



# 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 23, 2017

## The Third Way

Week after week he offered a harsh critique of the morning sermon at the end of worship with a vehemence that was surprising and off-putting. My initial reaction was a defensive self-examination, but over time, I realized I was not the reason for his bitterness and anger, I was merely one target among many. Still, my first inclination was to ignore his comments and dismiss him. In prayer, I became less focused on his words and more aware of the effect of his behavior. My heart began to melt. He was distant and cut-off from his emotions and others. He was isolated and alone. In a word – he was ‘prickly.’

Through prayer, I was challenged to cross the distance and engage with him. I remember my initial response to that challenge, “Are you kidding?” As I prayed, I was reminded of God’s love for this person and so I sought ways to love him and continued to hold him before God. He didn’t change. He continued to engage me in doctrinal disputes often with a vehemence. But I changed. Instead of keeping him at arms length, I would wrap my arms around him. Instead of pulling away, I moved closer. When he died a while ago, I wept for the loss of a friendship that we had forged.

The work of reconciliation often employs a perspective known as the third-way. Jesus used this method often in his teachings. Here is an example:

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; ... For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:43 – 48

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Miller

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## EASTWOOD STAFF

**Randolph T. Miller**

*Pastor*

**Sharon Dady**

*Choir Director*

**Linda Tripp**

*Accompanist*

**Sue Becker**

*Church Secretary*

**Sam J. Angulo**

*Custodian*

**Kaitlyn Brunson**

*Nursery Attendant*

## SIX MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT - JANUARY - JUNE 2017

2017 Budget	Actual Income	Expenses	Deficit/Surplus	Avg. Attendance
\$126,765.00	\$116,540.00	\$120,657.00	-\$4,117.00	103
<b>2016 Budget</b>				
\$124,923.00	\$128,351.00	\$119,904.00	\$8,447.00	120
<b>2015 Budget</b>				
\$126,294.00	\$117,886.00	\$125,304.00	-\$7,568.00	121

The above report (all #s are for a 6 month period) was given to the congregation on July 30 and believe it is important to also provide the above information to the all the members and friends of Eastwood through the Beacon. As you can see we have maintained a similar total budget for the last three years but our financial giving amounts have varied.

As we enter into the fall of 2017, our financial committee will begin to evaluate this year's income and expenses and start working on our 2018 budget. Because of the apparent shortfall in general fund giving the Board of Deacons and staff are watching closely to how our monies are expended and cutting costs where we can. Unfortunately, cutting costs usually affects our abilities to do different ministries that we had budgeted for earlier in the year.

We trusted God last year (2016) when we raised our mission giving from 8% to 10% and were amazed at how God honored our commitment. And we continue to trust God with His Church and our finances as He blesses us in so many ways each day.

Giving is simply an act of worship, and our prayer is that we use these gifts to God in a way that honors and glorifies His Name. May each of you continue to be blessed as we journey together in Christ.

Dick Bath  
Finance Deacon

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

## Thanks and Praise (8/20)

Thank you for safe flights to and from San Diego and for Avamere caring for my husband while I was with family.

Absolutely glorious music today!

Women's singing group – you lifted our hearts to Jesus!

Beautiful music – Blessed Assurance (June Rhoads)

Beautiful song, “Blessed Assurance.” Thank you, ladies.

Thank you to six of the most beautiful ladies I'm privileged to know. Thank you “girls.”

Meeting the Newsboys in 14 days! – Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you for your prayers. (Louise Breeden)

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### Thanks!

We want to thank the following for their help at the “work party” on August 12th:

Jerry Darby  
Randolph Miller  
Hugh Barnhill  
Paul Klatt

Also, thank you to our weekly workers who put in “so much time”:

Sue and Sandy Shaw  
Merle Neufeld

Our next “work party” will be on Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Again, many thanks to all who help with the upkeep of Eastwood.

Don Eastman

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### New Addresses

Mary Lewis  
1750 Delta Waters Rd.  
STE 102 PMN 185  
Medford, OR 97504

Les Bennett  
1813 Wildflower Dr.  
Medford, OR 97504

## 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

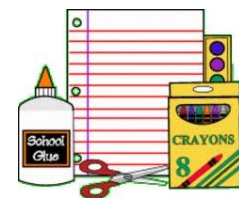
**Wendy Cawthorne** - Elementary Music

**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.



# September 2017

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	1	2
8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	7:00 Boys Scouts	Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study			10:00 Uke Practice
<b>3</b> 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b> 7:00 Boys Scouts	<b>5</b> Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	<b>6</b> 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 Church Work Party 9:30 Women's Fellowship Brunch at Punky's 10:00 Uke Practice
<b>10</b> 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	<b>11</b> 7:00 Boys Scouts	<b>12</b> Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	<b>13</b> 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	<b>14</b> 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting	<b>15</b> 9:00 Builders' Social	<b>16</b> 9:00 For His Glory Fall Retreat 10:00 Uke Practice
<b>17</b> 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Outdoor Worship Service/Old Time Hymn Sing & Picnic Lunch	<b>18</b> 7:00 Boys Scouts	<b>19</b> Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	<b>20</b> 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00 Uke Practice
<b>24</b> 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	<b>25</b> 7:00 Boys Scouts	<b>26</b> Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	<b>27</b> 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	<b>28</b> 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 Uke Practice

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11-Sep	Skip Senften
15-Sep	Clayton Barber
15-Sep	Richard Bath
16-Sep	Lynnette Yoshida
19-Sep	Keith Cawthorne
21-Sep	Sarah Mitchell
22-Sep	Steve Boyersmith
22-Sep	Leslie Miller
23-Sep	Aaron Chisem
25-Sep	John Becker
26-Sep	Stan Ross
27-Sep	Carl Harsch
28-Sep	Silva Varbedian
29-Sep	Alleyne Fields
29-Sep	James Roby

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

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### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2-Sep	Don & Donna Hildebrand
7-Sep	Marvin & Norma Hart
10-Sep	Chris & Eloise Tarrant
12-Sep	Nick & Katy Ceglia
13-Sep	Raul & Jody Ramirez
29-Sep	Bill & Dorothy Curtis
29-Sep	Jerry & Suzan Darby

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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.



**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](http://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 trials and triumphs, 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!

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To our church family,

Thank you, thank you,  
thank you to all that  
worked behind the scenes  
and all that came to our  
wedding reception on Sat-  
urday. We had such a  
good time and it was so  
nice to see everyone who  
came to celebrate with us.  
Blessings to each one of  
you.



**Marilyn & Tom Gilley**

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast  
Saturday, September 9th- 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



**BIBLE STUDY AND CHOIR REHEARSAL  
RESUME AUGUST 30th**

Autumn ministries resume on August 30th with Bible Study at 6:00 pm and Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 pm. If you are interested in singing in the Choir, please contact our Choir Director, Sharon Dady.

**Practice of Reconciliation**

Since the beginning of the year, I have been reading and studying scriptures about the practice of reconciliation. As we resume our Wednesday evening Bible Studies and Prayer Meeting on August 30, we will engage in an exploration of this topic of Reconciliation as found in scriptures and as practiced by the saints of the church over the years. Hope you will join us at 6:00 pm.

Pastor Miller



**Eastwood Beacon**

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **September 9th, 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, September 5th, 2017**.

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, September 9th**. 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

**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.

**August 27, 2017**

**SUNDAY, August 27th**

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

**MONDAY, August 28th**

Boy Scouts	7:00
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**TUESDAY, August 29th**

Men's Bible Study	Noon
First Place	5:30

**WEDNESDAY, August 30th**

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

**THURSDAY, August 31st**

**FRIDAY, September 1st**

**SATURDAY, September 2nd**

Uke Practice	10:00
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**September 3rd, 2017**

**SUNDAY, September 3rd**

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

**MONDAY, September 4th - Labor Day**

Boy Scouts	7:00
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**TUESDAY, September 5th**

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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**WEDNESDAY, September 6th**

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

**THURSDAY, September 7th**

Fellowship Support at New Far East	1:00
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**FRIDAY, September 8th**

**SATURDAY, September 9th**

Church Work Party	9:00
Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's	9:30
Uke Practice	10:00