



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.

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Eastwood An Embassy of the Kingdom God

In our spring deacon retreat last year, Rev. Steve Bils discussed the current view of the church as a hospital for broken souls. It is true that this description of the church is quite common in American Christianity. This notion emerges from the John 21 texts where Jesus tells Peter to tend, feed and care for his sheep.

Rev. Bils then suggested we consider another metaphor of the church as found in 2 Corinthians 5, whereby Paul calls Christians 'Ambassadors of Christ' with a message of reconciliation. He reasoned that if we are Ambassadors of Christ, then the church could be likened to an Embassy of the land where Christ rules - aka - the Kingdom of God. Ambassadors are foreigners in the host country, representing the values and the ethics of the land from which they are citizens. Christians live in and are shaped by "life in the Spirit." The fruit of their lives is love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

As this year of change unfolds, I am struck that this model of the church is for our age. If we are ambassadors of Christ, then Eastwood is an Embassy of Christ's Kingdom. Our message is one of reconciliation, as Paul writes, "be reconciled with God." Elsewhere, Paul expands this work to include a life of civility and reconciliation with others:

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; ... Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; ... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12: 16 - 21

Grace be with you dear friends and family of Eastwood as we strive for God's Kingdom this year. To God be the Glory.

Pastor Miller

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2017 Biennial

MISSION Summit

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Save the Date! The American Baptist Churches Biennial Mission Summit will meet in Portland, Oregon, June 30-July 2, 2017.

A number of exciting events occur before and after the official Mission Summit dates - so plan to come for the full event!

www.americanbaptists2017.com

Thanks and Praise (1/22)

Linda's prelude was beautiful and framed our worship service.

Wonderful sermon. Thanks Pastor and God Bless You.

Thank you, Pastor, for your good sermons – makes me think.

Wonderful performance by the choir!

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!

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/travel 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" **home-made 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.

Soup 'N Soul

This group continues to meet bi-weekly in the evening at the home of Ellen Husel for fellowship, food and Bible Study. Contact Ellen for more information regarding dates and times.

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

New Member Class

On Sundays, beginning on February 19th, we will hold a new member class for those interested in Baptism.

This class will meet after the morning worship on the following Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

February 19th and 26th, March 5th and 12th

Bring your brown bag lunch. Please sign up on your Communication Cards and let us know of your interest.

Mission Giving Opportunity Last week!

We have been collecting for the Pregnancy Resource Center during the month of January. Baby bottles are available 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.

In February we will begin collecting for Boy Scout Troop 5.

Joan Avery

Missions Deacon

February 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

January 29 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Don Hildebrand, speaking	January 30 10:00 Women's Grove 7:00 Boys Scouts	January 31 Noon - Men's Bible Study	1 7:15 Choir Practice	2 1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	3	4 10:00 Uke Practice
5 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service	6 9:00 Care Packages 10:00 Women's Grove 7:00 Boys Scouts	7 Noon - Men's Bible Study 6:00 Cub Scouts	8 7:15 Choir Practice	9 3:30 Knitting/Crocheting 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting 6:45 Worship Committee	10	11 9:00 Church Work Party 10:00 Uke Practice
12 Boy Scout Sunday 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	13 10:00 Women's Grove 7:00 Boys Scouts	14 Valentine's Day Noon - Men's Bible Study	15 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	16	17 9:00 Builders' Social	18 9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's 10:00 Uke Practice
19 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 New Member Class	20 President's Day 10:00 Women's Grove 7:00 Boys Scouts	21 Noon - Men's Bible Study	22 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	23 3:30 Knitting/Crocheting 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting 6:00 Cub Scouts Blue & Gold	24	25 10:00 Uke Practice
26 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 New Member Class	27 10:00 Women's Grove 7:00 Boys Scouts	28 Noon - Men's Bible Study	March 1 Ash Wednesday 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	March 2 1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	March 3	March 4 10:00 Uke Practice

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3-Feb	Steve Yungen
4-Feb	Ardy Ross
5-Feb	Gloria Bartol
6-Feb	Jerry Darby
8-Feb	Barbara Davis
9-Feb	Beth Becker
9-Feb	Randy Miller
9-Feb	Sandy Shaw
15-Feb	Amanda Arnett
16-Feb	Gene Rashe'
17-Feb	Tanny Jr. Flowers
17-Feb	Dorothy Noyes
18-Feb	Janice Calvert
18-Feb	Carol Miller
19-Feb	Cami Austin
19-Feb	Liliana Flowers
19-Feb	Bobbie Jaquette
21-Feb	Robert Ross
22-Feb	Kelsey Robinson
23-Feb	Oscar Scott
26-Feb	Mary Lou Bradley
26-Feb	Jonna Robinson
26-Feb	Eliana Sayler

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14-Feb	Don & Gerri Bolles
17-Feb	Eldon & Jean Allsup
27-Feb	Dale & Sandy Tepper

Please contact Sue in the Church Office or note it on your communication card if your special day has been missed or reported incorrectly.

Youth Activity Event For Mid-High and Senior High Youth

There will be a youth event that will include an Activity, Food, and Fellowship. Watch for a date!

NEWS ABOUT THE BOOK GIVE AWAY

WOW! The January collection has a variety of mostly new offerings that range from inspirational, helpful, and informative. Some are possibilities as gifts! It would be worth your time to browse and select to take with you. Eastwood has an impressive library and devoted staff. These two sources should be encouragers for our Christian life.

Have you read about the "Little Free Library" national book sharing program? It typically involves a house shaped repository for a small number of books outside residences. The hope is for interested readers to take one, and possibly donate a replacement. The Eastwood Book Give Away rack is primarily of a religious nature, and so far has many more volumes in reserve, eliminating a need for a replacement or even a return policy. It provides a way to donate rather than discarding usable books. So, enjoy and be blessed!

If you have questions, contact Tom Lloyd.

Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, February 18th - 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



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.

Proverbs - Wisdom that Works

An Adult Sunday School Class

9:15 in the Walker Room

New People are welcome to join at any time.

Boy Scout Sunday



Boy Scout Sunday is planned for February 12th.
Come and watch what God is doing
in the new generation.

Memory Verse of the Week - (1/22 - 1/28) Revelation 21: 5

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."



Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **February 1, 2016**. 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 31, 2016**.

Email sbecker@ebcmedford.org
This Beacon **will not** be mailed.

Church Work Day

Inviting **ALL** who want to help
"spruce up" our church.



The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, February 11th**. Meet at the church at 9:00 am and we should be finished by 12:00. Please bring rakes, clippers and **DON'T FORGET** the gloves! **See you there.**

Questions...call Don Eastman at (541) 773-7237

Knitting & Crocheting Group

The knitting & crocheting group will meet on Wednesdays, February 9th and 23rd at 3:30 pm.

January 29, 2017

SUNDAY, January 29th

Prayer in Chapel 8:00
Sunday School 9:15
Worship Service, Don Hildebrand, speaking 10:30

MONDAY, January 30th

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

TUESDAY, January 31st

Men's Bible Study Noon

WEDNESDAY, February 1st

No Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15
Choir Practice

THURSDAY, February 2nd

Fellowship Support at New Far East 1:00

FRIDAY, February 3rd

SATURDAY, February 4th

February 5, 2017

SUNDAY, February 5th

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

MONDAY, February 6th

College/Military Care Packages 9:00
Women's Grove Bible Study 10:00
Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, February 7th

Men's Bible Study: 12:00

WEDNESDAY, February 8th

No Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15
Choir Practice

THURSDAY, February 9th

Knitting/Crocheting 3:30
Deacon's Agape Meeting 5:30
Worship Committee Meeting 6:45

FRIDAY, February 10th

SATURDAY, February 11th

Church Work Party 9:00
Uke Practice 10:00