

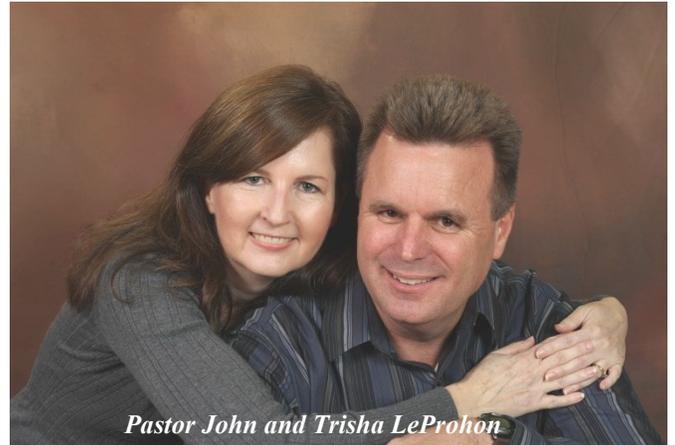
Being a Protestant, Part 1

from the desk of Pastor John

What does it mean to be a Protestant? Are you a Protestant? Don't feel too bad if you don't know the answer to those questions. The truth is, most Christians have no idea what it means to be a Protestant. Those with some idea just know that they are not Catholic and, therefore, must be Protestant.

The word is used to describe those who broke with the Catholic church during the Reformation, which began in 1517. Despite Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, and others splitting from the Roman Catholic Church and the establishment of Lutheranism, the Anabaptists, Anglicans, and others, the Catholic church still tried to control all those who called themselves "Christians." The Catholic church held tremendous influence over the government officials and, therefore, the laws of the land. They passed laws that made it virtually impossible to follow the teaching of Scripture without breaking the law. The Catholic Church sought to regain control through intimidation, imprisonments, and threats of death.

As the Reformation grew, more and more church leaders were becoming convinced of the truths they were hearing. Many leaders of provinces within the Holy Roman Empire had begun adopting Reformation theology. In an effort to regain control of the religion of the empire, the princes called for a national council of the Empire and for the authority to



Pastor John and Trisha LeProhon

make binding regulations for the religious practice of its people.

On March 15, 1529, the council met in the city of Speyer, Germany, in what is known as the Diet of Speyer. Three years earlier, the Diet had met and adopted the position of religious toleration. Now they were meeting to reverse their earlier position and stop the spread of the Reformation.

Unable to attend the Diet himself,

The King of Spain and emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, Charles V, was busy fighting the Turkish army, which had invaded Hungary.

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Charles sent his brother, Ferdinand, to be his representative and to preside over the meeting.

Ferdinand demanded the nullification of the previous position of religious toleration. He insisted that all religious reformation be halted and the authority of the Catholic bishops be restored. The overwhelming majority of princes in attendance were Catholic and naturally supported Ferdinand's demands. A small group of those who

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held to the Reformation teaching lodged an official “protestation.” They protested the fact that the unjust decision of the majority would determine the religious practice of the whole. The nature of their protest was similar to that of Martin Luther’s at the Diet of Worms. “In matters concerning God’s honor and our soul’s salvation everyone must stand before God and answer for himself, nobody can excuse himself in that place by the actions or decisions of others, whether they be a minority or majority.”

From that point on, all those who held to Reformation beliefs were pejoratively labeled “Protestants,” or we might say, “the Protestors.”

Thank God for the Protestors! They were protesting the demand that people neglect the truth of God’s Word. They were protesting the fact that the Catholic church was determined to keep the Bible from being translated into the

language of the people. They were protesting the heretical teaching that salvation is based on works and that sins are forgiven through the priests and penance, rather than through the divine work of God and blood of Christ. The Catholic church denied the authority of Scripture and intentionally kept its members in theological darkness.

The title “Protestant” was gladly adopted by those who had split from the Catholic Church and looked to Scripture alone as the final authority of faith and practice.

Today, we proudly claim the title “Protestant.” We stand, unashamed of our commitment to God’s holy Word, and we continue to “protest” the false teachings of the Catholic Church and others who keep people in spiritual darkness; trapped, as it were, in a caravan of heresy bound for Hell.

Interested in Joining the Music Ministry? *from the desk of Pastor Samuel*

God has given various special gifts to His people, all in specific ways. And He has commanded us to use those gifts: “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks the oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (1 Peter 4:10-11).

As I heard one pastor put it, we are saved to serve. The Lord saved each of us and gave us

special gifts in order to serve the church. In this, God’s glory shines through above all else. How are you using the gifts God has given you to bring Him glory and to minister to your brothers and sisters in the church?



If the Lord has gifted you with abilities in music—whether singing, playing an instrument, or helping on

technical side of things—and you would like to use those gifts to serve God and the church, please contact me at 253-263-6003 to set up a time to meet and discuss the possibility of joining the music ministry at Eastridge.

Invest in Your Marriage

Wouldn't it be great if "happily ever after" really were the end of the story?

Great marriages require intentionality and investment—just like a garden that must be watered in order to grow. FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember getaway offers

- biblically-based insights from top speakers and marriage experts
- relaxing alone time to rediscover the reasons you fell in love, free from distractions
- helpful tools, projects, and resources for an immediate impact on your marriage.

For two weeks only, August 28–September 18, you can save 50% on a couples' registration to the Weekend to Remember marriage conference. For a standard conference this is a \$150 savings; for a destination conference you save \$175. The registration fee does not include hotel accommodations. Fall conferences in

nearby cities include Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, WA (a destination conference) and Red Lion on the River in Portland, OR (a standard conference). Reduced hotel rates are also offered for a limited time. For more information and to register online, go to www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember

Please contact Bill or Cathy Mickelson at 253-569-3468 if you have questions.



Fall Church Work Days

Help us keep the church grounds looking neat and tidy!

Saturday, September 16

Saturday, October 7

Saturday, October 21

9:00am to 2:00pm

Refreshments and lunch will be served. Watch for sign-up sheets in the foyer.

Questions? Please contact Cheryl Boston at 253-653-3541 or crboston12@gmail.com

Serving Eastridge Families

As Eastridge continues to grow, so does our infant nursery (ages 0–2yrs)! Therefore, we are looking for volunteers to help with this ministry. We need helpers during both services and the Sunday school hour, **with an emphasis on second service (11:15am).**

This is a vital ministry for Eastridge as it allows parents of little ones to sit in the worship service/ Sunday School hour and be fed from the Word of God.

If you would like to volunteer for one of the time slots, please contact Pastor Andy at 253-880-2938 or andrewc@eastridgebaptist.org.

**Nursery
Volunteers
Needed**



Fun Down on the Farm!

The Eastridge family celebrated God's faithfulness to our church at our annual Celebration Sunday event at Grimstad Farms. Once again, we had picture-perfect weather, plenty of delicious food, and lots of fun activities. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered in some way to make this celebration a huge success! A special thank you goes to Randy Mayes who coordinated the event, and Ron and Connie Grimstad for allowing us to use their beautiful property!

Photos courtesy of Brock Burlando, Ana Panfil, and Chris Jensen.



Ephesians 6:1 is the go to verse for a child's biblical responsibility to his parents. It's quoted often, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." This could be a sledgehammer parents wield over their child's head every time they disobey. But Ephesians 6:1 implicitly warns against misusing parental authority and gives good reason to children for obeying. And the proper attitude of both parents and children toward Ephesians 6:1 hinges on the small phrase "in the Lord."

The section on the family in Ephesians begins with the instruction that we are to submit "to one another out of reverence for Christ." If children are to express their submission by obedience to their parents "in the Lord" this is to be done out of reverence for Christ. It is not merely a show of obedience to avoid the consequences, but a recognition of the honor Christ deserves in the family. Children are given the opportunity to follow Christ's Lordship delegated through their parents. To adhere to this manner of obedience, children must be well acquainted with Jesus Christ. And not just in name or superficial identification, but a more thorough instruction as to the identity of Jesus Christ as Lord. Children will need to be instructed that Jesus Christ is Lord by virtue of His nature: the Son of God from eternity; by virtue of His work: crucified and risen Savior who has conquered sin and death; and by virtue of His coming: all authority has been given to Him and He will be the anointed King of all the earth when He returns. All of this comes to bear on the child of Christian parents when they obey their parents "in the Lord." They must know who the Lord is, and what their obligation is to Him, which is primarily expressed by their obedience to parents while in their home. A child's obedience in the Lord becomes superior to a begrudging, half-hearted effort to comply when it is an expression of a heart that recognizes obedience to parents is a daily

declaration that Jesus Christ is the Lord of their home.

When Paul addresses children of Christian parents again in Colossians, he writes to them, "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." (Col 3:20) Here children are told to obey "in everything" rather than "in the Lord." The reason to do this is because this kind of obedience pleases the Lord. Parents certainly would be pleased with this kind of obey-everything-obedience, but of far greater importance is the pleasure of the Lord. And a child's obedience to his parents elicits the Lord's pleasure.

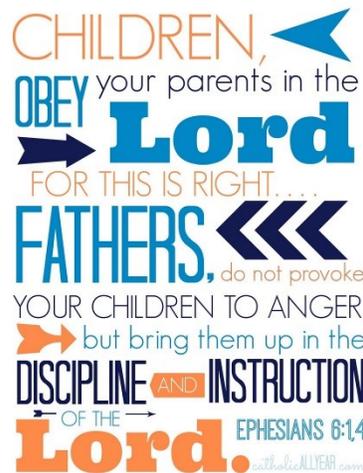
Ephesians 5:10 commands us to "try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord." For children, there is no question what pleases Him. It is obedience to parents.

The reason this is pleasing to the Lord and the reason that obedience to parents can be done "in the Lord" is because this type of life "is right." The Lord is always the one who determines what is right. He created the family and created its structure according to what pleases Him. Obeying parents is always the right thing to do because it is the

kind of relationship and action that pleases the Lord of the family, Jesus Christ.

All of this authority, submission, and obedience could produce power-hungry parents. But again, the little phrase, "in the Lord" puts a halt on their quest for ultimate dominion. If children are to obey in the Lord, then parents have the superior obligation to parent in the Lord. Command as the Lord would command, lead as the Lord would lead, love as the Lord would love.

Our lives are not our own. Neither is our parenting. It all is surrounded by the supreme Lordship of Jesus Christ. Let us then parent our children knowing that we represent Christ in our homes to our precious children. Parents can help children obey in the Lord by parenting in the Lord.



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD



Joyful Noise is a fun choir that teaches children how to worship God and serve others through music and drama

Open to all those in
1st-8th grade

Begins September 10th
Group meets weekly from
8:30-9:45am in the large
portable

Questions? Contact Pam
Emme at 253-639-0597 or
pamgemme@gmail.com

Youth Praise is a singing, signing, and stick team ministry for high school students (grades 9-12). The group meets weekly at 8:30am in the Youth Center beginning Sunday, September 10th and perform at various times throughout the year. For more information, please contact Briana Borton at briana.borton@gmail.com or 253-736-3136.

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**YOUTH
PRAISE**
4:10-11

Youth Bible Quizzing

2 Corinthians
learn
memorize
read
God's Word
Bible
1 Corinthians
study
Quiz
compete

- ⇒ Open to youth in grades 6 through 12
- ⇒ Practice every Thursday from 5:00 to 6:15pm at the church **starting August 31**
- ⇒ Studying 1 and 2 Corinthians
- ⇒ Interested in joining the team? Contact coach Kristen Thompson at kristenthompson1@live.com or 253-332-1693

Awana Registration Night Wednesday, September 13 6:30pm at Eastridge

Kids in grades K through 6 are invited to join our fantastic, fun, faith-building Awana clubs at Eastridge.

We meet weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:15pm at the church.

Registration, uniform, and handbook fees apply.

We are in need of Awana leaders to help shepherd our clubbers. If you are interested in helping with this rewarding ministry, please contact Randy Mayes at ranmayes@outlook.com or Pastor Andy at andrewc@eastridgebaptist.org.

Get Plugged in at Eastridge: Fall 2017

Ladies' Bible Studies	<p>Mondays, 6:30pm weekly at the church. Studying Prayer. Led by Cherryl Boston. Begins September 18. <u>Sign up in the foyer.</u> Contact Cherryl at 253-653-3541 or crboston12@gmail.com</p> <p>Mondays, 2:00pm weekly at the church. Led by Charlene Salisbury. Studying Esther. No cost. Begins October 2. <u>Sign up in the foyer.</u> Contact Charlene at csalis1955@gmail.com or 253-398-2634.</p>	<p>Thursdays, 9:30–11:30am weekly at the church. Offering two studies: 1 Peter led by Pam Smith; and 1, 2, 3, John led by Pat Haylor (studies begin Sept 7). <u>Sign up in the foyer.</u> Contact Pam (1 Peter study) at 206-434-0920 or kenesmith1@comcast.net OR Pat Haylor (1, 2, 3 John study) at pghaylor@gmail.com or 253-631-8637. Book fees/study materials fee apply.</p>
Men's Bible Study/ Discipleship	<p>Bible Study: Mondays, 7:00pm weekly at the church. Studying Genesis using John MacArthur study guide. Book fee applies. Led by Steve Pate. Begins September 18. <u>Sign up in the foyer.</u> Contact Steve at 253-653-3049 or JSP8flyer@yahoo.com.</p>	<p>Discipleship class: Fridays, 5:30am weekly at the church. Led by Pastor Andrew. Begins September 8. Contact Pastor Andrew at andrewc@eastridgebaptist.org or 253-880-2938.</p>
Home-based Small Groups	<p>Home-based small groups will be starting in September/October. Sign up in the foyer.</p>	
Adult Sunday School Classes	<p>Class #1. 10:00-11:00am Sundays. Led by Pastor John/various. Ongoing. Meets in the main auditorium.</p>	<p>Class #2. 10:00-11:00am Sundays <i>Fundamentals of the Faith.</i> Leader and start date TBD. Meets downstairs in Building B. \$15 fee.</p>
College (18-23) & Career (24-35ish) Classes	<p>Sunday School: 10:00am weekly. College Class: Led by Bill Mickelson and Tim Tolonen. Career Class: Led by Bruce Diehl and Sam Groot. Ongoing.</p>	<p>Combined College/Career Bible Study: Thursdays at 7:00pm. Studying Luke. Led by Pastor Andrew. Ongoing. Contact Pastor Andrew at andrewc@eastridgebaptist.org or 253-880-2938.</p>
Missions Prayer Ministry	<p>2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:30am–12:00pm at Alaire Irish's house. Praying for our missionaries around the world. <u>No need to sign up.</u> Ongoing. Contact Alaire at alairej@hotmail.com or 253-630-4980 for more information.</p>	
Children and Youth Choirs/ Drama	<p>Joyful Noise. Sundays, 8:30–9:45am. Children's choir & musical drama group. Led by Pam Emme. Meets in the large portable. Open to 1st–8th graders. Begins September 10. No need to sign up. For more information, contact Pam at 253-639-0597 or pamgemme@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Youth Praise. Sundays, 8:30–9:45am. High school singing, signing, stick, and drama group. Led by Briana Borton & Lynnette Emme. Begins September 10. Meets in Youth Center. For more information, contact Briana at 253-736-3136 or briana.borton@gmail.com.</p>
Youth Girls/ Boys Bible Studies	<p>Youth Girls' Bible Study. For ladies in 7th–12th grade. 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00pm at the home of Briana Borton. Begins September 14. \$10 book fee. Contact Briana at 253-736-3136 or briana.borton@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Youth Boys' Bible Study. For gentlemen in 7th–12th grade. 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm at the home of Alex Borton. Begins September 21. Study book TBD. Contact Alex at 206-529-7719 or alex.borton@gmail.com.</p>
Youth Bible Quizzing Team	<p>Thursdays from 5:00-6:15pm weekly. Open to 6th–12th grade. Studying 1 and 2 Corinthians. Coached by Kristen Thompson. Starts August 31. The team competes at meets throughout the year. To join, contact Kristen at 253-332-1693 or kristenthompson1@live.com.</p>	

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Awana Clubs	Wednesdays 6:30–8:15pm weekly at the church. Ages K–6th grade. Begins September 13 (Registration Night). Contact: Randy Mayes, Awana Director, at 253-852-8882 or ranmayes@outlook.com	
Youth Sunday School / Youth Group	Youth Sunday school: Weekly on Sundays from 10:00–11:00am. Held in the Youth Center (Bldg. B, upper floor). For youth in grades 7-12. Led by Pastor Ryan Trzeciak. Ongoing. Contact Pastor Ryan at 253-951-5583 or ryant@eastridgebaptist.org	Youth Group: Meets every Wednesday from 6:30–8:15pm. For those in grades 7-12. Youth play games, have small group time, and learn from God's Word. Led by Pastor Ryan Trzeciak. Ongoing. Contact Pastor Ryan at 253-951-5583 or ryant@eastridgebaptist.org.
Children's Sunday Morning Programs	Sunday School: Weekly 10:00-11:00am. For ages 4yr through 6th grade. Meet in a variety of locations, based on age. Use the <i>Generations of Grace</i> curriculum for all ages. Contact Pastor Andrew Craig at 253-880-2938 or andrewc@eastridgebaptist.org.	Children's Church: Weekly during both services (children are dismissed before the sermon begins). For ages 4 yr. through 2nd grade. Contact Pastor Andrew Craig at 253-880-2938 or andrewc@eastridgebaptist.org.
Primetimers	Meets for a monthly activity, either at the church or an offsite location. A faith-building fellowship group for those 55+. Led by Ray Emme. Contact Ray at 253-398-2662 or rayemme1936@gmail.com.	

September Birthdays and Anniversaries



Andrew Young 9/2	Jim Thompson 9/14	Peggy Burt 9/25	John and Trisha LeProhon 9/10
Jennifer Small 9/3	Ionatan Panfil 9/15	Melanie Schrock 9/25	Jeff and Gina Robinson 9/11
Dara Latta 9/4	Tom Small 9/15	Nate Williams 9/25	Chris and Barbara Bonar 9/12
Kylan Young 9/5	Naomi Skeith 9/15	Ethan Guevara 9/26	Colton and Kristin Latta 9/18
Ralph Lentz 9/6	Trisha Aguayo 9/15	Sebastian Guevara 9/28	Tim and Veronica Aitkins 9/19
Linda Mayes 9/6	David Panfil 9/16	Larry Farr 9/29	Mike and Daná Freeland 9/21
Audrey Anderson 9/7	Merilyn Moore 9/16	Amy Hurst 9/29	Mark and Noele Irish 9/21
Dylan Olson 9/8	Ken Smith 9/16	<u>Anniversaries</u>	Bill and Cathy Mickelson 9/27
Connie Grimstad 9/8	Paul Pearson 9/20	Phil and LeeAlice Splinter 9/4	Carl and Merilyn Moore 9/30
Trisha LeProhon 9/9	Andy Craig 9/20	Jason and Janelle McArdel 9/6	Shannon and Suzanne Kearney 9/30
Aubrey Jane Starr 9/10	Tammy Jensen 9/21	Joe and Rose Jackson 9/7	
Eden Elliott 9/10	Nami Nakamura 9/21	Ron and Bev Heusser 9/7	
Terry Reesing 9/10	Paul McCafferty 9/21	Nathan and Donica Tibbetts 9/8	
LeeAlice Splinter 9/13	Morgan Ziesing 9/21	Hal and Anette Busick 9/8	
Megan Reisinger 9/13	Vaeda Caleb 9/22	Ron and Connie Grimstad 9/9	
Brilla Goheen 9/13	Ryan Trzeciak 9/24		
Raquel Turner 9/13	Gil Heinle 9/24		
Lily Brichka 9/13	Kim Brumfield 9/24		

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Upcoming Events at Eastridge

October 2017

Sunday, October 1	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm
Saturday, October 7	Church Work Day	9:00am–2:00pm
Tuesday, October 10	Missions Prayer Meeting	10:30am @ Alaire Irish's
Friday, October 13	Men's Quarterly Dinner	6:00pm
Saturday, October 21	Church Work Day	9:00am–2:00pm

November 2017

Sunday, November 5	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday, November 14	Missions Prayer Meeting	10:30am @ Alaire Irish's
Sunday, November 19	Thanksgiving Pie Social	6:00pm
Thursday, November 23	Thanksgiving Day	
Friday, November 24	Offices Closed	

December 2017

Sunday, December 3	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday, December 12	Missions Prayer Meeting	10:30am @ Alaire Irish's
Sunday, December 17	Special Christmas Music	Both services
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day	



Mark your calendar...



Well, Summer Camp 2017 is in the books, and as usual, God came through in amazing ways! There was tons of fun had by all (just take a look at these pictures), the food was edible (mostly), and we were again challenged by our time in the Word. Our theme for camp was “The Uncommon Life” where we learned that all Christians are called to live a life that stands out from this world. However, when you really begin to investigate what that means, you come to find that the uncommon life is really the common Christian life. There is nothing flashy, nothing spectacular about the way that Christians are supposed to live. The uncommon life is the life of radical obedience to Christ.

First Timothy 4:12 provided the foundation for our theme. In this verse, Paul writes to Timothy, his son in the faith, saying, “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” Paul’s expectation is that even though Timothy is young, he is to have a godly influence on others. Timothy is to set an example in the way he speaks, using his words to give grace (Eph 4:19). His life is to be one of exemplary service and not selfishness (Titus 2:12-14). His driving motivation is to be love for and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, he is to exemplify a holy sexuality (1 Thess 4:3).

Our speaker, Jason Drumm, helped us to understand that this verse challenges students to set the bar high, not only for their own lives, but in the life of the church. The world has such low expectations for teenagers. The call is for Christian teenagers to be radically different, to shine brightly for Christ in this dark world. There is a sense in which older people in the church should be



Speaker Jason Drumm

able to look at our students and want to follow them in the way they talk, the way they act, and the way they love.

This has been my prayer for years. Our ministry is patterned after Colossians 1:28, and our desire is that each student of Eastridge Baptist Church will come to know Christ in order to be complete in Christ, living a life that honors Christ. Our time at summer camp helped us get one step closer to that goal.

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