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Sermon Notes:

Defining Moment
January 8, 2023

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What makes this a "defining moment" for East Side?

- Vision: B.L.E.S.S. Our World
- Faith Decisions: (Big Rocks)
- God's Gracious Action: Mortgage Burning

Theme Verse for 2023: Hebrews 12 : 1-4

Theme Word for 2023: Intentional

Key Question: How are you going to run the race? In 2023?

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Speaker: Pastor Kevin



welcome to

East Side Church of God

love God, love people,
learn to be like him, live his mission

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Announcements & Upcoming Events



WOW Ministries Upcoming Events

January 27th - Sign Night (\$65 per person)
 March 3rd - Sundae Mixer (\$5 per person)
 March 31st - Progressive Supper
 Ladies, mark your calendars and stay tuned for details.

Grief Share Support Group

This group offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.
 Held at Church of the Open Bible on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm, January 11th to April 5th. If interested, contact them at 306-773-2362 or admin.openbible@sasktel.net.



Thank you for investing at East Side in 2022!

People have supported East Side this year by giving of their finances and of their time. Through your continued faithfulness and generosity, you are blessing individuals and our world.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God... Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
 (2 Corinthians 9:12-15)

B.L.E.S.S. - It's the job of the Holy Spirit to convict and to convert. Relax and realize that is not your role. But you can join Him in His work and bless the people around you. Just do the blessing and let God do the converting!

Serving Opportunities:



Urgent Need: Camera Operators

Our online service is reaching people in our community and beyond. **We are in serious need of camera operators** for this important ministry time.
Commitment: Tuesday evening, once a month for 1.5 hours.
No experience needed! Training provided.
 Contact Pastor Dave 306.773.4889 or dave@eastsidechurch.ca

Church Library

Volunteers are needed to work in the library Sunday mornings.
 Contact: Jenn Bauer @ 774.4876 or Margaret-Ann Janzen at 741-6707 for more details and to sign up.



Decor Team

If you have an eye for decorating for holidays or special events, or would like to work alongside someone who does, we would love to have you on board. Contact the church office.

Weekly:

Sunday:

8:45 and 10:30am Pre-service prayer at front of sanctuary
 Everyone is welcome to join in.

Monday:

6:30-8:00pm Kid's Konnect - (Grades 1-5, new members welcome)

Tuesday:

7:00-9:30pm Young Adults Bible Study

Wednesday:

Mum's Café
 10:00am-12:00pm Come and bring your pre-schooler.

7:00-9:15pm East Side Youth (grades 6 - 12)

Our Staff

Lead Pastor: Kevin Snyder
 Worship Arts Pastor: Dave Smith
 Director of Care and Women's Ministries: Shauna Friesen
 Family Ministry Director: Jennifer Klassen
 Pastor of Discipleship and Connection: Drew Weber
 Pastor of Student Ministries: Parker Wall
 Director of Production and Technology: Marcus Braun
 Office Administrator: Andrea Kerr

Where Is East Side Going?

Vision: B.L.E.S.S YOUR WORLD

We seek to become a church that BLESSES the world, locally, regionally, and internationally by:

- Individually adopting a B.L.E.S.S lifestyle towards the people we live, work, and play with.
- Re-positioning our ministries to equip and support our people in B.L.E.S.S
- Becoming a church that BLESSES our local community, region, and world in tangible ways.

Big Rocks for 2022 - 2024 (Ministry Priorities)

(developed by the Governance Board in February 2022)

1. Discipleship Ministry (Goal Attainment: 30%)

- Advance God's Kingdom by cultivating a community of people who are learning to LOVE GOD (through participation in worship services), learning to LOVE PEOPLE (through small/Life groups), and learning to LIVE HIS MISSION (adopting B.L.E.S.S. lifestyle)

Resources Required: Pastor of Discipleship, Life Group Leaders, Equipping & 1st year curriculum, congregational members buy-in

2. Online Ministry (Goal Attainment: 25%)

- Advance God's kingdom beyond our church walls with the goal of reaching people with the Gospel.
- Create movement from a posture of passive observance to active engagement (biblical community) and service to the people they live, work, and play with.

Resources Required: AV equipment, Director of Production and Technology, Online newcomer & Life groups, Engagement strategy, volunteers

3. Multiplying Leaders & Locations (Goal Attainment: 15% - Southview engagement)

- Advance God's Kingdom regionally by becoming a multiplying community by partnering with Canadian Church of God Ministries to:
 - Develop lay and vocational pastoral leaders (School of Ministry)
 - Assisting in congregational RESTARTS
 - Cultivating multiple worshipping B.L.E.S.S. communities in other areas of SK (utilizing our Online Ministry, B.L.E.S.S. strategy, and School of Ministry leaders)

Resources Required: School of Ministry plan, financial resources, college & CCOG partnerships, ministry students, equipped Restart board members and campus leaders, online ministry

Table Group Discussion

1. What are your immediate thoughts regarding the vision & strategic plan?



2. What more do you think needs to be considered for us to accomplish God's vision for East Side?
3. People/Places- What opportunities to BLESS are you seeing? (Think locally, regionally, internationally)
4. Equipping - What are you needing to better live out BLESS?
5. Ministries – What ministry additions/tweaks do you think need to be considered to more effectively BLESS Our World?