



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.

July 19, 2017

Awakening to the Depths

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, Siena Retreat Center, Racine, Wisconsin. Owned and operated by the Dominican Sisters of Racine, this retreat center is more than 12 acres of natural and human-made beauty on the shores of Lake Michigan. The weather has been beautiful – sunny, with uncharacteristic cool temperatures. The setting is restful and refreshing. No televisions, limited internet and phone service, and no newspapers. Instead, I am surrounded by the prayers of the Saints, writings of mystics, and plenty of opportunity for prayer and reflection. For the last three days I have watched the sunrise on Lake Michigan at 5:27, 5:28, 5:29 am respectively, wandered the grounds, napped, played the ukulele in the woods (sleeping quarters are silent areas) and napped again. My room is spartan with a bathroom, bed, lamp, desk, and a chair. Oh yes, there is an image of an angel over the desk.

I am one of 25 retreat-ants, 90% are of religious orders in the Catholic Church. We have five spiritual directors, one of whom I meet with daily for an hour. The food is delicious and varied, but we eat together in silence.

Halfway through eight days of silence and solitude, I am enjoying the Presence of God and rich times of reflection in this retreat entitled, "Awaking to the Depths." I began my time with Psalm 42 (nrsv), with a special focus on verse 7-8:

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.
By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

One of our source materials is from Richard Rohr who writes:

"I'd like to say something a bit different about prayer... Prayer is not primarily saying words or thinking thoughts. It is, rather, a stance. It's a way of living in the Presence, living in the awareness of the Presence, and even of enjoying the Presence. The full contemplative is not just aware of the Presence, but trusts, allows and delights in it... Prayer is not "one of the ten thousand things." It's that by which we see the ten thousand things. ... in prayer we see all things in a new light. – from Everything Belongs.

I am delighted to be here and am thankful to the good people of Eastwood who have allowed me this opportunity to come to the silence.

Grace and Peace from the Quietude of Siena,

Pastor Randy

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Help for the Homeless

At their May 25th meeting, the Deacon Board voted to donate monies from the Deacon Fund to five different Rogue Valley agencies that assist the homeless. Following are several letters of gratitude from those agencies.

Dear Friend,

Thank you! We have received your gift to support the life-changing work of The Salvation Army.

On any given day in our community, The Salvation Army reaches out and touches the lives of men, women and children in desperate need. Because of your gift, The Salvation Army will be able to provide meals for the hungry, lodging and shelter for the hurting and homeless, and provide social services to a growing number of our struggling neighbors.

We feel privileged that you have chosen to place your confidence in us through your generous gift, and for your partnership in assisting those who are in need. You help us to continue to do the most good in our community.

May God bless you as you continue to bless others,

Majors Jason and Angelina Koenig
Corps Officers.

Dear Friends:

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul very much appreciates your gift. We assure you that all of it will be used to support the poor, needy and homeless of our community.

We hope you will keep our ministry in your prayers and be assured that you are in ours. Private support like yours provides essential resources for our clients, enhances our ability to reach the poor and forgotten and extends our service programs.

We are proud of our organization and would welcome an opportunity to give you a tour of our facilities at your convenience. Thank you so much for helping us to help others.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Begley
President, Rogue Valley Count, St. Vincent de Paul

To the Eastwood Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your overwhelmingly generous donation from the Deacons' Fund to Maslow Project!

Thank you for continually standing with us to support the children, teens, and families experiencing homelessness that Maslow Project serves!

Together we remind those in need that they are not alone.!

Thank you!
Serina Q.

Thanks and Praise (7/16)

Thank you, Steve & Leslie!
Great service of singing.

Thank You

Thank you everyone, for your generous donations to the Maslow Project Diaper Drive.

Your contributions will make a big difference in the lives of babies, toddlers and parents.



Thank You
Bobbie Jaquette
Community Ministries

Dear Eastwood,

On behalf of everyone at the American Baptist Seminary of the West I want to offer my sincere gratitude for your generous gift which will be applied to the Seminary Fund as you indicated. That fund provides an enduring level of support for the ongoing needs of the seminary and our students.

We are pleased to have Eastwood Baptist Church as a sustaining partner in this sacred enterprise. Too few consider where the next generation of moral and spiritual leaders will come from, yet their expectations for excellence are undiminished. Thus, if those leaders are to have the highest quality of preparation for the challenges of ministry in the 21st century we must join together to ensure that they have the support they need. We at ABSW are honored to have you stand with us in this great work.

Sincerely,
Nick Carter, President for the Interim

Teddy Bear Ministry

During the month of June and on July 3rd & 4th, we delivered 96 of our teddy bears locally. I even got a call from Asante wanting more bears. When we got there she said they really needed many more for the holidays and summer months. So after delivering a bag on the 3rd, we went back on July 4 with another bag. We can always use more of the stuffed animals so keep an eye out at garage sales or Goodwill or Salvation Army.

Thank you everyone who has contributed some animals. They are greatly appreciated and make some child happy who is in need of some extra TLC.

Marilyn Brummett,
Teddy Bear Ministry



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

Mission Giving Opportunity

In July we will be collecting for the American Baptist Historical Society. They maintain and preserve the official records of ABC/USA and its affiliated mission agencies. This includes International Ministries, American Baptist Home Mission Society, Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, and American Baptist Women's Ministries. They also hold official records for the Baptist World Alliance and New Baptist Covenant. The challenge now is to begin digitizing these archives, and to archive the digital information that is now coming in. They want to make available to everyone over the Internet the personal papers of more than 500 ministers and missionaries as well as 3500 sets of missionary letters and reports. An archivist has just been hired to manage these collections which include maps, audio visual materials, photographs, rare books, and artifacts.

The newsletter is available on the bulletin board outside the library, if you would like more information.

American Baptist
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

From the Hockersmith Scholarship Recipients

Dear Eastwood Baptist,

Thank you so much for granting me the generous \$1,000 scholarship. Thank you for taking the time to select me. I am very blessed to receive your help, it will attenuate some of my financial need. I am very excited to begin my education to become an orthodontist. Again, thank you so much for helping me accomplish my goals.

Sincerely,
Trae Carpenter

Dear Eastwood Baptist Church,

I feel so honored to receive the Ruth Hockersmith scholarship and I cannot thank you enough for contributing to my future. As of now, my plan is to attend a four-year university this fall where I will be majoring in pre-physical therapy and minoring in Spanish. I also hope to study abroad in the near future. After I graduate, I will apply to a Doctor of Physical Therapy program in hopes of earning a PT license, fulfilling my dream of becoming a therapist and the first doctor in my family. I am so excited to see where my college experience takes me and I know that God has a plan for my life. I hope that my efforts in college make you all proud.

With much gratitude,
Michala Denn

Dear Hockersmith Eastwood Baptist Church Scholarship,

Thank you for taking your time to select me for your scholarship. I was taught by my parents that hard work and dedication would pay off and, when you selected me as a recipient of the scholarship, their words rang true. I was happy when my name got called for the Hockersmith Eastwood Baptist Church Scholarship because it gave me a sense of pride in front of my other classmates at North Medford High School. Your scholarship is a blessing to me and my entire family. I am the oldest sibling along with three other children in my family. With your scholarship I will be able to lessen the burden for my parents, so I am thankful in more ways than I can ever express. The money will be used to get me through college at Southern Oregon University (SOU) where I will be studying Elementary Education and Spanish. I am thrilled to begin the next chapter in my life and with this money I will be able to attend college almost debt free. Once I start my schooling, I will be able to update you on my progress and tell you how helpful the scholarship money has been to me. I have always been a hard worker at school and college will be no different. I know you have placed great faith in me and I cannot wait to show you that the money will be well spent. Simply put, thank you for trusting me to carry on the name of your memorial fund. I appreciate it greatly.

Sincerely,
Brooke Costanzo

Dear Ruth Hockersmith Eastwood Baptist Church Scholarship Committee,

My name is Taelor Mayben, a Senior at North Medford High School and newest recipient of your generous scholarship. I can not thank you enough for selflessly helping me further my education by donating to my college funding. I will be attending Southern Oregon University this coming fall. I am SO excited to start this new season in my life and see where this journey takes me. I am lucky enough to get to continue to do what I love and play Softball at SOU, with a partial athletic scholarship. Thanks to the money that you have provided me with I will be able to put that into my room and board funds and also my fifth year degree that will be spent student teaching so that I can receive my Master's in education. Thank you again for providing me this opportunity and supporting my future.

Sincerely,
Taelor Mayben



My Baptist Life

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My Baptist Life: Rev. Kathy Longhat

Rev. Kathy Longhat serves as pastor of Watonga Indian Baptist Church, Watonga, Okla. The congregation is associated with the Oklahoma Indian Baptist Association of the Central Region. Her small congregation is comprised of Cheyenne and Arapaho people who live in and around Watonga. She ministers to them not only through the congregation, but also at local functions, such as pow-wows, wakes, funerals and home visits as needed.

I'm an American Baptist because of my rich background, which started at Rainy Mountain Kiowa Indian Baptist Church when I was small. My grandparents attended there years ago, and I would go to church with them when I visited them. I loved to hear Christian hymns being sung in the Kiowa language. The songs resounded through the whole church when they sang.

One of my early church experiences was hearing about Jesus for the first time from Rev. Frank Venable, who was the American Baptist missionary to us in the 1960's. I spent a lot of my summers attending Vacation Bible School, church camp meetings and hanging out at the Fellowship Hall during the quilting sessions that my grandmother attended weekly at the church. Even though we lived in Norman, Okla., where I currently reside today, my parents were led to attend church at Berry Road Baptist Church, where my father surrendered to the ministry and began serving with the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. At my father's first church and under my father's preaching at the age of nine, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I have served the Lord since that time and have heard him calling my name over the years until I, too, finally surrendered to the ministry in 2001.

I think the biggest challenge facing the church today is the attitude of acceptance. I have attended many churches and experienced coldness because of the color of my skin or the kind of clothes that I was wearing. It's sad that we cannot look beyond those things and see the person that God has created. I continue to work towards making a difference in the world around me by being "the hands and feet of Christ." The Apostle Paul, talking to the church at Ephesus, said: "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4: 1-6.)

I pray that we will truly become a unified church by continuing to put aside our differences and join hands across the table with true sincerity in our hearts and passion for Christ in our lives.

In 10 years I see the church standing on solid ground, continuing to minister to "all of God's children here on earth."

I am an American Baptist today because I want to make a difference in the lives of people wherever I go because scripture says, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Amen and Amen.



August 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

July 30 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	July 31 7:00 Boys Scouts	1 Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	2 11:00 Staff Meeting	3 1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	4	5 10:00 Uke Practice
6 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service 12:00 Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting	7 7:00 Boys Scouts	8 Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	9 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Mission Nite with the Hwangs	10	11	12 9:00 Church Work Party 10:00 Uke Practice
13 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	14 7:00 Boys Scouts	15 Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	16 11:00 Staff Meeting	17 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting	18 9:00 Builders' Social	19 9:30 Women's Fellowship Brunch at Punky's 10:00 Uke Practice
20 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	21 7:00 Boys Scouts	22 Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	23 11:00 Staff Meeting	24 9:00 Builders' Social 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	25	26 10:00 Uke Practice
27 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	28 7:00 Boys Scouts	29 Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	30 11:00 Staff Meeting	31	September 1	September 2 10:00 Uke Practice

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2-Aug	Madison Kinsman
2-Aug	Sandy Tepper
3-Aug	Mary Lewis
3-Aug	Cathie Lime
3-Aug	Virginia Yungen
6-Aug	Don Eastman
7-Aug	Barbara Franklin
7-Aug	Sue Shaw
9-Aug	Don Orbea
10-Aug	Jolene Hooker
12-Aug	Terri Bish
13-Aug	Bill Curtis
13-Aug	Roni Rosenthal
15-Aug	Jack Barber
17-Aug	Annette McGregor
19-Aug	Marvin Hart
21-Aug	David Brunson
21-Aug	Sarah Miller
22-Aug	Kent Clinkinbeard
23-Aug	Jan Blankenship
23-Aug	Karen Clinkinbeard
24-Aug	Tom Lloyd
26-Aug	Margaret Moser
27-Aug	Hugh Bates
28-Aug	Orville Hoglen

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

17-Aug	Josh & Kelsey Robinson
27-Aug	Hugh & Mary Bates
27-Aug	George & Janice Calvert

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

Gordon & Lee Ann Hwang to speak at Eastwood on August 9th, 2017



Gordon and LeAnn Hwang, missionaries to Japan, will be here Wednesday, August 9. Dinner will be at 5:15, and their presentation will start at 6. They will be accompanied by Roberta Stephens, a member of their Missionary Partnership Team, and Miss Mizuno, Soshin elementary school teacher. Please sign up on your communications card.

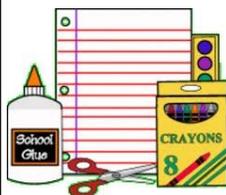
There is only one missionary for every ~53,000 people in Japan. Less than 1% of the 127 million Japanese are Christian. Gordon and Lee Ann Hwang are immersed in the culture to share about Jesus. They are co-sponsored by their local church starting in 2005 and commissioned by International Ministries (IM) in 2007. They are located in Yokohama.

With Gordon managing their home as the base of service and hospitality, Lee Ann works full-time as an English conversation teacher for junior and senior high students at Soshin Girls' School (Soshin). Soshin is a Christian private school with a 130-year history. Soshin has an enrollment over 1000 girls and Lee Ann teaches of over 400 girls in 16 classes and 3 exchange training programs. There are countless opportunities to influence students including two clubs, foreign exchange programs, & chapel services she speaks in. Gordon hosts their weekly home Bible study, helps with an English chat club twice a month, and takes their kids to Bible Study Fellowship in Tokyo weekly. They support the local Baptist church and another church plant on a monthly basis.

In addition to this ongoing ministry, Gordon and Lee Ann continue to visit and encourage pastors ministering to survivors of the 2011 earthquake disaster in Tohoku (NE Japan) in both English and Japanese.

School Supplies Project

Now is the time of incredible savings on school supplies; Crayons, Markers, Glue bottles, Glue Sticks, Paper, Notebooks, Folders, Pencils, Scissors, Erasers, Pens. Also needed... Backpacks, socks, and children's underwear. Purchase and bring items to the table in the foyer. All items will be distributed to the teachers in our church family...



Linda Tripp - Kindergarten
Kari Donham - 2nd grade
Wendy Cawthorne - Elementary Music
Marilyn Powell - Jr. high school
Jim Powell - High school
Joanie VanDyke - High school

We will also make a contribution to Maslow Project, the distribution center for school supplies in the Medford School District. This project will run through the month of August.

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, August 19th- 9:30 a.m.**

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



August 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.

Electronics Recycling - Extended Date

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 **August 9th** 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 **August 2nd, 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, August 1st, 2017**.

Email 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, August 12th**. 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.**

July 23, 2017

SUNDAY, July 23rd

Prayer in Chapel	8:00
Sunday School	9:15
Worship Service, Rev. Fred Grewe, preaching	10:30

MONDAY, July 24th

Boy Scouts	7:00
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TUESDAY, July 25th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
First Place	5:30

WEDNESDAY, July 26th

Staff Meeting	11:00
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THURSDAY, July 27th

Deacons' Business Meeting	5:30
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FRIDAY, July 28th

SATURDAY, July 29th

July 30, 2017

SUNDAY, July 30th

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

MONDAY, July 31st

Boy Scouts	7:00
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TUESDAY, August 1st

Men's Bible Study	Noon
First Place	5:30

WEDNESDAY, August 2nd

Staff Meeting	11:00
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THURSDAY, August 3rd

Fellowship Support at New Far East	1:00
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FRIDAY, August 4th

SATURDAY, August 5th

Uke Practice	10:00
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