



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.

August 9, 2017

Practicing the Presence of God

The retreat of last month was shaped by worship and prayer with an attitude of expectancy that God would be present. This is not an uncommon belief among American Baptists. God is always with us, (Mt 28:20). Still, the practice of 'stilling the soul' enough to allow the Holy One to encounter us is rare these days. To come to the silence for eight days is an invitation to turn off the external noises of the world, to calm the inner voices and listen:

Listen to the trees as they dance at the pulses of the wind.

Listen to the waves lap against the shore.

Listen to the birds singing praise.

Listen to the voice of creation.

Listen to the thunder (or was it the voice of God).

On Wednesday of the week, the daily scripture readings were taken from Exodus 3 and I heard the voice of the Eternal One, "I will be with you." (12) I rested in that promise for the rest of the week. I have heard that promise often over the last 40 years and it always provides comfort.

The week of prayer was marked by the presence of God – still, beautiful, powerful, restful, eternal, and life giving.

Hear King David's reflections on silence in Psalm 131:

My heart is not proud, O Lord, my eyes are not haughty;

I do not concern myself with great matters of things too wonderful for me.

But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother,

Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD both now and forevermore.

Amen.

Pastor Miller

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Medford Gospel Mission

**Moreover, I will give you a
new heart and put a new spirit
within you. Ezekiel 36:26**

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"I wanted to tell you at the mission and those who have sowed into this mission 'Thank you so much!' My cousin Donna Jackson is a true and shining example of your love and hard work. Her life was transformed by Christ through all of you doing His work, His will! From the bottom of my heart I thank you."

Darcy Kelly, cousin of Donna Jackson.



Donna's first day
as a resident

Like many of the women who live at the Medford Gospel Mission Women's and Children's Shelter, Donna came to the Mission broken and wounded. She was struggling with substance abuse and estranged from her family. Little did she know that God would give her a new family at the women's shelter.

What is unique about Donna's story is that although she started out as a resident, she ended up on staff. Through the prayers and faithful giving of donors, God restored her life and used her to minister to others. She started out as the cook where she lovingly provided home-cooked meals for the ladies and children at the shelter. Donna would later become kitchen manager and finally the Mission's manager. Along with the rest of the staff, Donna lived at the shelter where she worked. As a result, she developed close relationships with her coworkers. Described as loving and kind by her staff, Donna was well-liked. She was always joking around and loved to play practical jokes on the other staff members.

On July 11th, Donna Jackson went home to Jesus. She will be missed for her wonderful laugh and hugs. Because of support from donors like you, Donna leaves behind a legacy of compassion. In the last years of her life, she made a tremendous impact on residents and coworkers and finished her life well.



Donna Jackson
October 10, 1960 - July 11, 2017

"We all pray our loved ones will be reached by the Gospel and times feel helpless to reach them. But true to God's faithfulness, he uses others to reach our loved ones through all kinds of people and ministries that have the call of God on their lives. So, as her family member, I want to send my heart's thank you to those that sowed through gifts of money to fund, volunteers, and those on staff. Well done, God's faithful servants. Prayers and thoughts I send to all of you knowing you touched and healed my loved one through the love of Christ!

God Bless you all." --Darcy Kelley and family

Romans 12:10-13 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Thanks and Praise (8/6)

Thanks for a great sermon.

Thank you, Pastor. God bless you.

Four weeks from today is Dove Fest. Getting very excited to meet the Newsboys!



Saturday
September 16, 2017
9 am - 4 pm

Cascade Christian
High School
855 Chevy Way
Medford, OR

IT'S FREE

For more information and to register visit:

Rootedpath.org/forhisglory retreat

On January 29, 2017, Stephanie Strom's heart stopped and she collapsed on the floor. Immediate life saving techniques were used to try to bring her back to life with little success. According to medical personnel the outcome looked very grim with little hope for survival. The likelihood of permanent organ damage and questionable brain function if she did survive, was very probable.

Stephanie was literally fighting for her life and the doctors were preparing the family for the worst outcome.

But God had another plan! A great army of prayer warriors began to intercede on her behalf, and today, Stephanie is alive and well.

God has a powerful message of hope through this experience and she and her husband Craig, are excited to share their journey from death to life, through trial and triumph, and that the Lord is strong and mighty!

Come join us and be encouraged in the Word and in fellowship as ladies from all over the Rogue Valley gather to testify that God is real, and big, and mighty!

August Mission Giving Opportunity

Our August Mission giving Opportunity will be Rogue Retreat. This is a local organization which is creating opportunities for the homeless to have hope. They have sponsored a seasonal winter shelter which kept at least 55 people per night warm, safe, dry, and fed. They are planning for season two to run from Dec. 1, 2017 - Feb 28, 2018. Their work also includes Hope Village which will provide 14 Tiny Houses. More information is available on their website rogue retreat.org.

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

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

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

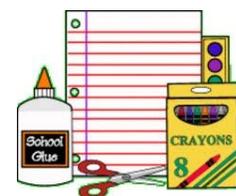
Wendy Cawthorne - Elementary Music

Marilyn Powell - Jr. high school

Jim Powell - High school

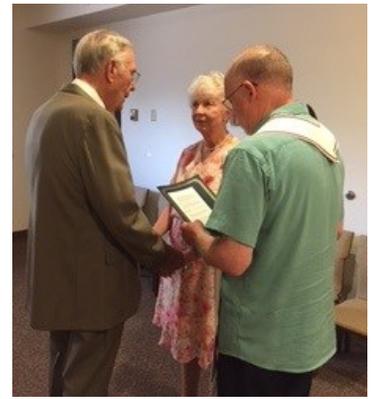
Joanie VanDyke - High school

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.



*A Wedding Reception for
Marilyn Brummett & Tom Gilley*
August 19th at Two O'clock
Eastwood Baptist Church - Koinonia Building

Can you believe that two people who said they would never remarry did get married? Marilyn Brummett and Tom Gilley announce that we were married on August 1st and would like to invite our church family to our reception on Saturday August 19 at 2 pm, here at the church. NO gifts please, just come and enjoy light refreshments and visiting. Please RSVP to Marilyn at 541-857-6576. We look forward to seeing you there.



August 3, 2017

Dear Supporters of Dan and Sarah Chetti:

We, the Chetti Missions Partnership Team, are writing to you with a request for a ONE-TIME SPECIAL NEED DONATION.

Last year while Dan and Sarah were in the U.S., their car had major problems and they had to get rid of it just days before returning to Lebanon.

They have just arrived back in the U.S. and are starting to speak in various churches within the U.S. They are trying to purchase a used car and are lacking enough funds. They have been blessed so far with a \$2,000 contribution toward the car. A good used, low mileage, compact car purchased in Oregon would cost around \$12,000 to \$15,000. Dan and Sarah need the car to travel in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana plus for their personal use while in the U.S. By driving they will save airline expenses.

First Baptist Church of Cottage Grove, Oregon has agreed to receive the money for Dan and Sarah.

We are asking, if at all possible, that you contribute to the car fund. If so, please send your check to:

Chetti MPT
79015 Thornton Lane
Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Make check payable to: First Baptist Church, Cottage Grove - Write on check: Chetti Car Fund

Please continue to keep Dan and Sarah in your prayers as they travel throughout the U.S. bringing news of their ministries and what is happening in the Middle East. Also pray that they enjoy their time with their daughter, Rachel, and other family and friends during their six-month stay in the U.S.

Yours in Christ,

Chetti MPT - Corey Hughes, Mercy Johnson, Desiree Kasper, Leslie Miller, Shirley Shiffert

New at the Church Library



Cancer, now what? A practical guide for those with cancer and their loved one.

Written by Kenneth Haugk, a clinical psychologist, pastor and founder of Stephen Ministries, this is a book full of help and hope.

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



September 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 16th** 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 23rd, 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 22nd, 2017**.

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



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.**

August 13, 2017

SUNDAY, August 13th

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

MONDAY, August 14th

Boy Scouts	7:00
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TUESDAY, August 15th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, August 16th

Staff Meeting	11:00
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THURSDAY, August 17th

Worship Committee Meeting	6:30
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FRIDAY, August 18th

Builders' Social	9:00
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SATURDAY, August 19th

Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's	9:30
Uke practice	10:00
Brummett/Gilley Wedding Reception	2:00

August 20, 2017

SUNDAY, August 20th

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

MONDAY, August 21st - Solar Eclipse

Boy Scouts	7:00
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TUESDAY, August 22nd

Men's Bible Study	Noon
First Place	5:30

WEDNESDAY, August 23rd

Staff Meeting	11:00
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THURSDAY, August 24th

Deacons' Business Meeting	5:30
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FRIDAY, August 25th

SATURDAY, August 26th

Uke Practice	10:00
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