



Eastland Baptist Church

Community

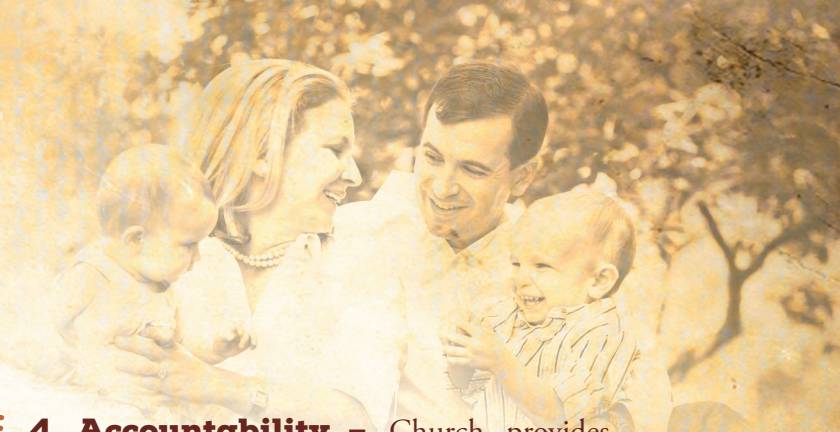
....Connection



..... Every Family Needs A

Church Home

Family is a wonderful word. To me, the word brings warmth and reminds me of those who are closest and dearest to me. I had the privilege of growing up in a wonderful family and now have a beautiful wife and two daughters of my own, as well as an amazing extended family.



I am reminded that God created the family and the church to harmoniously blend and work together. Just as the church is incomplete without the family, the family is incomplete without the church.

Among other reasons, I believe that every family needs a church home for the following:

1. Fellowship – We need friends and we need fellowship. Too often we find both in the wrong places. Church is a great place to connect and befriend others.

2. Support – There are hard times in life for us all. We are hospitalized, a loved one dies, there is a trial or test that we experience. During these moments we need support. We need to know we are loved and cared for by others.

3. Instruction – Being a parent, grandparent, or spouse isn't always easy. We all need instruction for our relationships and for the daily decisions that shape our lives. God's Word has the instruction we need and it is largely through the vehicle of preaching and teaching that He speaks to our hearts.

4. Accountability – Church provides accountability for our soul and the condition of our heart. Too often we neglect the things that matter the most. The inward man needs attention and accountability.

5. Opportunities – We are all made to serve and it's hard for us to be happy when we live inside ourselves. Church is the perfect place to serve others and make a difference in this world and in the one to come.

The Bible says in Ephesians 5:25, "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." The church is precious and close to the heart of God; He gave His Son for the church.

CT Studd wrote, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."

We have one life to spend and only one life to involve our families in God's church. There are many great churches but I am grateful for the church my family has at Eastland Baptist. We would love for you to find a church home for your family here with us. Would you join us this Sunday?

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By Daniel Fleet
Associate Pastor



FALL FESTIVAL DAY OCTOBER 13



Come enjoy a carnival atmosphere with food, games, and fun for the whole family after the Sunday morning service.



MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2013 November 3-6

The Gospel is the most important news and needs to be shared not just in Tulsa, but all over the world. Join us for a four-day conference as we hear from missionaries and focus on what we can do to increase our influence in the world in which God has placed us.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Yelle Family - Missionaries to Brazil
Van Rooyen Family - Missionaries to China
Irmeler Family - Church Planters to California

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Pastor Dwight Tomlinson
Newport Beach, California

Family FRAGMENTATION

By Troy Dorrell
Pastor



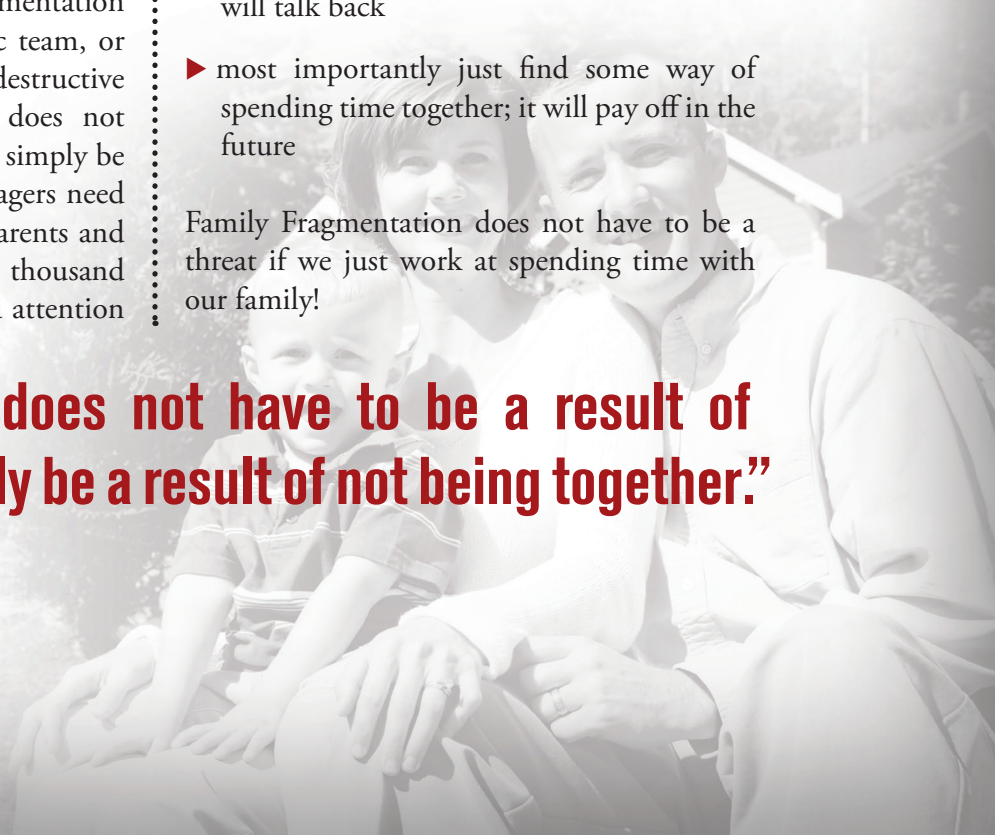
A couple of years ago I was reading an interesting article from Time Magazine about the demise of the nuclear family. One of the things to which they attributed this cultural phenomenon to was the loss of the family dinner table. The article mentioned that over the last several decades families have been eating together less often than ever before. With the advent of fast food, busy schedules, differing obligations, and the TV, the traditional family simply has no time to eat together anymore, the article stated. The outcome, according to the author, was an attenuated or weakened family structure that is not good for anyone involved. I would strongly agree with that conclusion because it echoes a biblical truth found in the book of Mark which says, "And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand". Fragmentation in a country, a business, an athletic team, or even in the home can bring with it destructive consequences. The fragmentation does not have to be a result of conflict; it can simply be a result of not being together. Teenagers need the involvement and influence of parents and family more than ever. There are a thousand competing voices for their time and attention

and not all of those voices have their best interest in mind. Teens are making important life decisions and the influence of a mother and father are vitally important. Here are just a couple of suggestions for spending some more time with your teen to prevent fragmentation.

- ▶ eat together as much as possible and talk about the day's activities
- ▶ have a family night out or activity each week
- ▶ be a part of your teens athletic or school activities by volunteering to help
- ▶ go on family vacations together even if you don't go far away
- ▶ build good memories by doing something fun together
- ▶ talk to your teens...if you are persistent they will talk back
- ▶ most importantly just find some way of spending time together; it will pay off in the future

Family Fragmentation does not have to be a threat if we just work at spending time with our family!

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Untapped Potential

I was given a set of tickets to a Tulsa Drillers' game last year. Our church regularly takes a group of teenagers to a game or two each season, so the head of group sales invited my wife and me to sit behind home plate (which are great seats). As I talked with the guy sitting next to us, whose name was Walker, I found out he was a baseball scout who worked in the front office for the team's major league affiliate, the Colorado Rockies. Walker worked in player development, so as a sports fan, I had several questions.

As we talked, I thought about how fun his job must be! He gets to travel all over the place watching baseball games, looking for talent, and searching for untapped potential. My mind began to swirl with questions. How cool would it be to get paid to watch sporting events? How many major league athletes are in the minors just waiting to be discovered? What if they never make full use of their potential? Am I making full use of my potential?

In 1 Samuel 13, we see a glimpse into the life of King Saul's son, Jonathan. He was the heir-apparent to his father's throne; talk about potential! I believe Christian teenagers can see three keys from the life of Jonathan that allowed him to maximize his talent:

1. Don't Dwell in the Past

Jonathan had won a great victory for Israel in 1 Samuel 13, but he did not dwell on his previous performance. Many people today accomplish something great for God, and then try and live in that moment the rest of their lives. Teenager,

whether your past is full of victories, or perhaps full of defeats, you cannot serve God tomorrow when you are dwelling in the past today.

2. Don't Diminish the Present

In 1 Samuel 14, Jonathan doesn't waste any time beginning his next battle. He did not dwell in the past, nor did Jonathan diminish the present. He seized the opportunity that he had been given today. Every day we are presented with an opportunity, but what will we do with that opportunity?

3. Don't Depend on the Future

Jonathan possessed incredible potential, not to mention he was in line to become Israel's next king! No one would have blamed him for waiting to use his talents until he was on the throne. However, had he waited, that time would have never come. Jonathan died as a young man; had he waited, his life would have been untapped potential.

Teenager, I hope you're not waiting for a scout to descend from the stands of life and pull you into the game. Don't wait to become an adult to serve God with your life. Jonathan was the heir to the throne and loaded with potential; his talent was limitless—but his time was not!

When my time on this earth has ended, will I have done anything with my talent that actually mattered for eternity? What about you? Are you maximizing your talents for God, or does your life consist of untapped potential?



By Jason Shuler
Youth Pastor



Vital Prescription for Seniors

There is no shortage of discussion about healthcare nowadays both in the media and on the street—especially these past few months as Obama Care [The Affordable (?) Health Care Act] looms large on the horizon. As a member of the phenomena sometimes called “The Graying of America” or “The Silver Tsunami,” I find much of the conversation among my peers to be centered in four basic topics, listed here in random order. We talk about (1.) what foods we enjoy, and the places we like to “eat out” (2.) family news, especially grandchildren updates (3.) sports and activities, either attended in person or via television. (4.) prescription drugs we take, along with other assorted health issues.

Someone has said the three stages of life are youth, middle age, and “You look great!” – a phrase thrown our direction to smooth our wrinkles, and bring a smile! We use the term “quality of life” most often with regard to our

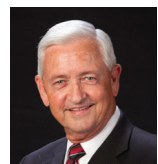
physical well-being, and rightly so, since much of our enjoyment of life hinges upon sound physical health. Based on the following statistics courtesy of the U.S. Census Bureau, our medications and medical advances must be working!

- **Presently 1 out of every 8 people is 65 or older, and the number is increasing daily.**
- **In 1900, the average life expectancy in the U.S. was less than 50 years. Today it is 77.6 years.**
- **Every day 5,500 people turn 65 years of age.**
- **For the first time in American history, there are now more people over age 65 than under age 18.**

Total, genuine “quality of life” comes not just from the prescriptions we get at our local pharmacy to deal with the outer person, but is the reward of giving proper attention to the inner person as well. We seniors must be careful not to neglect a personal relationship with God through His Son, as well as fellowship with other believers, prayer, and study of God’s Word. It is this “vital prescription” that renews us day by day and gives our life purpose and resolve.



By Jim Ramsey
Associate Pastor



SENIOR HAVEN COMMUNITY CENTER

Senior Haven is a Seniors Ministry facility of Eastland Baptist Church located at 2001 S. 129th E. Ave in the Plaza 3 Shopping Center. This spacious, secure, well-equipped facility offers table games, crafts, exercise, and informative sessions with helpful tips about programs and amenities available to seniors.

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-4pm



Worship As it Once Was

I can remember growing up and every Sunday walking into church and hearing the spirited playing of hymns on the piano. Then at the start of the service the song leader would step up to the platform and call out a song number to which everyone would open their hymnal and begin singing with enthusiasm. The sound of worshipful hearts and voices filled the room and lifted the spirit of all who heard. The songs were filled with truth and were simple to learn. I have not forgotten them over the years.

“Eastland Baptist Church strives to use music to glorify God, magnify His character, and encourage all that are present.”

I am so thankful that today my children can walk into church and experience the same thing—grateful hearts singing praise to God. Many of the songs are the ones I learned as a boy, while others are newer but still hold to the same truths. Every Sunday worship service at Eastland Baptist Church strives to use music to glorify God, magnify His character, and encourage all that are present. The songs are uplifting and happy. Everyone finds them easy to sing along with because they are familiar, and the words are packed with promise and assurance.

The 60-voice choir and 20-player orchestra only add to the excitement as they present energetic arrangements of songs with inspiring messages of hope and truth. Each service also has a special selection from a group or soloist who pour out their hearts as they sing. All the songs are conservative in nature and are performed to lift up God, glorify Him, and praise Him for all He has done.

As the song leader, I am thrilled each and every service to see the congregation participate in praising and worshipping God in song. And I’m even more thrilled to look over to where my family sits and see my children singing out with their own little voices and learning the same songs I learned growing up. The only thing that could top that would be to see new faces this Sunday doing the same thing. Come and experience pure worship the way you may remember it. We would love to have you join us for worship this Sunday.



By Jesse Becker
Music Pastor



What's Next?

By John Mardirosian
Associate Pastor



It's a question we have all asked many times. A well-written drama will leave us asking this question throughout. We have all been frustrated at times to come to the end of a story only to be left with a single, pressing question unanswered. The author's intention is to leave you with a desire to pick up the story again in the next book, episode, or however the author continues the story. The question of "what's next" is a very compelling.

The most important "what's next" question deals with life after death. The Bible answers this important question in I Thessalonians 4:16-18, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

For each of us, should be with the Lord for all eternity. In order for this to be the case, we need to look at some verses from the Bible on the subject.

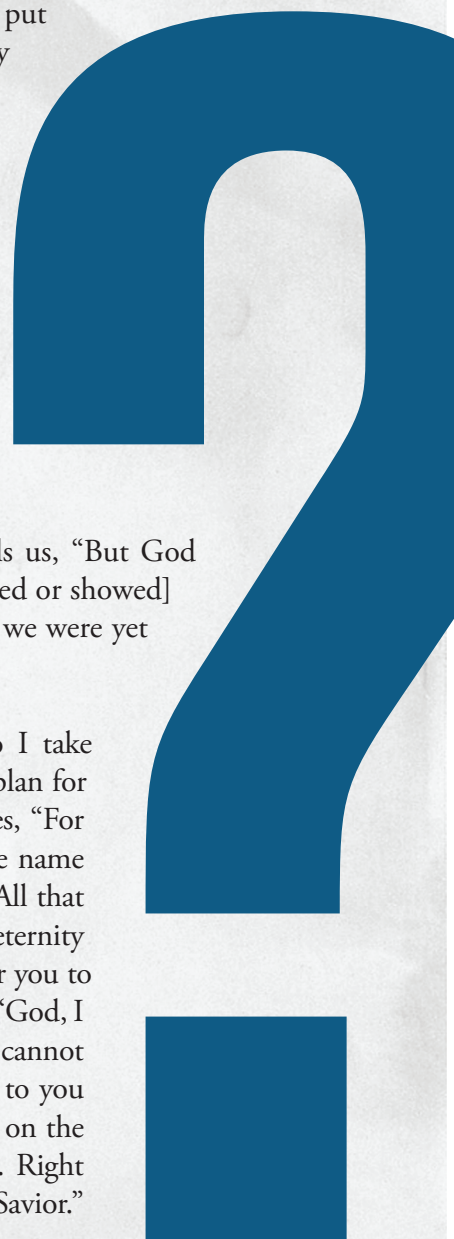
In Romans 6:23, we read that we are all sinners. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God". Every time we lied, lusted, thought a covetous thought, or sinned in any way, we violated God's laws and fall short of his standard for entry into heaven. This is explained further in Romans 6:23, "for the wages of sin is death." The death spoken of in this verse is separation from God for all eternity in hell. While God wants us to spend eternity with him in heaven, our sin causes us to spend eternity in hell. The Bible tells us that hell is

place of continual torment that was prepared for Satan and his angels (Matthew 24:41).

Next is an amazing plan, put in place by God, for every person willing to accept the offer of salvation. Romans 6:23 does not end with death but continues, "... but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." If you ask the question, how is it that we can go from being a sinner, separated from God, to being the recipient of the gift of eternal life? Romans 5:8 tells us, "But God commendeth [meaning proved or showed] his love to us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

If you are asking, "How do I take advantage of this wonderful plan for my life?" Romans 10:13 states, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." All that is needed for you to spend eternity with the Lord in heaven is for you to pray a simple prayer like this. "God, I know that I am a sinner and I cannot save myself. I confess my sin to you and trust the death of Christ on the cross as payment for my sin. Right now, I am trusting you as my Savior."

If you have made this decision, we would love to hear about it and rejoice with you. The most exciting part of this story is personally knowing "what's next" for all eternity.





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SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday - classes for all ages @ 9:30am

worship service @ 10:30am

evening service @ 6pm

Wednesday - Bible study @ 7pm

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