



# 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.

June 21, 2017

## Sermon on the Mount

Greg M. was a gifted musician who attended a prestigious school of music and earned a Master's degree in composition. Yet his academic achievements could not counter-balance the abuse and terror he experienced in his childhood home. His musical interests were an expression of his broken life, perhaps an effort at healing and restoring his soul. There were Christians in his extended family but they were helpless to intercede in those tender formative years. Later – as a broken adult, they would offer him hospitality and mercy, but the damage had been done.

Years ago, when Eastwood was searching for a pianist, I met Greg and was immediately taken by his sensitivity, yet brokenness. He was writing script for a local telemarketer and living in a spare room of his cousins' home. His cousins were the same Christians who watched helplessly when he was a child. He expressed interest in getting his "career" back on track, but had little interest in the life of the church and less knowledge about the mysteries by which we are shaped.

Still, this foreigner to the mysteries of God loved the Sermon on the Mount. I was surprised by his knowledge and understanding of the text and as a non-believer, he challenged me with questions similar to this: If you consider Jesus as Lord and Savior, why don't you Christians live according to these words of Jesus? Good question.

In the introduction of his study on the Sermon on the Mount, biblical scholar John Stott writes:

"The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best-known part of the teaching of Jesus, though arguably it is the least understood, and certainly it is the least obeyed. It is the nearest thing to a manifesto that he ever uttered, for it is his own description of what he wanted his followers to be and do..."

The Sermon on the Mount has captured the imagination of people throughout the world for two millennia. Without question it is a core teaching of Jesus, defining and shaping discipleship. But many Christians simply dismiss the Sermon as impractical, unattainable and therefore irrelevant to Christian living. I think they miss the point. But then, I too have missed the point of this "manifesto." Still, even in my inadequacy, I continue to submit to these teachings, seeking to be changed by these words of Christ.

Beginning on July 9<sup>th</sup>, I would like to invite you to join me in the study of the Sermon on the Mount. A class will convene in the Walker Room at 9:15 am using Stott's guide. If you would like to attend, let us know and a guide book will be provided. Additionally, I would ask you to simply read the Sermon each week during the summer. How would these "wonderful words of life" shape and change you?

Still seeking God's reign,  
Pastor Miller

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## EASTWOOD STAFF

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## *Leading Worship at Eastwood - July 16th, 2017*

In 2007, Leslie and Steve moved to Rochester, New York from the Boston area where together they ran The Mozaic Room coffeehouse for eleven years. In 2003, they started recording and performing together as a duo. Their music combines their backgrounds in traditional, country, Americana, and gospel music with their taste for contemporary singer/songwriters. Their performances feature simple but tasteful arrangements of timeless melodies. Steve's guitar is often supplemented by other traditional instruments, but the focus is always on thoughtful lyrics and beautiful harmonies.



In 2011, they wrote the song, "One Great Hour to Share" for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, which assists individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. The song was used to promote the offering in churches throughout the country. Congregations have shared videos that the song accompanies as well as sung it in small groups or choirs.

### **Leslie**

Leslie was born in southern California and grew up in the Kansas City, Missouri area. She earned a BFA in Commercial Art from the University of Central Missouri. Although relatively new to the world of folk music, Leslie has been surrounded by music since childhood. Her dad always kept a guitar around, and when he wasn't teaching her how to play a slide version of "Mary Had a Little Lamb", he picked out tunes by Hank Williams and Johnny Cash, among others.

Leslie's introduction to folk music came when she created the artwork for Steve's first CD, *Waiting for the Sun*. She went on to design the packaging for all their CDs, as well as CDs, posters, banners and other artwork for musicians including Brother Sun, Joe Crookston, Guy Davis, and Brooks Williams. In 2003, she stood behind the microphone for the first time to record the vocal tracks for Steve and Leslie's debut album, *Recovered*.

### **Steve**

Steve was born and raised in the Finger Lakes region of New York. He moved to Germany with his parents as a teenager, then returned to the US to complete his schooling. He graduated from Stanford University in 1979 and Princeton Theological School in 1986, where he once accidentally shot Brooke Shields with a rubber band. An ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches USA (they are the Baptists who will still talk to you even if you disagree with them!), he currently serves as pastor of the Greece Baptist Church.

He has been involved with music most of his life from childhood lessons (piano and trombone), through years of singing with choral groups, to his midlife debut in folk music. In the mid-90s, Steve performed as one half of the acoustic folk duo Arnold+Gretz, producing four CDs. One of Steve's songs, "My Dad Told Me", was selected as one of five finalists in the 2003 Boston Folk Festival songwriting contest. Another song, "Who Taught These Idiots to Drive?", was featured on NPR's Car Talk radio show and appeared on their compilation CD, *Car Tunes Volume 2: Born Not to Run*.

You can listen to more music by Steve and Leslie at [LeslieandSteve.com](http://LeslieandSteve.com) or on You Tube.

## Thanks and Praise (6/18)

We are thankful for our fathers today and every day.  
Happy Father's Day!

Got back from a two week trip back east to see our kids,  
but missed you all. (Don & Gerri Bolles)

Great message on gentleness.

Praise! Whole Bath family together on Father's Day!

Praise – Madison is free of her neck brace!

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### Thank You

Thank you for your donation to Rogue Retreat for ongoing  
operational funds.

I can't even describe the feelings I had as I watched  
nearly 200 volunteers come together for a "barn raising"  
build day for Hope Village on June 3. In just a few hours  
14 tiny houses were put together which will house for 14  
- 28 people with the village is open July 1.

Rogue Retreat has been working on this project since we  
took a bus ride to Eugene in April 2015 to visit Opportuni-  
ty Village. We caught a vision of what we could do in  
Medford and with the favor of God and the support of so  
many in our community that dream is coming true! Hope  
you can get a chance to stop by 728 W. McAndrews in  
Medford to see Hope Village.

Your donations continue to encourage us and support  
Rogue Retreat. Every gift says "keep going." We know  
there are so many people who are currently homeless or  
will become homeless soon. Hope Village will catch  
some of our other current programs will catch others, but  
there are more projects we have in mind. We need to do  
something to help seniors who are homeless. We want  
to find a way to create stable and safe housing for do-  
mestic abuse victims. There is a need for a home for  
men in recovery. There are women and children who  
need a home. All need a compassionate well thought out  
case management to escort them from homelessness to  
independence. We can do this!

What we do matters. Solomon said thousands of years  
ago: ***"Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heartsick,  
but a sudden good break can turn life around."*** Proverbs  
13:12 (the Message)

Rogue Retreat gives hope and hope changes lives.

Sincerely,  
Chad McComas, Ex. Director  
Rogue Retreat

## 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

### Ed and Miriam Noyes Prayer requests May 29, 2017

1. Ed and his team at ACDI Lusekele can work in a  
way to demonstrate their mission statement.
  2. That they will get the money to purchase good  
seed.
  3. That these things will happen in a timely manner  
so that they can become one of the centers which will  
help semi-subsistence farmers be able to care for  
themselves and their families better.
  4. That this will be an example of how Jesus cares for  
his people in Congo.
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### Church Work Party Thanks,

Thank you to the following for their help at the June  
10th Church Work Party:

Paul Klatt, Randy & Leslie Miller

### During the Week:

Sandy & Sue Shaw, Merle Neufeld, Paul Klatt

Next Work Party - July 8th

Thanks,  
Don Eastman  
Buildings & Properties

## A Pastoral Letter from ABCUSA General Secretary Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer

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Dear ABCUSA Family,

The recent terrorist attacks in England, the apparently politically motivated shooting that took place in Virginia, ongoing debates over how to treat immigrants and visitors to our country, and the struggles of another Baptist denomination to take a clear stand on issues related to white supremacy remind us all that we are living in a violent and divided world that desperately needs to overcome every form of social and political discrimination and search for more just ways to live in harmony. In 2017, American Baptists gladly and forthrightly reassert our fundamental Baptist convictions regarding individual liberty, dignity and respect for all people, regardless of their racial or ethnic heritage, political or religious beliefs, or any other factor. In 1976, the General Board affirmed a policy statement on human rights, which said:

“Baptist history is rooted in concern for conscience and for freedom of individual beliefs, for choice, and for unregimented living whether by religious dogma and institution or by social and political structures. John Bunyan in prison and Roger Williams driven from Massachusetts, reflect commitment to these ideas, as did Martin Luther King, in his witness to human dignity and the rights of minority groups. Resolutions by the American Baptist Churches over the years have particularly sought to reflect the denomination’s basic principles of freedom of thought and belief, the right of dissent, the responsibility to speak prophetically to church and society and support for human dignity and social justice.”

In the past, American Baptists have expressed these convictions in resolutions and statements, which make clear we have consistently opposed every form of racism and discrimination. For example, in 1983, the ABC General Board declared,

“We, as American Baptists, believe that all people are made in the image of God and that the right to human dignity, to be respected and treated as a person without regard to race, is foundational to our faith... Racism, whether individual or corporate, is a sin against God... We affirm the diversity of races and cultures as distinctive aspects of our denomination. We accept each person as a full participant and each race and each culture as valid expressions within the life and witness of the ABC family.”

The statement rejected manifest destiny as “a form of white racism which has affected the way the United States views its role in the world and views immigrants to this country. As American Baptists, we will seek to create a new image for this nation in which the cultures, the contributions, the insights and the abilities of all racial groups are valued.”

We also have clearly stated in the past that American Baptists reject violence as a means of achieving one’s social, religious or political goals. In a Convention resolution opposing racial segregation adopted in 1964 and reaffirmed by the General Board in 1985, we urged our members to engage in “programs of nonviolent direct action” and made clear that only “Christian means must be used to obtain these desired ends.”

With such a rich and diverse set of resolutions and statements, how should we as American Baptists respond to the challenges we face in today’s troubled and fractured society? I suggest we not only re-affirm the statements of the past, but resolve to live them out in practical and consistent ways in our individual and congregational spiritual journeys. Martin Luther King Jr. stated, “One of the great tragedies of life is that men seldom bridge the gulf between practice and profession, between doing and saying” (*Strength to Love*, 37). To bring our thoughts and actions in line with our expressed convictions, we must re-engage Scripture and let its message take control of our beliefs, attitudes, emotions and actions. Please consider these as a starting point in such a transformational journey:

*Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for a person’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires...If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (James 1:19-20, 26-27)*

*If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Corinthians 13:3-7)*

As I reflect on these Scriptures, I glean the following challenges to help us all hold fast to our Baptist convictions while also contributing to a more harmonious American civic life:

1. Commit to listen more graciously and with an open mind, especially when we are in conversation with people who hold different views than we do.

2. Reject anger, rudeness, hatred, arrogance, and egotism in our dealings with others. Being prophetic is not compatible with being obsessive, abusive or insensitive.
3. Do not forget that people we disagree with are still human beings, and desire respect, grace and acceptance. The Golden Rule still applies to human relationships.
4. Be patient before responding to situations and people; oftentimes, first reports of an event do not convey the whole truth. Knee-jerk reactions are seldom helpful.
5. Do not assume that one's own position on an issue is the only Christian response to which all others must subscribe. We know only "in part." as Paul says.

As American Baptists, may we, through our words and actions, "let our light shine before others, so that they may see our good deeds" (Matthew 5:16) and be drawn to Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer,  
General Secretary  
American Baptist Churches USA*

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## **Ruth Hockersmith – Eastwood Baptist Church Scholarship**

The Ruth Hockersmith Eastwood Baptist Church Scholarship is in memory of Ruth Hockersmith who taught Home Economics at Medford High School (before North-South). She and her husband, Keith, were members of Eastwood Baptist Church (An American Baptist Congregation) for many years. She retired in the mid 1980's. Her desire was to provide scholarships to worthy students with funds from the American Baptist Foundation located in Valley Forge, PA.

Each year the scholarship offices at North and South Medford High School will submit candidates to the scholarship screening committee. Candidates must have a letter of recommendation from their pastor, youth pastor, or church leader of their church and include a list of activities and volunteer work that they are involved in at their church along with their NMHS Foundation application. These applications will be submitted to the scholarship screening committee and the chosen recipients will be announced to the respective schools.

Last year we only had one applicant as it was the first year on the scholarship. But this year we had 15!!; Eight from North Medford High School and seven from South Medford High School. May I say that I am very encouraged by the young men and women that are serving the Lord.

Our finance committee met and first determined that we would select four students and provide each with a \$1000 scholarship. Using Acts 1:12-26 as a model for discerning God's Will, we took the 15 applications, reviewed them and prayed over them. The selection was then narrowed to seven – more prayer and seeking the Holy One to guide us – we came to the final four as selected by God.

This year we are please to share the names of:

**North Medford High School - Brooke Costanzo, Michala Denn, Taelor Mayben**

**South Medford High School - Trae Carpenter**

Last week I was further encouraged after having conversation with Maxine Gilmer. Both Jerry and Maxine were intimately involved in helping Ruth set up this scholarship fund. One of the major concerns Ruth had was how each of the students were to be selected. After hearing how our committee prayed over each student, she knew Ruth would be very pleased!

Richard Bath, Finance Deacon

Committee: Pastor Miller, Jerry Darby, Stan Ross, Brien Blankenship, Sue Becker, Aaron Thayer, and Kyle Cawthorne.

# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 25  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	June 26  7:00 Boys Scouts	June 27  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	June 28	June 29  Biennial Mission Summit in Portland	June 30  Biennial Mission Summit in Portland	1  Biennial Mission Summit in Portland
2  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Father Joel Maiorano  Biennial Mission Summit in Portland	3  7:00 Boys Scouts	4  <b>Independence Day</b>   Happy 4th of July!	5  11:00 Staff Meeting	6  1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	7	8  9:00 Church Work Party 10:00 Uke Practice
9  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Pastor Miller, preaching <b>Remembrance of Frances Kelly</b>	10  7:00 Boys Scouts	11  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	12  11:00 Staff Meeting	13	14	15  9:30 Women's Fellowship Brunch at Punky's 10:00 Uke Practice
16  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Music Service by Steve Gretz & Leslie Lee	17  7:00 Boys Scouts	18  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	19	20	21  9:00 Builders' Social	22  4:00 Mim Brandenburg Memorial in K-Building
23  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Fred Grewe, speaking	24  7:00 Boys Scouts	25  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	26	27  5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	28	29
30  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Pastor Miller, preaching	31  7:00 Boys Scouts	August 1  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	August 2  11:00 Staff Meeting	August 3  1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	August 4	August 5  10:00 Uke Practice

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Jul Sadi Lektorich
  - 1-Jul Katie Powell
  - 2-Jul Alyssum Barber
  - 2-Jul Gail Manchur
  - 4-Jul Wanda Peets Ekman
  - 8-Jul Madgel Robbins Simmonds
  - 9-Jul Vernon Petermeyer
  - 10-Jul Travis Goins
  - 11-Jul Lola Burke
  - 11-Jul Connor Lektorich
  - 12-Jul Gerri Bolles
  - 14-Jul Ellen Husel
  - 14-Jul Isabella Robinson
  - 20-Jul Marilyn Powell
  - 20-Jul Malachi Robinson
  - 24-Jul Donna Hildebrand
  - 25-Jul Derek Tripp
  - 26-Jul Teresa Tripp
  - 28-Jul Josiah Kinsman
  - 31-Jul Diana Thayer
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### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2-Jul Leonard & Roxann Zastera
  - 4-Jul Steve & Lindy Boyersmith
  - 6-Jul Don & Bobbie Jaquette
  - 7-Jul Gene & Fay Rashé
  - 10-Jul Keven & Leighanne Nottingham
  - 21-Jul Kyle & Wendy Cawthorne
  - 25-Jul Derrick & Joanie VanDyke
  - 27-Jul Allan & Dianne Rowell
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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.

## July 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.

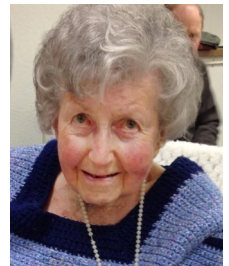
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## A Remembrance of Frances Kelly

July 9, 2017

### During the Worship Service

Memorial Cards are available at the Welcome Center for people to write their memories of Frances. Please take one and when you have finished writing your memorial comments, return the card to Cathy Thayer or to the Church Office by July 5th.



### Pastor's July Schedule

Pastor Miller will be attending the American Baptist Biennial in Portland from June 28 – to July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Father Joel Maiorano, Director of Pastoral Services at the Rogue Valley Manor will be officiating over Communion and preaching on July 2.

In mid-July, Pastor will be participating in an 8 day silent retreat in Wisconsin. On July 16, Rev. Steve Gretz (Leslie Lee), Pastor of Greece Baptist Church in New York state, will be leading worship and preaching the Good News in song. On July 23, Rev. Fred Grewe, Chaplain, Providence Hospice, will be preaching.

Contact the Office for pastoral care.

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### Reconciliation

*From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; ... So if anyone is in Christ, , there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors from Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast  
Saturday, July 15th - 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

**Electronics Recycling**

We will be collecting electronic equipment to be recycled in early September. If you have an old computer tower or laptop you would like to dispose of, bring it to the church prior to **June 28th** along with **\$5 for each Hard drive** that needs to be pulled and erased.



Additionally, any old keyboards, monitors, printers, Cell phones, VCRs, TV's and DVD players may also be brought to the church for recycling -

**Free of Charge!**



**Eastwood Beacon**

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **June 5, 2017**. If you have anything you would like put in the *Beacon*, an upcoming event, a function, etc. please **have all copy in the church office by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 4, 2017**.

Email [sbecker@ebcmedford.org](mailto:sbecker@ebcmedford.org)  
This Beacon **will not** be mailed.

**Celebration of Life for Muriel Brandenburg  
Saturday, July 22nd, 4 PM - Koinonia Building**

The Brandenburg family invites you to take part in a Celebration of Life honoring Muriel Brandenburg. There will be presentation by Eric Brandenburg and you may share your memories of Mim.

**Church Work Day**

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



The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, June 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

**June 25, 2017**

**SUNDAY, June 25th - Self-Control**

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

**MONDAY, June 26th**

Boy Scouts 7:00

**TUESDAY, June 27th**

Men's Bible Study Noon  
First Place 5:30

**WEDNESDAY, June 28th**

Biennial Mission Summit in Portland

**THURSDAY, June 29th**

Biennial Mission Summit in Portland

**FRIDAY, June 30th**

Biennial Mission Summit in Portland

**SATURDAY, July 1st**

Biennial Mission Summit in Portland

**July 2, 2017**

**SUNDAY, July 2nd**

Prayer in Chapel 8:00  
Sunday School 9:15  
Worship Service, Father Joel Maiorano, preaching 10:30  
Biennial Mission Summit in Portland

**MONDAY, July 3rd**

Boy Scouts 7:00

**TUESDAY, July 4th - Independence Day  
Office Closed**

**WEDNESDAY, July 5th**

Staff Meeting 11:00

**THURSDAY, July 6th**

Fellowship Support at New Far East 1:00

**FRIDAY, July 7th**

**SATURDAY, July 8th**

Uke Practice 10:00