

THE PROMISE

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2019

PASTOR'S PEN

DR. JOHN HULL

Dear Eastsider,

With Labor Day in our rear view mirrors, let's look forward to what is shaping up to be a great fall for our church family and the East Cobb community - the community God has called us to love and serve!

▪ **ECS FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT** (October 18) - Our school family goes all out creating an incredible nighttime carnival experience for the whole family. Talk about fun with a purpose! The church/school parking lot is full of rides, games and tables of great food. Mark the date and plan to attend with your family and neighbors. You'll have a great time and help support the mission of our wonderful school.

▪ **Pumpkin Palooza** - (October 27) - This has become a neighborhood fall tradition! We turn The Hutch into a powerful engine of family fun. Costumed children enjoy games, inflatables, photo ops and candy, candy, and more candy. Over 120 Eastside volunteers work together to make this a very popular community event. We expect the attendance this year to surpass last year's 1,000 people, over half being local guests.

▪ **THANKS FOR GIVING FOOD DRIVE AND BOX PREP** - (November 6) - There is so much to be thankful for in this wonderful event. Last year, our church body came filling every table in the Fellowship Hall with donated groceries.

Everyone worked together to pack the boxes that were distributed by Storehouse Ministries to people in need within our community. We look forward to partnering with Storehouse Ministries again this year.

▪ **BIKE DRIVE WITH MUST MINISTRIES** - (December 1-6) - Last year our church family purchased 96 brand new "starter bikes." This year, we'll aim for bikes for all ages and we have a goal of 110 bikes. These bikes will go to MUST's Toy Shop where their clients will be able to select bikes for various members of their families.

Every one of these church-wide, community focused initiatives is an opportunity for you to invite someone to get "a taste of Eastside" apart from Sunday mornings. There are people in our neighborhoods that might never consider coming to our worship services but they may very well say "Yes!" to one of these wonderful events. You never know what connection, relationship or event the Lord could use to open the door to deeper conversations about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. These events also give every member of the Eastside family an opportunity to serve. If you are new to our Eastside family, volunteering is a wonderful way to quickly get plugged in. We need you! Our neighborhood needs you! Labor Day is behind us and Christmas is coming. How exciting that Eastside has so many opportunities to make a difference in East Cobb!

Your friend,



Good to Great

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR RELATIONSHIPS



**NEW
SERMON
SERIES
BEGINNING
OCTOBER 6**



DID YOU KNOW?

CINDY KELLEY

CHOIR DIRECTOR/WORSHIP LEADER AND EASTSIDE PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER

There aren't many people that can say they have attended over

3,000 Sunday services at Eastside and countless events in between. Cindy Kelley is one of those people and as she says, "Every time the doors were open at Eastside I was there...from the Cradle Roll on up." Featuring Cindy as our "Did You Know" staff member is literally featuring the history of Eastside. Her grandparents, Ralph and Jane Scott were charter members; her parents, Doug and Karen Walker, were high school sweethearts in our Youth Ministry and continue to be vital members; Cindy and her sister Vicky Bache grew up experiencing every opportunity offered in our children and student programs; and now Cindy and her husband Jimmy are raising their three children, Courtney, Ryan and Andrew at Eastside...the beauty of legacy!

But it goes beyond just being a member at Eastside, Cindy's career as a teacher, Worship Leader and both Children and Adult Choir Director has been greatly influenced by the ministries of Eastside in her life. "Eastside is where I met my closest friends, it's where I gave my life to Jesus, it's where I learned to love serving with kids and it's where my love for music began. I have had the opportunity to sing in kids, youth, and adult choirs under the direction of some amazing directors. Looking back, I can see now how each of them influenced who I am as Eastside's Choir Director today. God had been orchestrating this plan in my life all along."

Cindy is currently focused on rehearsals for Eastside's fantastic Christmas program our annual "gift" to the community. Year after year hundreds of people receive the message of God's love through this incredible ministry. According to Cindy, "Our Eastside Choir is open to seasoned musicians as well as "car soloists." The desire to praise the Lord in music and experience genuine fellowship with others is what draws so many to sing and our Christmas program is the most exciting time to participate!" And Cindy would know because at last count the number of Christmas programs she has participated in is well, if we set a number that might be giving away more than we've been given permission to in this tribute to our awesome Choir Director!



FAMILY TIES

THE PITTARDS

"At every critical moment in our lives, Eastside has been there. We can't imagine our lives without our church family." In

turn, it's hard to imagine Eastside without the Pittard family.

Mendi grew up a pastor's kid and has always been active in churches throughout Georgia. Dave's family were charter members at Westside Baptist, a church plant of Eastside in Mableton. As often happens, Mendi was invited to the Eastside College department where she met a friend who introduced her to Dave Pittard. Their family story and their Eastside story began that day.

As a young married couple they were Care Group Leaders in the Young Adult Class which was the perfect fit for this friendly couple. Both Mendi and Dave have a heart for people and they're first to help when someone has a need. Over the years Mendi has served on the Children's, Awana, Human Resources, Missions, Nominating, Hospitality Committees as well as the Choir. Closest to her and Dave's heart though is the Student Ministry where they have served many years. " We couldn't do it without them" is a likely sentiment of the Youth Ministry as Dave and Mendi have gone on countless summer mission trips serving in various ways ... Mendi being most famous for helping prepare delicious meals for hungry teens!

Dave currently serves as a Deacon, on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Choir and is a vital member of our Media team on Sunday mornings. Dave is also "that" person who is always there when there is a call for volunteer help. His quiet faithfulness doesn't go unnoticed.

But what both Mendi and Dave would tell you, and where their gratitude lies, is the foundation for missions Eastside built in their three children. Their daughter Toree has served on short-term mission teams in four countries and is currently a career missionary in the Middle East. Tyler recently returned from the World Race, a mission effort that served in 11 countries in 11 months. He now serves on the Mission staff of a local church. Tanner works on Eastside's Property and Maintenance staff, and recently served on the Haitian mission team. As Mendi said, "Our children learned to love Jesus and share that love with others. It was faithful, godly people serving that made the difference. How could we not give back?"

Mark your calendar for our special Christmas Eve services on December 24 at 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00pm!

CHRISTMAS EVE
AT eastside

EASTSIDE WOMEN

The "I Seek Truth" experience with Terry Squires on August 22 was an incredible night! From the intimate time of praise and worship to Terry's powerful message encouraging us to truly seek after God's Word, our ladies were blessed beyond measure. And to top it off, we had an unexpected visitor accompanying Terry – KAY ARTHUR! She joined us in worship and finished this perfect evening by praying over us and our church. It was a "beyond" evening.

EASTSIDE WOMEN PRESENTS
I SEEK TRUTH



EASTSIDE SENIOR ADULTS

Coming off of a terrific Senior Adult Week with many exciting activities and a wonderful banquet, the Senior Adult Ministry hasn't let the pedal off the gas yet! We have our annual Apple Trip to Ellijay and Blue Ridge on October 17, and we are working on another "get away" adventure for November. Our 10:10 Fellowship meets on the first Thursday of each month with special guest speakers and a delicious "potluck" lunch (best cooks in the church). Come join us!

Grandparent Prayer Group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in the 3:16 Café at The Hutch.

INTO THE WILD SUMMER RETREAT



EASTSIDE STUDENTS

When you take 90 students and leaders "Into the Wild" you are going to have an incredible experience! That's exactly what happened at the Student Retreat at Camp Kaleo this fall. Awesome times of praise and worship; challenging teaching from Justin Wolek; and just hanging out with friends made for a terrific weekend. Maddie Beckett, a high school senior shared, "This was my last fall retreat and I wanted it to be something really special. It was amazing and exceeded all my expectations. I loved spending time with a community of people I love so much." 8th Grader, Jared Dethose said, "It was a real eye opener for me. We learned how to tell the difference between God's voice and the voices of the world." Leaders Patrick and Kelsie Peters commented, "It's always a privilege to go away with these incredible kids. We love to see them rally around each other and grow deeper as a church family. It was awesome to witness!"



Pumpkin Palooza - EASTSIDE KIDS

What do you have when you put a thousand kids in a room with a thousand pieces of candy? SO MUCH FUN! On Sunday, October 27 from 4:30-6:30pm, The Hutch will be turned into costume mania with inflatables, games, activities, candy and prizes galore. The community loves this free event! For more information or to volunteer to help go to followeastside.com/pumpkin.

Breakfast in Bethlehem - EASTSIDE KIDS

Seeing the Christmas story come alive through a child's eyes is something you won't forget. Live characters and animals and a delicious "child friendly" breakfast make Breakfast in Bethlehem a special tradition for our Eastside family and friends. It's Saturday, December 14 from 8:30 to 10:30am for children who were 3 years old as of 9/1/19, and one parent or other special adult. The cost is \$15.00 per child/adult pair. You can register for this sweet experience at followeastside.com/bethlehem.

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM



EASTSIDE MEN

On Monday nights this fall in Fellowship Hall, a core group of men have been involved in meaningful "life" discussions led by Steve Knoblock. This night of discipleship is challenging men of our church to step up to leadership in their home, work and church communities. It is an open forum format, so stop by on a Monday evenings beginning September 30 at our new time of 6:55pm and join in the conversation.

MEN'S MONDAY NIGHT GATHERING

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ON MISSION FOR STUDENTS' HEARTS

My child(ren) and I would like to see if Eastside Christian School is a good fit for them next year. My child loves Eastside but would like to see what's coming next year. Two different scenarios, but one solution is to come to our Interactive Open House on Sunday, November 17!

From 2:00-4:00pm, our school will be open for prospective and current parents and their children to see our classes in action. Small groups of students will be interacting with their teacher in short activities designed to show the challenge and fun of learning at Eastside. Your child will be encouraged to join in for a "hands on" experience. Parents and students will have

the opportunity to ask questions about curriculum, student opportunities and co-curricular activities.

We will begin in The Hutch with registration and a short welcome, and then tours of the school will begin from there. Here's the best part, the tour is personalized so you can concentrate on the subjects and areas that are of highest interest to you and your student. We invite you to join us on November 17 and find out more about the greatest school – Eastside Christian!

If you are unable to attend this event, another Interactive Open House is planned for Sunday, February 9.



eastsidechristianschool.com

Join us

December 8

for a special Christmas program presented by the Eastside choir and musicians! There will be two identical presentations at

3:00 and 6:00pm.

Join us as we unwrap the greatest gift that has ever been given – Jesus!

THE
Gift





MOSAIC CHURCH

God is moving in an incredible way at our Mosaic campus, formerly Olive Springs. Located on Austell Road, Eastside Mosaic is perfectly positioned to minister to many international groups as well as a growing urban church. In addition, during the week our doors are open to outreach ministries that are touching hundreds of lives. Let's look inside the doors of Eastside Mosaic.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

Eastside Brazilian – 10:30am in the Worship Center. Pastor Lindolfo Dissantos (See feature below)

Mosaic – 10:30am in the Chapel. Pastor Adrian Coetzer leads this young, urban congregation

Deep Waters – 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. A multi-cultural ministry led by Pastor Tommy Stevenson

Haitian Service – 1:00pm in the Chapel. Led by Pastor Niseron Beauge

There is a dynamic Children's Ministry for all children on Sunday mornings.

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES:

YMCA Early Learning Classes, sponsored by Kellogg Co. – Monday and Wednesday

Tutoring Classes for underprivileged children – Monday afternoon

Feed My Lambs – K and Pre-K Program – Monday through Friday mornings

Noonday Store House Food Box Distribution – Tuesday and Thursday afternoons

Noonday Free Lunch Program – Monday through Thursday

ESL – Thursday evenings. Currently over 80 people are attending.

Español – Tuesday Bible Study, 8:00pm in the Chapel. Led by Marlon Guevara



What a wonderful thing to need more space! In 2016, Pastor Dossantos and his wife Luzia started with a small Brazilian congregation at the Student Center. This small, yet faithful, group began doing life together celebrating over meals, soccer and graciously serving one another. Within three years they have grown to over 150 people and in turn, have outgrown their space. On August 25, Eastside Brazilian celebrated their new home at the Eastside Mosaic campus. This beautiful church sits strategically in the middle of a growing Brazilian community in Cobb County. Eastside Brazilian praises God for this new space and new ministry opportunity to share the love of Christ in the Portuguese language. As Pastor Lindolfo says, "We are so glad God gave us a family like Eastside Church. Together we are connecting people to the life changing message of JESUS!"


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UPCOMING EVENTS



OCTOBER 10 AND 24: UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

Join us for Understanding Dementia, educational events helping family members, caregivers, and individuals experiencing the effects of dementia. These events will take place on October 10 and October 24 from 6-7PM in the Student Center Lower Auditorium. followeastside.com/hutch



OCTOBER 12: WIDOW'S BANQUET

Our Eastside Deacons invite these lovely ladies of Eastside for a delicious banquet and entertainment on Saturday, October 12 at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our special guest speaker will be Dr. Gerald Harris. Contact the church office at 770-971-2323 to reserve your spot!



OCTOBER 13: NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

Join us for a time of questions and answers about membership at Eastside. This informational lunch will take place after the 11:00am service. Email Bill Gray at bgray@ebcnet.org to reserve a spot.



OCTOBER 17: SENIOR ADULT APPLE TRIP

Our senior adults will take a special trip to Elijah and Blue Ridge to pick apples. Email Tim McDaniel at tmcdaniel@ebcnet.org to reserve a spot. followeastside.com/senior-adults



OCTOBER 17: 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



OCTOBER 27: PUMPKIN PALOOZA

Bring your costumed children for a wonderful night of fun at The Hutchinson Center. From 4:30-6:30 children will enjoy inflatables, games, activities and candy galore! followeastside.com/pumpkin



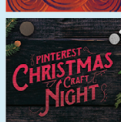
NOVEMBER 3: BABY DEDICATION

Join us during the 11:00AM service for a special time of celebration and commitment, a time for parents who know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, to publicly seek His blessing on their child and commit themselves to follow God's will, according to His Word, in raising their child. followeastside.com/baby-dedication



NOVEMBER 6: THANKS FOR GIVING: FOOD BOX PACKING OUTREACH

Bring your family as we pack boxes of food and hope for our community in Student Center from 5:00-7:00pm.



NOVEMBER 14: PINTEREST CRAFT NIGHT

This is one of our ladies favorite nights of the year! We'll be making something very special for the holidays. Details to follow but make sure you put this date on your calendar for 6:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$20.00 for supplies. followeastside.com/women



NOVEMBER 17: ECS INTERACTIVE OPEN HOUSE

A unique opportunity for prospective and current families to see our school "in action". Your guided tour from 2:00-4:00pm will take you into the classroom to see the interaction of students and teachers. This is the perfect opportunity to ask questions and find the answers about our wonderful school. Contact lnichols@ebcnet.org to register.



DECEMBER 1-6: BIKE DRIVE FOR MUST MINISTRIES

You can brighten a child's Christmas with the gift of a new bike. Drop off will be at the Student Center lobby on these dates. More info to come.



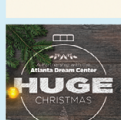
DECEMBER 8: "THE GIFT" CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

This incredible gift to Cobb County will feature our choir and musicians as they present a compelling story of Christmas through music, drama and pageantry. Presentations at 3:00pm and 6:00pm.



DECEMBER 14: BREAKFAST AT BETHLEHEM

This is a very special tradition for our Eastside family and friends. Children experience the wonder of Christmas through a live nativity and animals. A child-friendly breakfast completes the morning. For children who were 3 as of 9/1/19 and one parent or other special adult. \$15.00 per child/adult. 8:30-10:30am in Fellowship Hall.



DECEMBER 14: HUGE YOUTH EVENT

So huge we can't divulge any information yet! Just make sure to mark this date on your calendar.



DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

This beautiful family service offered on Christmas Eve at 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00pm is the perfect way to begin the celebration of Christmas with the focus on Jesus.



THE HUTCH

AT EASTSIDE

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**Thursday, October 10
6:00-7:00pm**

**Thursday, October 24
6:00-7:00pm**

In the Student Center Lower Auditorium

This is an educational event helping family members, care givers and individuals experiencing the effects of dementia. Facilitators will unpack the difference in normal aging versus the effects of dementia; how to live well with dementia; a specific care givers academy; help establishing support groups; and the opportunity for attendees to sign up for a dementia simulation.



**Tuesday, November 12
8:00am – 8:45am**

In Café 3:16

Children in 2yr old class – PreK class

Enjoy a special breakfast with your little one and get to know other moms in our Preschool family. Pastries, juice and coffee served.

For planning, RSVP at followeastside.com/hutch.

For more information contact Lydia McIntyre 404-509-9589 or lmcintyre@ebcnet.org

SENIORS IN MOTION

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

Ballet Room

Hutch Members: \$20 month

Non-Members: \$25 month

Instructor Susan Loudermilk

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.



Tuesdays | 7:00pm-8:00pm

**5 class pack - \$77.75
(other options available)**

Provided by The Rolling Mat

**Led by Stephanie Mitchell,
Certified Yoga Instructor**

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.

Register for these classes at followeastside.com/hutch.

BOOT CAMP

Mondays | 4:00pm

Group Fitness Room

\$5 per class or 6 classes for \$25

Instructor: Lydia McIntyre

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.

REFIT

Mondays | 5:00-6:00pm

Wednesdays | 9:00-10:00am

Group Fitness Room

\$5.00 per class

Discount punch cards available

Instructor: Helen Smith

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