



**EASTSIDE
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

The Link

AUGUST, 2009

**OFFICE: (208) 734-7041
204 EASTLAND DRIVE N.
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OFFICE HOURS**MONDAY-THURSDAY****8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.****FRIDAY****OFFICE CLOSED****WEBSITE:****WWW.ESBCTWINFALLS.COM****OFFICE EMAIL:****dawn@esbctwinfalls.com****PAUL THOMPSON, PASTOR****HOME: (208) 733-7562****E: MAIL****paul@esbctwinfalls.com****JOHN MARTINEZ,****ASSOCIATE PASTOR****HOME: (208) 733-5763****E-MAIL:****john@esbctwinfalls.com****CHURCH SERVICES****SUNDAYS****9:15 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL****10:30 A.M. - WORSHIP****6:30 P.M. EVENING SERVICE****TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS****1:30 P.M. - PRAYER IN****REQUA HOME****WEDNESDAYS****7:00 P.M.****ADULT BIBLE STUDY****CRAZY SUMMER NIGHTS****1ST SATURDAY****9:00 A.M. SONNY BUNCH
PERKINS RESTAURANT****FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK****Christ's Ambassador**

I suppose I have attended dozens of "cutting edge" type of mission conferences over the years and read twice as many books on missions and one thing I have discovered is that most of these events and resources are lacking in an Isaiah 6 view of God. Most mission conferences and books about missions are primarily on contextualizing the Gospel rather than presenting God as God and then announcing that God has satisfied His own wrath upon His Son. Most mission conferences are presentations of methods and "success" stories of how someone thought up an idea on how to do missions without even giving consideration to a right and biblical view of God, the lowly place of mankind, and our grave danger of stepping into eternity having no idea of who God really is.

A recent examination of Peter's call from Jesus to follow him has me considering the responsibility God has given biblical Christians. We are tasked with the privilege of being His ambassadors of His kingdom. Here are a few observations from Luke 5:8-11 after Jesus told Peter to cast out the nets after they had spent all night fishing and had caught "nothing" (sounds like most of my fishing trips.) So Peter did as Jesus instructed him to do and they caught so many fish that their nets began to break and tear. I took this calling of Peter and compared it with Isaiah's.

Three big things I notice in these two text (Isaiah 6 and Luke 5) ...

1. Peter's response (Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord) seems similar to Isaiah's (Woe is me, for I am ruined.) Both are in a place of seeing God, both are immediately humbled. God took the initiative with both Peter and Isaiah.
2. Peter is invited to stay "Do not be afraid" (Luke 5:10) Isaiah is told his iniquity is taken away (Isaiah 6:7)
3. Peter left everything and followed Jesus (Luke 5:11) Isaiah was told to go and tell the people (Isaiah 6:8)

In both passages there seems this pattern; God is seen as God, God chose, then man is required to respond to what he has heard and seen (both Peter and Isaiah respond without hesitation; Peter left everything and followed Jesus (Luke 5:11), Isaiah said "I am here, send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

Will the church continue to promote methods and strategies and a clever acrostic or will we present God as God and let man be faced with this high and lofty place where God belongs and invite all men everywhere to respond to Him in His glory? I plead with the church to drop all godless ways and preach biblical God to the nations. Eastside, we have an invitation from the King of Kings to give be a voice in the wilderness. How then will we speak.



VOLUNTEER CHRISTIAN BUILDERS



In God's providential ways the Volunteer Christian Builders (VCB) began work on our new 6,000 Sq. Ft. building on July 6, 2009; by July 22, when they began to leave, now stands our new meeting house. God has provided richly to have done what is done. The Volunteer Christian Builders are a non-profit organization with a mission to advance the Lord's Kingdom by assisting Southern Baptist Churches and encampments by providing volunteer labor to construct and renovate buildings for worship and other church related structures.

The men and women of VCB who came to help are from Texas and Louisiana. Thank you VCB for following God in your retired years and for "Traveling with a Purpose:" You have been an encouragement and help set a high standard for all to not wasting away retirement days on oneself. Thank you, also; All from Eastside who provided & served meals and volunteered your time. Many others came around during days off to work alongside the VCB crew. www.vcbuilder.org

" God is good, all the time; all the time, God is good."

Putting Heart Into The Matter

A pole vaulting champion was asked what his mindset was as he approached each jump. He replied, "I just throw my heart over first, and my body just follows it." What a neat illustration!

Perhaps that is the idea Jesus was trying to get across in Matthew 6:24-34. He says that man cannot serve two masters—one cannot serve God and mammon. Then He describes "mammon" as the very essence of our physical livelihood—food, drink, clothing. Things we grasp with great tenacity, these issues of our lives are very hard to put under the lordship of Christ. Yet, He says they can be a god in our lives, opposing His rightful position.

Verse 33 challenges our faith: Put Him first, and all these things He will provide readily as needed. Consider, then, Romans 8:32— "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things?"

Let's "throw our hearts" over the wall of uncertainty and fear, and believe He will provide for us, our church ministries, and our church building project.

Gene Lawley, Finance Chairman

Mind's Attention Heart's Affection

The entire month of July has been an exceptional and unique month. I have been on mission in Canada and in Idaho ministering to both Canadians including a great many Chinese Baptist of British Columbia as well as ministering to the spiritual needs of the great many Soldiers of the 116th BSTB Army National Guard.

I was humbled to be asked to lead and facilitate a team of high school and college students from Idaho and Utah on mission to Richmond, Vancouver, BC, Canada during the first two weeks of July.

The team was innovative and creative by coming alongside the people of Towers Baptist Church to host and facilitate a "3 on 3 Basketball Tournament" for students in their city. The tournament was a huge success allowing the church to begin relationships with students of their local high school.

As always I continue to be humbled to serve the spiritual needs of the Idaho Army National Guard as they continue to defend the freedoms of our great nation. Please pray for their safety and your ministry through me to over one thousand Soldiers.

Pray for my family as we travel to take Jessica to her first year of college at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, TX. I am sure we have to cure her of saying "y'all" and howdy" when she is home on break.

I Thank God, all the time for the ministry He has given me at Eastside and I look forward to the years and journey that lay ahead for our church family.

Blessings, John

Happy Birthday



- 3 Jack Evans
- 8 Anilisa Burton
- 9 Clay Mathews
- 13 Dawn Edgar
- 15 Steve McMullin
- 21 Betsy Kinch
- 22 Charles Boss
- 27 Kalee Edwards
- 28 Paul Mills



Happy Anniversary

August 15th

John & Shari Martinez

August 23rd

Gene & Marge Lawley

August 28th

John & Debra Scarlett

2009

Women's Retreat

***Ladies Mark Your
Calendars for
September
11th -13th
Cost: \$ 49***

***For more information
Contact Shari Helman
at 423-5066***

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Contact People

Children's Sunday School

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Bill Dobson 280-0600
Roger Maxwell 735-1449

Nursery

Blake & Christie Burton 734-2700

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Student Ministry

John Martinez 734-7041

Treasurer

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Worship Ministry

John Martinez 734-7041

Youth Sunday School

John Martinez 734-7041

August Nursery schedule

August 2nd

9:15 am Julie Edwards
10:15 am
Christy & Annie Burton

August 9th

9:15 am Audrey Kinch
10:30 am
Nikki & Carissa Mathews

August 16st

9:15 am Shelly Yung
10:30 am
Billie Dobson & Gail Lindsey

August 23th

9:15 am Lisa Stieneke
10:30 am
Katherine Edgar & Vicki Myrick

August 30th

9:15 am Christie Burton
10:30 am
Shari & Julia Martinez

BLOG

Our pastors blog sites
are at.
www.esbctwinfalls.com

Then click on their
name and you will be
directed to their
"Blogger" Site

This is a great way to get
to know your Pastors on
a more intimate level.
Read their thoughts, see
their stories, post your
own responses, and ask
them questions.

UKRAINE MINISTRY

**We still have some
needs for the Ukraine
boxes.**

- 1. Toothbrushes**
- 2. Toothpaste**
- 3. Decorative Pencils**
- 4. Hair Stuff for Girls**
- 5. Baby things**
- 6. Small Soft balls**

**For more details contact
Helen Requa 736-2964**

MONTH2MONTH FELLOWSHIP



Hosting Families:

☀ **CHUCK & SHARI HELMAN**

☀ **ANDY & DAWN & Katherine EDGAR**

☀ **RYAN & AMIE FRANKLIN**

- **Date:** August 16, 2009
- **Location:** The Helman's Place
2391 Rock Creek Rd.
Hansen, ID
- **Time:** The Fun Begins at 3:30 P.M.
- **Theme:** Old Fashion Potluck

"The Meat and Beverages will be provided"

- **What to bring:**

**YOUR FAMILY'S FAVORITE
"SALAD" OR "SIDEDISH" OR "DESSERT"
B. Y. O. C.**

"Bring Your Own Chair"

"Bring your swimsuit"

Activities

Swimming, Volley Ball, Badminton, Eating and Great Fellowship!

"If you have any special lawn games please bring them"

Child Care Will Not Be Provided

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby

If you need directions call the church office 734-7041

Day of Fellowship call 423-5066

