



# 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.

April 19, 2017

## Fruit of the Spirit

At 6'4", Joseph Stampf was the winningest coach in the University of Chicago men's basketball history with 208 victories, as well as a .638 winning percentage and two NCAA postseason tournament berths. He coached the Maroons from 1957 – 1975. He also enjoyed an outstanding playing career for the University from 1938 – 41 and capped his career as the Big Ten scoring leader in 1940 – 41. He was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2003. Purportedly, Joe Stampf was known for his dramatics that would draw fouls and put him on the free throw line. Among other honors, he was invited to scrimmage with the Harlem Globetrotters back in the day.

More importantly, as followers of Jesus, he and his wife, Clarice, were faithful members of Foster Park Baptist Church on Chicago's Southside and each summer from 1965 – 1974, he directed the Chicago Baptist Association camping ministry at Camp Grow in Green Lake, Wisconsin. While a member of the same congregation, I didn't know Coach Stampf until I worked at the Camp in the summers of 1969 and 1970.

In this giant of a man, I discovered the humble heart of a follower of Jesus who worked with children and teens during the summer breaks from the University. In that setting, he touched thousands of lives for Christ. While I was yet a teenager, Coach Stampf committed to me his life verse found in Paul's letter to the Galatians 5: 22 – 23:

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.*

I have pondered and found life in many biblical verses over the last forty years, but I keep returning to this text – the Fruit of the Spirit where I have discovered the very essence of the heart of God cultivating Christ like character in those who live by the Spirit. Juxtaposed to the desires of the flesh (Galatians 5: 17 – 21), the Fruit of the Spirit is presented plainly and without complexity. Yet in its simplicity lies the mystery of living by the Spirit in a post-resurrection age.

During these post-resurrection days, we are invited to dwell in this scripture that has shaped the lives of so many people through the centuries. Explore the rich facets of God's heart as we sojourn in the Spirit. Discover God's purpose for your life.

Grace and Peace to you in these Resurrection Days,  
Pastor Miller

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# Rainbow Acres

A Residential Christian Community  
Serving Adults with  
Developmental Disabilities

March 20, 2017

Eastwood Baptist Church  
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Dear Randy,

May I introduce you to another hard working Rancher, who lives at Rainbow Acres. Susan Welch came to Rainbow Acres in 1983. Prior to arriving at Rainbow Acres, Susan was active in a vocational program in Phoenix where she used a power nail gun to assemble shipping pallets.

When I arrived at Rainbow Acres in 1996, Susan was one of the best "Rancher Tour Guides" on the ranch! Visitors always enjoyed her interactive tours. She takes great pride in helping Ranchers sell their craft work, Stepping Stones and weaving to visitors on the Ranch.

When Sedona Recycles became an option for Rancher employment, Susan was one of the first to sign up! She worked her way up from beginner to being the Crew Leader, a position she held for many years. Sedona Recycles praises Susan for her excellent work ethic. Over the years, Susan has continued to grow in work responsibilities. She has found fulfillment at Rainbow Acres by participating in the Weaving, Stepping Stones and Greenhouse Crews. Fine Art Painting Class is a favorite of Susan's; she sold her first painting this year, and is becoming a recognized artist around the Ranch! Just like other hard working Ranchers, Susan takes pride in contributing a portion of her earnings toward her monthly fees.

Susan has been a participant on many of the Rainbow Acres Special Olympic Teams. Today, she most enjoys the Bocce Ball Event and lives by the Special Olympics' motto: *"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."*

Family is very important to Susan, her sister Judy and her husband Jim worked at the Ranch during Susan's early years as a Rancher; in recent years they served as Volunteers. Susan cares deeply for her friends, caregivers, and the place she calls home, Rainbow Acres. Your gift provides unconditional loving care, warm meals, pleasant homes and opportunities for Ranchers to grow and pursue their individual hopes and dreams.

For the Ranchers

Gary W. Wagner  
President and CEO

*So good to hear from you!  
Thank you for your partnership in  
mission & ministry!*



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## Thanks and Praise (4/16)

Welcome to Kaylee, Jenna & Keri to our Eastwood Family. Beautiful Easter Service. Alleluia!

Great Easter Service!

Great sermon. Alleluia – He lives! Beautiful worship service and baptisms.

Beautiful service. I love this church.

Praise! He lives!

Wonderful music, wonderful sermon.

He is risen!

Sue did a great job as worship leader. We are truly blessed with our marvelous choir.

Happy Easter! He is risen, indeed!

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### **Church Work Party Thanks,**

Thank you to the following for their help at the April 8th Church work party:

Jerry Darby	Hugh Barnhill
Paul Klatt	Randy & Leslie Miller
Sandy Tepper	

And to our “During the Week helpers”:

Sandy & Sue Shaw Merle Neufeld

The next work party will be on Saturday, May 13th. Come, “join the fun!”

Thanks,  
Don Eastman  
Buildings & Properties

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## Thanksgivings

The Lenten and Holy Week activities have been especially moving and meaningful this year. Much appreciation is offered to the many who assisted in these activities, but a special word of gratitude is extended to those who organized and facilitated these activities, including Karen Clinkinbeard, Sandy Tepper, Linda and Andy Tripp, Sharon Dady, and Leslie Miller, and Don Eastman. Well done good and faithful servants.

THANK YOU

## 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

**Samuel Strom**, Army

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

Registration is open for the **2017 Biennial Mission Summit in Portland, Oregon, June 30 - July 2**. The theme is “Connect!”

**Speakers:** Rev. Sharon T. Koh, Executive Director  
American Baptist  
International Ministries

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director  
of American Baptist  
Home Mission Societies.

Ukulele Orchestra

Brochures and Registrations forms are available  
at the Welcome Center

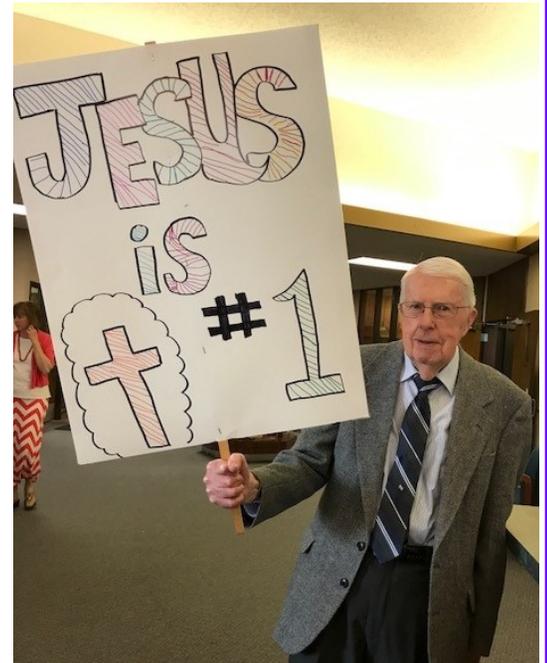


## "Even the Rocks Know Jesus"

Several weeks before Palm Sunday, our children learned about the Palm-waving excitement of the Jews and disciples as Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey! Alas, they believed that someone was going to save them from Roman rule. Their Hosannas were loud and disruptive, so much so that the Pharisees ordered Jesus to rebuke his disciples. Instead, Jesus answered "if these become silent, even the stones will cry out". Luke 19:40. On the left are rocks the children colored. Note the "tears" on some of them.



On Palm Sunday several of the children/youth made signs reading "Jesus Rocks!" "Jesus is #1" which they held as they processed into the church. Pictured at right is Vern Petermeyer shouting Hosanna!



Our teens got into the act with a litany of praises. Thank you Rylee Boyersmith, Jenna Sandstrom and Tre Foster. Jenna will be baptized on Easter Sunday. She is a freshman and volleyball athlete attending North High School.



Last but not the least, (on left) are Jonna Robinson, Isabella Robinson, Rylee Boyersmith and Ava Robinson. The scripture reading for the day was enlivened by their dynamic reading of "Even the Rocks Know Jesus" (rotation.org).

*"When Jesus pays the price for all the sin in the world people will be free to enter God's kingdom. Jesus' death will offer people freedom to live with God for all eternity - and that's way better than just taking over Rome",  
said Rock #1 (Ava)*

*"Rock on Jesus!"*

## **Subject: Noyes News from the Congo - Friends and supporters of Ed & Miriam Noyes**

**Prayer needs in support of Miriam, Ed and their ministry colleagues in the Dem. Republic of Congo.**

**Blessings as you celebrate Holy Week. As always, we have deep appreciation for everyone's partnership in prayer and in work for God's Kingdom ~ Ed & Miriam**

**\* Miriam is providing Literacy Training support this week. The last large scale training in Kinshasa was 2013.**

Our training seminars take 5 days: two days to cover an introduction to adult literacy, the differences and similarities between teaching adults and children, why teach adults, methodology, and the practicalities of how you organize and run adult classes successfully. Then we take one day to familiarize them with the curriculum and show them how to teach the lessons. They get one day to learn how to teach the curriculum, then they teach for us the last day, one after another, so that they and we are convinced that they can do it. Incidentally, we teach people to read and write in local language: Lingala, in the case of Kinshasa. Then, if they want to, they can go on to learn French, the official language of Congo, or even English, where there is a teacher available. Some of our teachers teach their students an activity that could give them an income. They must come up with most of this themselves. It takes creativity.

**\* Pray for Ed's leadership with the IMA World Health organization**

On the IMA World Health front, a year 5 begins for the ASSP project, the uprising in Kasai has hindered activities in over half of the 28 health zones. Work in 13 other health zones in Maniema and Tshopo provinces around Kindu and Kisangani respectively is just beginning to get back on track after a 5-month hiatus provoked by a massive fraud case involving our implementing partner. For Y5 (and possibly a Y6 extension) IMA will manage activities directly in the 13 health zones. We continue to pray that God will inspire Christians to goodness, deeply ingrained integrity, and a commitment to be a transforming force in Congo. People have lived so long in a culture of corruption that many Christians no longer have a sense of what is right and wrong; they may never have seen an example of sacrificial integrity in a health zone medical officer or administrator.

**\* ACDI Lusekele Board of Directors meeting this Saturday in Kinshasa - an important meeting.**

Three weeks ago, I learned that IFAD (the International Fund for Agricultural Development) postponed any significant expansion of its large agricultural project in Bandundu. As you know ACDI Lusekele has been talking with them about reestablishing a multiprogram integrated rural development center in the region. This would include extension activities for crop improvement but also expand into market gardening, fish-farming, agricultural processing, support for farmers' associations and marketing information services. They don't want to start something new right now – slapped together hastily, especially during a year when there is so much political uncertainty. So now the local program managers are talking about developing a detailed work plan for 2018, aiming for putting together a contract in October 2017, signing in Nov-Dec and launching activities at Lusekele in January 2018.

As part of the transition toward the integrated rural development center I want to position ACDI Lusekele to produce certified seed. I have talked about this for years, but the Lusekele leadership never took the enterprise seriously. There is an enormous unmet demand for quality seed just from agricultural projects in the region. The seed business has the potential to generate a profit. And producing seed will put ACDI in contact with other projects and donors. The project will require some start-up capital (about \$15,000) and we have from now until July to raise it if we are to be ready for planting in September. I am asking the Lord to nurture and guide this seed of a vision.

**\* Prayer for the political unrest**

This week Congo is in another of its political crises related to the delayed elections. The opposition has planned another protest march for today, and it seems quite popular. People are fed up. Over and above wanting to get rid of this president and his regime that have overstayed their term limits, the political instability and poor market for Congo's minerals occasioned by China's faltering economy, have combined in inflation that has cut people's buying power almost in half in just the last year.

For the Noyes Mission Partnership Team,  
Don Watson, Jolae Reed and Gene Gentry

# May 2017

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

April 30  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service  <b>LOVE</b>	1  10:00 Women's Grove 7:00 Boys Scouts	2  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place 6:00 Cub Scouts	3  11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	4  1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	5	6  10:30 Women's Brunch & Art Extravaganza
7  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service Mylinda Baits, speaking 5:00 Pizza with the Pastor Youth Night  <b>PEACE</b>	8  10:00 Women's Grove 7:00 Boys Scouts	9  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	10  11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	11  3:30 Knitting/Crocheting 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting 6:45 Worship Committee Meeting	12	13  9:00 Church Work Party 10:00 Uke Practice
14  <b>Mother's Day</b>  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service  <b>JOY</b>	15  10:00 Women's Grove 7:00 Boys Scouts	16  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place 6:00 Cub Scouts	17  11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	18	19  9:00 Builders' Social	20  9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 Uke Practice
21  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service  <b>PATIENCE</b>	22  10:00 Women's Grove 7:00 Boys Scouts	23  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	24  11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	25  3:30 Knitting/Crocheting 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	26	27  10:00 Uke Practice
28  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service  <b>KINDNESS</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b> 10:00 Women's Grove 7:00 Boys Scouts	30  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	31  11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	June 1  1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	June 2	June 3  10:00 Uke Practice

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

1-May	Leighanne Nottingham
1-May	Ray Olstad
1-May	Joanie VanDyke
7-May	Sharon Dady
7-May	Aaron Thayer
8-May	Eli Matthews
9-May	Connor Hunter
10-May	Howard Bowman
14-May	Jeanne Scherbinske
15-May	Elisha Smith
18-May	Joan Daniel
18-May	Norma Hart
18-May	Marjorie Peterson
19-May	Trevahn Foster
21-May	Mary Bates
23-May	Helen Bartlett
23-May	Michael Ekelman
23-May	Don Hildebrand
25-May	Rev. Walter Manchur
25-May	Anita Simpson
25-May	Deborah Slocam
27-May	Dianne Rowell
29-May	Garrick Gilbert
30-May	Jim Powell
31-May	Sam Angulo
31-May	David Saylor

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

6-May	Rev. George & Sandra Nye
10-May	Travis & Makayla Goins
22-May	Jacob & Julie Kinsman
25-May	Earl & Madgel Simmonds
29-May	Carl & Ada Harsch

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

## Women's Brunch & Art Extravaganza!

Saturday, May 6th

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Eastwood Baptist Church Koinonia Building

Come prepared for a "Hands-on" art activity!

Ladies!

Save the date! On **May 6th**, **My linda Baits** will be our speaker/leader at our Women's Brunch and Art Extravaganza. It will be a special time to "connect with creativity through art", a restorative work she does with women around the world. All ages are invited for this event. My linda and her husband, Gary, have been missionaries in Costa Rica. Contact Leslie Miller if you are interested in attending or sign up on your communication cards.



### Women's Art Exhibit

On that day, we will have an **Eastwood Women's Art Gallery exhibit**. Bring something (a painting, sewing, woodwork) you've made and would like to have on display! Contact Carol Bath if you would like to display your artwork.

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### First Place study: Jesus As My Personal Trainer

A women's Bible study focusing on wellness in every area of life.

Introductory class: Tuesday, April 25th, 5:30-7:00 PM

Call Jan Blankenship (541) - 772-7888

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### May Cookie & Host/Hostess Sign-ups!

It's time to sign up to bring cookies for our Fellowship hour. The cookie calendar is located on the kiosk closest to the Church Office. We would also love to see some new faces behind the cookie and punch tables. Please call Suzan Darby if you would like to host.



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### Knitting & Crocheting Group

The knitting & crocheting group will meet on Wednesdays, May 11th and 25th at 3:30 pm.

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast  
Saturday, May 20th - 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

**Mission Giving Opportunity**

Beginning in April, we will collect for The American Baptist Seminary of the West. Previous Eastwood Pastors that attended ABSW include; Bob Murphy, Ev Denniston, George Nye and Jerry Gilmer. Leslie Miller currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

ABSW is a Christ-centered school that trains men and women for leadership in the church of the twenty-first century who are:  
Prepared to minister in a multicultural and multiracial world  
Rooted in evangelical heritage and tradition  
Equipped for ecumenical partnership in ministry  
Informed theologically and biblically  
Skilled in the practice of ministry for personal, ecclesial and social transformation  
Committed to the justice demands of the Gospel

Bottles for Loose Change are located on the Missions Table



**Eastwood Beacon**

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **May 3, 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, May 2, 2016**.

Email [sbecker@ebcmedford.org](mailto: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, April 8th**. 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

**New Adult Sunday School Class**

**Begins April 23rd**

**A Ten Week Course on the Fruit of the Spirit**

**New People are Always Welcome**

**April 23, 2017**

**SUNDAY, April 23rd**

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

**MONDAY, April 24th**

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

**TUESDAY, April 25th**

Men's Bible Study Noon  
First Place 5:30

**WEDNESDAY, April 26th**

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

**THURSDAY, April 27th**

Knitting/Crocheting Group 3:30  
Deacons' Business Meeting 5:30  
Cub Scouts 6:00

**FRIDAY, April 28th**

**SATURDAY, April 29th**

Uke Practice 10:00

**April 30, 2017**

**SUNDAY, April 30th**

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

**MONDAY, May 1st**

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

**TUESDAY, May 2nd**

Men's Bible Study: 12:00  
First Place 5:30  
Cub Scouts 6:00

**WEDNESDAY, May 3rd**

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

**THURSDAY, May 4th**

Fellowship Support at New Far East 1:00

**FRIDAY, May 5th**

**SATURDAY, May 6th**

Women's Brunch & Art Extravaganza 10:00