



The Eastwood Beacon

*Eastwood nurtures positive development in people's lives
through the love and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

- Mission Statement adopted by Eastwood Baptist Church, January 19, 2014.

January 11, 2017

Be Ye Glad

Michael Kelly Blanchard, ©1980 *New Spring*

This song from was instrumental in my early faith formation. Maybe it still applies today. It can be enjoyed on youtube at the following address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVmODvc2TNg>.

In these days of confused situations
In this night of a restless remorse
When the heart and the soul of a nation
Lay wounded and cold as a corpse.

From the grave of the innocent Adam
Comes a song bringing joy to the sad
Oh, your cry has been heard and the ransom
Has been paid up in full, be ye glad

*Chorus: Oh, be ye glad - Oh, be ye glad
Every debt that you've ever had
Has been paid up in full by the grace of the Lord
Be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad*

Now from your dungeon the rumor is stirring
Though you've heard it again and again
Now - this time the cell keys are turning,
And outside are faces of friends.

Though your body lay weary from wasting
And your eyes show the sorrow they've had
But the love that your heart is now tasting
Has opened the gate, be ye glad.

Chorus

So be like lights
On the rim of the water
Giving hope in a storm sea of night
Be a refuge amidst the slaughter
Of these fugitives in their flight.

For you are timeless and part of a puzzle.
You are winsome and young as a lad.
And there is no disease or no struggle
That can pull you from God, be ye glad.

Chorus

Be Ye Glad in the New Year,
Pastor Miller

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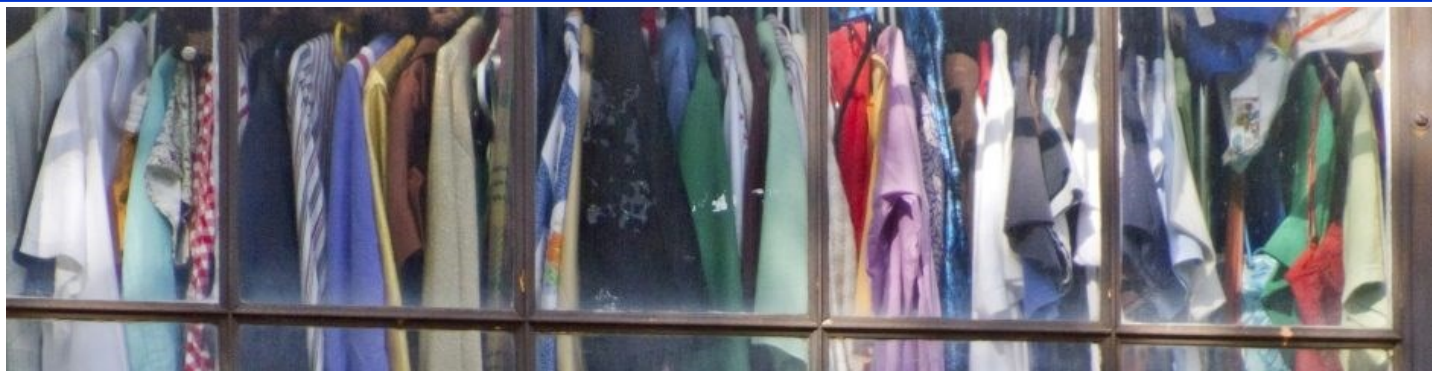
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ABC-USA

\$1,000 Matthew 25 Grant Supports Free Clothing and School Supplies Project in New Albany, Pa.

A \$1,000 Matthew 25 grant from American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) is supporting a free clothing ministry and school supplies initiative in New Albany, Pa., a community of about 300 families in rural northeastern Pennsylvania.

“Five years ago the American Baptist Women’s Ministry of New Albany Baptist Church sensed there was a real need, and we started a free clothing ministry for the community,” explains the congregation’s Susan Miller. “New and like-new clothes are given to those in need with a ‘no questions asked’ policy,” Miller says. “We have a particular need for men’s clothing. Men seem not to have as much clothing to start with, or they hold onto what they have longer, until it is completely worn out.”



Miller explains that the community’s youngsters attend schools in the Wyalusing Area School District. “With reduced funding for our school from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, parents must now furnish many of the school supplies for their children for the school year. So for the past three years New Albany Baptist Women have tried to help children get needed school supplies.”

With the \$1,000 grant, plus some locally raised money, the congregation was able to purchase and is distributing the following men’s clothes: 20 hoodies, 30 long-sleeved shirts or sweatshirts, 20 T-shirts, six coats, 20 pairs of long underwear, 10 pairs of gloves, 10 hats, 10 pairs of winter boots, and numerous pairs of pants and shorts.

For school children, the congregation has purchased 30 backpacks filled with school supplies including binders, notebook paper, pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, spiral bond notebooks and erasers. “We checked with local teachers to determine what supplies were needed the most,” Miller says. “We’ve distributed what we purchased, and the parents and children have all been really appreciative! Now they may be able to buy a new outfit or other necessities for the first day of school.”



“The American Baptist Women of New Albany Baptist Church want to say ‘thank you’ for the Matthew 25 grant,” Miller says. “We also want to acknowledge local businesses who have helped us out when they learned what we are doing for people in the community. We pray that we can continue these programs in the future with local funds, and, that by showing Christ’s love in this way we may lead many to Him.”

The Matthew 25 Grant initiative, sponsored by ABCUSA and the Board of General Ministries, is funded by a generous, anonymous donor whose goal is to help meet the needs of “housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate.”

Thanks and Praise (1/8)

Happy Birthday to Jerry Lektorich!

Wonderful to see Katy "at the helm."

Lovely duet by Sharon & Ralph.

Great message this morning & wonderful music.

Thanks!

Eastwood family, thank you for your prayers, cards and calls during our recent illness. Both of us are feeling much better now.

Tom and Leona Lloyd

Dear Eastwood Family,

Thank you so much for the generous Love Gift I received at Christmas time. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I would also like to thank you for your patience during the recent bad weather. It is so good to be back out and about! I'm getting caught up and hope to be back on track within the next few days.

In His Love,
Sue Becker

Thank You

Leslie and I would like to thank the family of Eastwood for the many cards, baked goods, and love gifts you shared with us. We are indeed blessed by our life with you. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Pastor Randy

Thank You

On Thursday, December 22, we delivered 63 hats, 35 scarves and 9 pairs of gloves and mittens to the Maslow Project. Many were hand made by members and friends of the congregation. Also included were new toys for children, unopened clothing items and school supplies. Once again, we have been faithful in our commitment to Maslow. Thank you so much for your continued generous support.

Joan Avery, Missions Deacon
Barbara Davis, Community Ministries Deacon

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Our Church: its leaders and families

All of those with health needs.

All service people here and overseas, including:

Kevin Hoffman, Army

Lolo Vasquez, Iraq

Aaron Chisem, US Navy

Jason Cesario, Iraq

Logan Oravetz, Army

Isaac Gilmer, Marines

Tyler Powell, Marines

Tiffany Hart, Air Force

Trevor Swanson, Air Force

Please pray for all students, teachers and parents (of all ages of children)

Unemployed / Underemployed

Our ABC-CPC churches, pastors and missionaries (**Dan & Sarah Chetti**, **Ed & Miriam Noyes**, **Glen & Rita Chapman**, and **Kyle & Katrina Williams**) serving around the world.

Jonna Reeder

Tim & Mary Dady serving in Latvia

Mission Giving Opportunity

We will be collecting for the Pregnancy Center during the month of January. Baby bottles will be available starting Dec. 31 to take home and fill with coins and bills to return to help support their work. The mission of the Pregnancy Center is to provide education, godly guidance, supportive programs and loving encouragement to those who may be pregnant, parenting or post-abortive.

Joan Avery
Missions Deacon

Pictorial Church Directory

The Deacon Board would like to provide a pictorial church directory in the near future. We will need pictures from individuals and families to include in the directory. Arrangements are being made to take pictures before and following the Worship Services. We will keep you informed. We would like to make the pictures as consistent with each other as possible, but if you have a digital photo you would prefer to use, please email that to Sue Becker at

EastwoodBaptistOffice@gmail.com

or to Pastor Miller at

pastor.ebcmedford@yahoo.com.

Annual Meeting



The Annual Meeting of Eastwood Baptist Church will be held January 22, 2017 in the Koinonia Building. A light lunch will be served prior to the business meeting which includes review and voting on the budget as well as election of persons to the Board of Deacons for the upcoming terms. A quorum is necessary to meet voting requirements so signup sheets will be at each table. All members please plan to attend.

Jerry Darby,
Moderator

2017 Budget

The 2017 Budget has been posted on the kiosk closest to the Church Office.



Love Your Library Day

February 12, 2017

This is an opportunity to purchase new books or Audio Visual materials for our Church Library. Is there something you would like to have available to read or listen to? Let us know!

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21

2016 Income Report:

Anticipated income based on last year's giving = \$243,000

Anticipated expenses for 2016 = \$249,845

2016 Actual Income as of 12/31/16 = \$254,766 !!

2016-2017 Capital Improvements Campaign

Income as of 12/31/16:

CIC - No Designation = \$400

CIC - Crow's Nest Relocation = \$500

CIC - Sunday School Rooms = \$200

CIC - Sanctuary Window Panels = \$3,000

Sunday Sermons Now on Church Web Site!

Pastor Miller's sermons are now available on the Eastwood Baptist Church web site:

<http://www.ebcmedford.org/> There is a new link titled Sunday Sermons. When you click that link you will see a list of recent sermons. If you click a sermon title, you will be able to listen to that sermon immediately on-line. If you **right-click** a specific sermon, you can then save it to your computer by selecting "Save Link As". That way you can



listen any time you like! New sermons will be added weekly, but please keep in mind they will always be a week behind as it takes the sound technicians time to convert them to the correct format.

Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast NEW TIME!

**Saturday, January 21st - 9:30 am
at Punky's Diner - 953 Medford Center**

Come join us for fellowship and breakfast at Punky's Diner in Medford.

See you there!

Questions? Need a ride?

Call Sue Lektorich
(541) 499-1059



Youth Activity Coordinator

Just a reminder that we are praying for a Youth Activity Coordinator. We invite you to join in the prayers and if you know someone who might be interested, please let us know.

New Church Directories

Rough Drafts of the new Church directories are at the Welcome Center. Please check your information and make any necessary corrections. The new directories will be available at our Annual Meeting, January 22, 2017

American Baptist Women's Day

**Friday, June 20, 2017 - Portland Convention Center
Volunteers needed!**

Dear Ones,

I am sending a volunteer form out to get an idea of how many women would be willing to help with American Baptist Women's Day at the Portland Convention Center on June 30, 2017. 9:00am until 3:00pm. Cost for that day will be \$60.00. Registration forms will be sent out by National in early 2017. I am requesting that each one of you print out this e-mail and share with the women in your church. We will need at least 30-60 volunteers. The tasks are listed below. It is a great privilege for Portland to have been selected and we will want to serve the Lord in this way. This day is part of the biennial which follows the rest of the week.

Serving on the local committee are: Nancy Shanks, president of ABWMO; Gail Aita, NW ABWM coordinator; Diane Weidkamp, Hostess of ABWMO; Rev Linda Wood; Leslie Cody; and Warrene Gill.

Please fill out the form in the space where you would be willing to serve and snail or e-mail back to:

dianew67@comcast.net. 8820 SW Maverick Tr. Beaverton, Oregon 97008 - (503) 524 5593. Try to send a form back before Nov. 30 so we can plan accordingly. Many thanks.

Name _____

Church _____

I would be willing to serve on the following tasks. (You can sign up for more than one task.)

Greeters-Need 10 _____

Table Hostess-Need 12 _____

Table Center Pieces _____

Bag stuffers-need 15 _____

Ushers-need 5 _____

Check in desk, need 4 _____



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The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **January 25, 2017**. If you have anything you would like put in the *Beacon*, an up-coming event, a function, etc. please **have all copy in the church office by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 24, 2017**.

Email sbecker@ebcmedford.org
This Beacon will be mailed.

Adult Sunday School Class in the Walker Room at 9:15 am

PROVERBS: Wisdom That Works,
by Vinita Hampton Wright

This is another 12 week study and we will continue in the format of the Fall study in Parables, with a rotation of teachers/facilitators. If you are interested in participating in this class, please let us know on the yellow cards or by contacting office. We will reserve a book for you. There is still space and books available.

Spring College and Military Care Packages

The time is quickly approaching to send out our next college and military care packages! These packages will be packed and sent out on Monday, February 6th. Please let us know the names and addresses of recipients right away. You will find sign-up forms on the counter at the Welcome Center in the foyer, or you may call/email Karen Clinkinbeard with name and address information. 541-779-6770 kkclink1@msn.com.

Items needed to fill these care packages are: Valentine candy, snacks of all kinds, coffee, microwave popcorn, hand sanitizer, hotel/trial size lotions and school supplies. Some Valentine cards from church members would be fun to include as well. We can address them for you. We would also be pleased to accept any monetary donations to help cover postage as it is the biggest expense. Homemade goodies can be brought on Sunday February 5th. As indicated by the received "thank you notes" **homemade goodies** are most appreciated. Any of these items can be left with Sue in the church office. Thanks so much for your support of this important ministry.

College/Military Care Package Team

January 15, 2017

SUNDAY, January 15th

Prayer in Chapel 8:00
Sunday School 9:15
Worship Service, Pastor Miller, preaching 10:30

MONDAY, January 16th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Women's Grove 10:00
Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, January 17th

Men's Bible Study Noon
Cub Scouts 6:00

WEDNESDAY, January 18th

Staff Meeting 11:00
Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00
Choir Practice 7:15

THURSDAY, January 19th

FRIDAY, January 20th

Builders' Social 9:00

SATURDAY, January 21st

Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's 9:30
Uke Practice 10:00

January 22, 2017

SUNDAY, January 22nd

Prayer in Chapel 8:00
Sunday School 9:15
Worship Service, Pastor Miller, preaching 10:30

Annual Congregational Meeting

MONDAY, January 23rd

Women's Grove 10:00
Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, January 24th

Men's Bible Study Noon

WEDNESDAY, January 25th

Staff Meeting 11:00
Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00
Choir Practice 7:15

THURSDAY, January 26th

Deacons' Business Meeting 5:30
Cub Scouts Pack Meeting 5:45

FRIDAY, January 27th

SATURDAY, January 28th - Chinese New Year