

~ OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2014 ~

## • BAPTISM SUNDAY •

*As we conclude our 6 week Ridiculous study, this will be a great opportunity for you to respond to the ridiculous love of God through baptism by immersion.*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Contact: [ngreen@eastviewcc.org](mailto:ngreen@eastviewcc.org) or 451.5033

Stop by the Info Centers to pick up a card with more details.

## • BAPTISM TESTIMONIES •

**DENVER WILLIAMS (9:45)**

*I have done some wrong things in my past, and I want to make sure God and everyone knows that I want to show God that I love Him and never want to leave Him. I decided to be immersed into Christ in "big Church" because I want grown-ups as well kids to know I believe in God.*

**EMMA CARROLL (11:30)**

*I have been raised in a family that loves God. My parents, and teachers and pastors in Big Kidsview and the Foundry have taught me about God and what it means to take Jesus as Lord and Savior of my life. I am ready to devote my life to loving God and to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior of my life.*

## • UPCOMING EVENTS / INFO •

- **SMALL GROUP CONNECTIONS:** Sunday, November 9 at 6:30pm. Come join a small group. Sign-up online or at the Info Centers. Contact Nicki at [ngreen@eastviewcc.org](mailto:ngreen@eastviewcc.org) or 451-5033.
- **UPWARD BASKETBALL:** Register by October 30 at [www.eastviewsports.com](http://www.eastviewsports.com). For K-5th grade.
- **SENIOR HIGH (SHM):** House groups will be meeting in the community Oct 22 and 26 for Ridiculous. Contact your student's small group leader for information.
- **THE MAZE:** 5th grade and younger bring your friends to explore over 1000 feet of cardboard tunnels Oct 22-25. Event and volunteer information at [www.eastviewchurch.net/maze](http://www.eastviewchurch.net/maze).
- **GLOBAL OUTREACH:**
  - 2015 Trips Info Meetings: November 2 or 9 at 1pm in rooms 138/139 or at 6:30pm in the Upper Well. Come hear how you can serve in Kenya, Haiti, NYC and the D.R.
  - Haiti Medical Team: May 29-June 6, 2015. Application and deposit due November 23.
  - Kenya Orphan Care/VBS Team: June 19-30, 2015. Application and deposit due December 14.
  - Contact Sarah at [soehler@eastviewcc.org](mailto:soehler@eastviewcc.org) or visit Global Outreach Ministries section of our website.
- **ALL CHURCH PRAYER:** Join us in the main auditorium on Tuesday, November 25 from 6:30am to 7:00am.

## • STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2014 •

OFFERING .....	\$ 146,251
WEEKLY GOAL.....	\$ 190,000
YEAR-TO-DATE (Fiscal Year began 9/1/14) .....	\$ 963,424
YEAR-TO-DATE GOAL (Fiscal year began 9/1/14).....	\$ 1,140,000
NUMBER OF RECORDED GIFTS .....	767
ATTENDANCE .....	5492
BAPTISMS 2014 .....	234

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# RIDICULOUS

LIVING LIKE  
CHRIST  
~ in a  
LOVE STARVED  
WORLD



## • WELCOME •

We are so glad you chose to attend Eastview Christian Church! You're invited to the cross immediately following the service. We would love to meet you, pray with you, and help answer any questions that you have.

## • LETTER TO THE WORLD •

*Dear World (and things of it),*

You may not have seen this coming, but I need to end our relationship. I just can't deal with your broken promises anymore. You said that all the things I bought from you (on sale) would make me happy, but they didn't. Okay, maybe for a day or so, but it didn't last. You said, if I won it would be worth all the sacrifice and if I became popular I'd have more self-esteem. But I've got a bunch of trophies that don't matter, and I am surrounded by "friends" but I'm lonelier than ever I've ever been.

Even the things you have given me that bring pleasure for a moment fade so quickly. You offer sex without commitment but it only makes me feel dirty and empty. You say that numbing my pain with drugs or alcohol will take the pain away, but it seems to hurt worse when I come back to my senses.

You tantalize me with money and things that get me money, but the more I get, it seems the more I want. When will it end? This is not to mention how you focus so much on my looks. My clothes are stylish and my body is fit, but it all just leaves me feeling ugly and empty. With you, I may look good on the outside, but my heart is uglier than ever.

It's not you, it's me. I'm just done with shallow living, fading happiness, cyber-friends, and broken toys. I need someone I can count on, someone who really cares, someone I can talk to, and someone who cares more for me than themselves. Am I seeing someone else...yes. In fact, I'm going back to the best relationship I ever had, Jesus. I've cheated on him so many times, it's crazy, but He said he'd forgive me and take me back. So, this is it. I'm through with you, World. Good luck in the future, especially with that whole "end of the world" thing. Sounds harsh. But you're already fading and to me you have already died.

Sincerely,  
Christian

# RIDICULOUS

WEEK #5

**"Break up sermon: Ridiculously NOT in love with the world"**

*I John 2:15-17 / October 19, 2014*

**Intro - Famous pick up lines (ridiculous in a bad way)**

**Satan's same old lines** (I John 5:19, II Corinthians 2:11, Genesis 3, Luke 4)

- **DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD** (all that's in it - 15a & 16)

- o Desires of the flesh (what feels good? - Genesis 3:6, Luke 4:3)
- o Desires of the eyes (what looks good? - Genesis 3:6, Luke 4:5)
- o Pride of Life (what makes me look good? - Genesis 3:6, Luke 4:9)

- **IF ANYONE LOVES THE WORLD** (15b)

- o It's passing away (17)
- o The love of the Father is not in them (15, James 4:4&5)

**Close - Break up letter**

## DECISION BOX

**Today I learned...**

**As a result, I will...**