

# Eastridge

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The Eastridge weekly newsletter—getting you the information you need.

## Eastridge Church

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New with us? We think that's awesome! Pick up a free book and welcome DVD on your way out the door today!

## Sunday Services 9:15 & 11:00am

- Childcare provided
- Children's programs both services
- Junior High and High School programs at 11:00am
- In the Beginning Café, or free drip coffee

## Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

*These things will last forever – faith, hope, and love – and the greatest of these is love.*

Faith, hope, and love are what should define us as Christians. *Faith* in the Risen Lord. Faith that Christ came, dwelt among us, died for our sins, rose from the dead, and will come again. Faith that God the Father calls us to be in relationship with Him. Faith that the Holy Spirit guides us and teaches us along the way.

We *hope* in Christ's return, and for the future of the world that it will come to know Christ. We have a hope for our community that peace will come.

But, Paul writes that the greatest is *love*. Why is that? Love is an outpouring of our faith and hope. Love is the product of our faith and hope in the Living God. Love is our witness, by our actions, to the world that the birth occurred, and we live as a living witness of that glorious event each day. It is how we respond to our families, our friends, our communities, and our world. We respond out of love, because God loved us enough to give us this glorious King.



Shannon Blosser  
<http://sblosser.wordpress.com>

## Weekly scripture challenge:

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**John 1:14 (NIV)**

Take Pastor Dwain's challenge! Grab a bookmark from the Info Center and keep up with us as we memorize a scripture each week until the end of the year!

## We think you should know...

### ▶ Next Sunday—11am service only!

If you're planning on worshipping with us next Sunday the 26th, sleep in and join us for just one service at 11am. Children's programs will be available up to age 5 only.

### ▶ Giving Tree last call

If you forgot to bring your tag items back today, please bring them by the church office tomorrow!

### ▶ Christmas Eve candlelight services!

This Friday at 5pm and 7pm! Invite everyone you care about to join us for this Eastridge family tradition!

Questions? Want answers? Shoot an e-mail to [info@eastridgechurch.org](mailto:info@eastridgechurch.org)!

## End-of year giving impact!

The leadership of your church would like you to know of a special end-of-the-year generosity opportunity. For the rest of the year, we'll receive a **grant from our denomination matching every dollar we send in to our mortgage**. Meaning until December 31st, your giving to your church (any portion used toward the mortgage) will have double the impact!

As the end of the year approaches this Christmastime, please prayerfully consider in your family what God might have you do to serve your church family in this way.

## Short-term missions opportunity

Eastridge's third project in the village of Pulay, Guatemala has been green-lit for **April 9-17, 2011!** If you're interested in international missions—whether as a short-term missions team member (“go-er”) or as a fundraiser or supporter (“sender”)—please join us for an informational meeting **January 2**, following second service. Learn about our work with Food for the Hungry and our ongoing efforts to improve



the living conditions for our brothers and sisters in Pulay. Ask questions, get involved!

[outreach@eastridgechurch.org](mailto:outreach@eastridgechurch.org)

## Your donations... blessing those in need!

A huge Thank-You from Teri Gant and The Father's Heart street ministry for the gifts you have donated this Christmas! Around 160 homeless were blessed this weekend at their annual Christmas banquet.

For those still wishing to help the homeless this winter: TFH asks for non-perishable foods for their pantry and adult-sized winter clothing in good condition—especially coats, hoodies, hats and gloves.

Please note: We do not have a donation partner for children's clothes other than infant clothing at this time!

Please label your donations either “The Father's Heart” or “PRC” and drop them off in the lobby. Thank you!

[www.tfhstreetministry.com](http://www.tfhstreetministry.com)  
[www.portlandprc.org](http://www.portlandprc.org)

## Compassion

### North Clackamas

Compassion North Clackamas is forming their Leadership Team for 2011. They are currently looking for a nurse or doctor (medical and dental) and a teacher or principle to assist on this team for an upcoming medical/dental clinic on May 14th. Shoot us an e-mail at [serve@eastridgechurch.org](mailto:serve@eastridgechurch.org) if you're interested!



## Coming up:

**December 26th—One service only!**

Kids programs running up through age 5.

**Pulay information meeting**

January 2 following 2nd service.

**No men's breakfast in January**

Next breakfast will be February 5.

**Discovery Class**

January 9—sign up at the Info Center!

**Midweek 2011**

We're getting back in gear January 12th!