

CHURCH: THE HOPE OF THE WORLD #1

"Citizenship"

Ephesians 2:19, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 1:13, II Timothy 4:18

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Intro - Growing up in the church

Bill Hybel's: "There is nothing like the local church when it's working right. Its beauty is indescribable. Its power is breathtaking. Its potential is unlimited. It comforts the grieving and heals the broken in the context of community. It builds bridges to seekers and opens its arms to the forgotten, the downtrodden, and the disillusioned. It breaks the chains of addictions, frees the oppressed, and offers belonging to the marginalized of this world. The potential of the local church is almost more than I can grasp." From "Courageous Leadership"

- **PLACE (fellow citizens - Ephesians 2:19)**
- **PERMANENCE (citizenship in heaven - Philippians 3:20)**
- **PRICE (cost of citizenship - Colossians 1:13)**
- **PROTECTION (benefits of citizenship - II Timothy 4:18)**

Close - It's not too late to grow up in the church

Prayer for Eastview Christian Church

- Pray for the local church at Eastview. Pray that we will be the representation of Christ in the world that he has designed us to be and that we will grow in following him.
- Pray for the local church called Brooklyn Forefront that we helped plant in New York City with Pastor Jonathan and his wife Jubi. Pray that many will be transferred over to the kingdom through their preaching and ministry.
- Pray for the children who are growing up in the local church at Eastview called Kidsview. Pray that they will love the body of Christ and that they will live a life of serving and growing as citizens in the kingdom of God.
- Pray for our teachers and workers in Kidsview who are representing the church to hundreds of young minds. Pray that their love for the church will be evident and contagious.
- Pray for the High School and Junior High church within the church at Eastview. Ask God to inspire and raise up a generation of Christ-following servants who will carry on the ministry of the local church both here and elsewhere.

Baptism Testimony

Benjamin O'Rourke (8:00)

Growing up I had attended church but didn't fully understand why or what it was all about. In my early teens I began to drift off and forget about God all together and stopped attending a church. Three years ago I was encouraged to come visit Eastview and see what I thought. I was overwhelmed with how large and welcoming it was. Since then, I have grown so much in my faith and I have chosen to give my life to God and live for Him.