to Pre-K class) and get to know other dads in our Preschool family. Donuts, juice, and coffee will be served. Questions? Contact Lydia McIntyre 404-509-9589 or [lmcintyre@ebcnet.org](mailto:lmcintyre@ebcnet.org).



## JANUARY 23: WOMEN FOR ONE ANOTHER

A heartwarming night of fellowship and time of worship for the ladies of Eastside. 7:00-8:00pm in the Studio. Light refreshments will be served. [followeastside.com/women](http://followeastside.com/women)



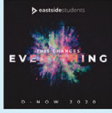
## JANUARY 23-26: BIBLE READ-A-THON

This is the Year of the Bible! As a congregation, we are growing in our love of God through the study of scripture. We will begin our new year with reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelation out loud before God in our sanctuary. All are invited to participate as we seek to honor God and ask for guidance in the new year. [followeastside.com/readathon](http://followeastside.com/readathon)



## JANUARY 26: "SCALY ADVENTURES" FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Join us for a fun lunch with the Scaly Adventures team as they introduce us to their family of snakes, iguanas, and other scaly creatures. This internationally-recognized Christian family has filmed their TV show on six continents, and they will be joining us on January 26! This lunch is open to all parents and children (birth-5th grade). [followeastside.com/family](http://followeastside.com/family)



## FEBRUARY 7-9: STUDENTS D-NOW

Students, grades 6-12, don't miss this year's D-Now, This Changes Everything! We'll have exciting worship, fun games, and interactive teaching from guest speaker, Justin Woelk. Hurry and register before prices go up later this month! [followeastside.com/students](http://followeastside.com/students)



## FEBRUARY 1: EASTSIDE WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL 2020-2021 REGISTRATION

Registration begins for the 2020-2021 school year at Eastside Weekday Preschool. For more information and to register, call 770-971-4766 or visit [followeastside.com/weekday-preschool](http://followeastside.com/weekday-preschool).



## FEBRUARY 8: EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Join us for an Open House at Eastside Christian School on February 8 from 2:00-4:00pm beginning in The Hutch. [eastsidechristianschool.com](http://eastsidechristianschool.com)



## FEBRUARY 8: "GERDA AND THE SNOW QUEEN"

Presentation by Eastside School of Ballet, 10:00am and 1:00pm at Wheeler High School Performing Arts Center. Admission is free. Fairytale costumes welcome!



## FEBRUARY 13: COUPLES DATE NIGHT

Couples, join us for a one-night marriage event at our church on February 13 at 6:30pm. Dinner will be served. Kenn Kington is our comedian/speaker: [kennkington.com](http://kennkington.com). Register online at [followeastside.com/adults](http://followeastside.com/adults).

## SENIORS IN MOTION

**Tuesdays and Thursdays  
8:30-9:15am**

Seniors in Motion is a full body workout! Focus is on improving balance, flexibility and joint range of motion, as well as building core, bone and muscle strength. Chair aerobics and light cardio exercises improve the cardiovascular system. The cool down and stretching period allows the body to feel refreshed and rejuvenated.

For more information on the classes above and to register, visit

[followeastside.com/hutch](http://followeastside.com/hutch)

## YOGA AT THE HUTCH

**Tuesdays  
7:00pm-8:00pm**

Yoga incorporates breathing exercises, meditation and poses designed to encourage relaxation and reduce stress. Yoga can also ease anxiety, reduce inflammation, pain and improve heart health, along with many other health benefits.

## REFIT REVOLUTION

**Mondays | 5:00-6:00pm  
Wednesdays | 9:00-10:00am**

REFIT® is a life-changing group fitness experience that rocks your body, heart, and soul with powerful moves and positive music, to inspire you from the inside out. REFIT® classes propel students to their best selves through dance, toning, balance and flexibility. Workouts designed for everybody and everyBODY—regardless of age, shape, size or ability.

## BOOT CAMP

**Mondays and Wednesdays  
4:00-5:00pm**

Boot Camp is an interval based style circuit training using various forms of equipment to engage the whole body. It is designed to build lean muscle while strengthening the heart as well.



# THE HUTCH

AT EASTSIDE

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# Couples DATE NIGHT

FEATURING COMEDIAN KENN KINGTON

Eastside, join us for Couples Date Night this February! We'll have dinner and a fun evening full of laughs with comedian Kenn Kington.

FEBRUARY 13, 2020 AT 6:30PM

Reserve your spot online now at [followeastside.com/adults](http://followeastside.com/adults)



## ESL AT EASTSIDE

### English as a Second Language

**W**hat better way to share the love of Jesus than to speak His name together? But to do that you have to speak the same language! That's the beauty of hosting the ESL Program on both of our campuses.

We asked instructor Amanda Durski to give us her experience working with this wonderful ministry. She and her husband Tim, along with several other instructors under the leadership of Eastside's Brazilian Campus Pastor, Lindolfo Dossantos, are making a difference in many people's lives. "Even though there are language barriers, we still have fun and laugh and learn about our different languages and cultures. The students often teach us some Spanish and Portuguese which is a great reminder that learning a new language is very difficult! Tim and I are excited that we can help make someone's life in the United States a little easier."

ESL at Eastside currently has four classes helping at different levels of proficiency. Two to three instructors lead students through lessons on speaking, listening, reading and writing in English. Vocabulary and grammar instruction is incorporated in each lesson.

"The students have a workbook but we make sure each week that we teach English through scripture and Bible stories. It is a casual environment where students can build their confidence, have fun, and make friends, as they practice English. But the greatest joy for all of us is that many are becoming Christians as they are introduced to God's love through the ESL class."

On our Lower Roswell campus, our ESL classes currently average 30-40 students meeting each Wednesday night, and on our Mosaic campus we host over 45 students. They represent countries such as Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, and more. The primary languages represented are Portuguese and Spanish, but all languages are welcome!



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