



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.

September 20, 2017

Just One Thing

In the 1991 film, *City Slickers*, "Mitch," (Billy Crystal) shares a quiet moment with Curly Washburn (Jack Palance).

Curly: Do you know what the secret of life is? (*He holds up his finger*). This.

Mitch: Your finger?

Curly: One thing. Just one thing. You stick to that and the rest don't mean beans.

Mitch: But, what is the "one thing?"

Curly: That's what you have to find out.

For Curly, finding that 'one thing' puts everything else in order. Well "duh" Curly. We all have to find what that one thing is! Unfortunately, Curly didn't offer any suggestions on what is that one thing.

Fortunately, long before Curly told Mitch to find that one thing, Jesus shared a quiet moment with his disciples in the *TSOTM* (The Sermon on the Mount) saying:

*Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will added to you. Mathew 6: 33*

Jesus is referring to that 'one thing' with his phrase, seek first. Then he offers more specific counsel:

Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

In seeking the Kingdom of God first, everything falls into place. The Kingdom becomes the centering piece – that orienting North Star around which all else is ordered. The Kingdom and the rightness of God is first.

Without that 'one thing,' we fall prey to the 'curse of many' i.e., too many directions, too many choices. When we are not paralyzed by the options, we move aimlessly from one thing to another, bouncing from place to place without any apparent purpose or plan. Days and months pass without meaning or direction.

In 1977, I was captured by this scripture. I wondered what it would be like to "seek first the Kingdom of God and his rightness." It has shaped my life with purpose and meaning, ordering my steps in the world.

I wish you grace and peace as you, too, seek God's reign and rightness in the world.

Pastor Miller

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Signs of Growth, Heralds of Hope

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Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA, shared his five key ministry priorities for the denomination in June 2017: unify our family based on core convictions and joyful mission; strengthen our regions as they serve our churches and clergy; promote the mission of our national agencies and mission partners; lead our family into new church growth, evangelism and creative service; and encourage creative partnerships. These five priorities will be highlighted in reflections written by Spitzer on the ABCUSA website in a series through September and October 2017.

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47)

As American Baptists look to the future, I believe that God intends to propel our spiritual family into an era of new church growth, evangelism and creative service. The Good News of Jesus Christ is as relevant in 2017 as it has been for some two thousand years. Our American Baptist heritage is one of sharing the Gospel in positive ways through both word and deed. As Christ followers, we invite people to embrace personal faith in a Savior who transforms us into faithful disciples characterized by a profound commitment to personal holiness, spirituality, social justice and peacemaking.

Our contemporary cultural setting in the United States makes witnessing and inviting people to church a challenge. We hear about churches closing and the rise of religious “nones.” However, as I have assumed my responsibilities as General Secretary, I am encouraged by positive local church growth (qualitative as well as quantitative). Let me share three examples from around the country.

When I landed in Oregon for the ABCUSA Biennial Mission Summit at the end of June, I went straight to First Baptist Church, Portland. I was astounded to discover that this church hosts a vibrant Cambodian ministry that has thrived for over three decades! Rev. Peter Im, the Cambodian pastor, shared the journey of the church and its present challenges. Please pray for their impressive children’s ministry and their upcoming mission trip to Cambodia. Rev. Im writes that because of the children’s ministry, “the Cambodian ministry here at FBC has the opportunity to grow in spiritual strength.”

Rev. Dr. Michael Williams (American Baptist Churches of Michigan Executive Minister) shared with me another example of growth caused by a more recent wave of immigration from Asia. The Falam Baptist Church of Battle Creek celebrated the recent purchase of the Lakeview Baptist Church building during a special dedication service held on August 20, 2017. Over four hundred members and guests packed the sanctuary to celebrate this event. He writes:

“This special day was the culmination of an amazing journey of two congregations—the Falam Baptist Church of Battle Creek and the Lakeview Baptist Church of Battle Creek. The historic Lakeview Baptist congregation graciously invited the Falam Baptist congregation to worship in their building beginning in 2011. Over the years the Falam Baptist congregation grew to more than 300 in regular worship attendance and a membership of more than 500.”

On August 26, I had the privilege of speaking at the first anniversary service of Iglesia Bautista Christiana New Hights Baptist Church in Hightstown, a Latino new church plant sponsored by the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey. Fortified by the region’s “Fresh Expressions” training and by the sponsorship of another successful new church (NextGen Church in West Windsor), Pastor Oscar Guerrero and his members have ministered in creative ways to the town’s Latino population. The fruit has been impressive; in just one year, the church membership has grown from 9 to 96 people. Fourteen new disciples have been baptized, and 8 more are preparing to be baptized.

Pastor Guerrero admitted that new church planting “is very hard work,” but excitedly said, “but God provides everything!” Rev. Bruce Wood, pastor of the host church (First Baptist Church, Hightstown), added that “watching the church members embrace the Holy Spirit’s dream has had an impact on the spirit of my congregation. They have inspired us!”

These three stories inspire me! They are signs of growth and heralds of hope to my soul. Is your church or ministry experiencing numerical or spiritual growth? I would love to hear your testimony, and perhaps in the future I may be able to share it with the ABC family.

Thanks and Praise (9/17)

Love, love having these great young men and their leaders, the Boy Scouts.

Good to sing some of the old songs!

I love praising God with songs. Today's service was wonderful!

Thank you!

Thanks to the following for their help at the September 9th "work party."

Hugh Barnhill
Jerry Darby
Paul Klatt
Randolph Miller
Merle Neufeld (weekly)
Sandy & Sue Shaw (weekly)

The next "work party" will be on October 14th.

See you there!

Don Eastman

Fall College and Military Care Packages

The time is quickly approaching to send out our next college and military care packages! These packages will be packed and sent out on Monday, October 23rd. Please let us know the names and addresses of recipients right away. You will find sign-up forms on the counter at the Welcome Center in the foyer, or you may call/email Karen Clinkinbeard with name and address information. 541-779-6770 kkclink1@msn.com.

Items needed to fill these care packages are: Halloween candy, snacks of all kinds, coffee, microwave popcorn, hand sanitizer, hotel/trial size lotions and school supplies. Some cards from church members would be fun to include as well. We can address them for you. We would also be pleased to accept any monetary donations to help cover postage as it is the biggest expense. Homemade goodies can be brought on Sunday, October 22nd. As indicated by the received "thank you notes" homemade goodies are most appreciated. Any of these items can be left with Sue in the church office. Thanks so much for your support of this important ministry.

College/Military Care Package Team



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

World Mission Offering

For the World Mission Offering this year, the focus is on three areas of holistic action: Peace and Justice, Abolishing Global Slavery and Economic and Community Development. These priorities do not encompass all the ministries of International Ministries but they do illustrate what God is doing worldwide through our 120+ global servants, 1,300+ volunteers, 44 home staff and 240+ global Christian partners. Your gifts to the World Mission Offering powerfully connect you to all the challenging, life-changing work of the Lord through International Ministries.

Beginning Fiddle Lessons

Adults & Kids 10 years or Older

Wednesdays, 4 - 5 pm beginning Oct. 4th

Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

607 West Main Street, Medford

6 months @\$20/month - \$120 payment due at registration. October thru April (no lessons in December)
Enrolled students eligible for reimbursement scholarships of one-half of fee at end of instruction.

Contact Judy McGarvey - 541-779-8145

Sponsored by Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers District 4

October 2017

World Mission Offering

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service	2 7:00 Boys Scouts	3 Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	4 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	5 1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East 6:30 Finance Committee Meeting	6	7 10:00 Uke Practice
8 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	9 7:00 Boys Scouts	10 Noon - Men's Bible Study	11 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	12 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting	13	14 9:00 Church Work Party 10:00 Uke Practice
15 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	16 7:00 Boys Scouts	17 Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	18 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	19	20 9:00 Builders' Social	21 9:30 Women's Fellowship Brunch at Punky's 10:00 Uke Practice
22 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	23 7:00 Boys Scouts	24 Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	25	26 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	27	28 10:00 Uke Practice
29 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	30 7:00 Boys Scouts	31 All Hallows Eve Noon - Men's Bible Study	November 1 All Saints Day	November 2 1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	November 3	November 4 10:00 Uke Practice

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2-Oct	Kaitlyn Brunson
4-Oct	Tyrese Flowers
5-Oct	Terry Middleton
8-Oct	Carolyn Barnhill
9-Oct	Lucille Potts
10-Oct	Maria Mann
10-Oct	Derrick VanDyke
11-Oct	Rylee Boyersmith
12-Oct	Kyle Cawthorne
19-Oct	Leona Lloyd
20-Oct	Maizie Foster
20-Oct	Maximus Foster
21-Oct	Becki Foster
21-Oct	Jearld Foster
21-Oct	Sue Lektorich
22-Oct	Jim Florian
22-Oct	Lora McLean
22-Oct	Delcie Stalcup
26-Oct	Mildred Byers
27-Oct	Andrew Tripp
28-Oct	Brien Blankenship
28-Oct	Allen Hill
28-Oct	Susan Miller

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

5-Oct	Eli & Kelly Matthews
8-Oct	Howard & Rosalie Bowman
10-Oct	Kent & Karen Clinkinbeard
14-Oct	Richard & Carol Bath
21-Oct	Scott & Sara Lektorich
21-Oct	Elias & Carlene Whitmoyer

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

Eastwood Summer Picnic



On Sunday, September 17th, we had a marvelous time singing and worshipping during the Praise and Thanksgiving service on Sunday. The Boy Scouts gave the invocation and led the prayers. The Old Time Fiddlers played during the Offertory. We sang several old hymns and a few new ones. The choir introduced us to the song "This is My Father's World" which we enjoyed singing at the end of the service.

The weather didn't cooperate for our picnic, so we moved into the Koinonia Building and continued our wonderful time of fellowship. The Boy Scouts cooked hot dogs and hamburgers and the congregation brought a fantastic assortment of side dishes and desserts.

The Old Time Fiddlers played some of our favorite fiddle tunes which we all enjoyed and everyone had a good time.



Sincerely,
Barbara Davis
Community Ministries Deacon

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, October 21st - 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



Practice of Reconciliation

Since the beginning of the year, I have been reading and studying scriptures about the practice of reconciliation. During our Wednesday evening Bible Studies and Prayer Meeting 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

The Women's Grove Bible Study Group

Mondays beginning September 18th

10:00 AM - Room 14

Our Bible Study Book is entitled:

"A Guide to Prayer - Connecting with God"

From Stonecroft Bible Studies

All women are welcome to join us at any time.



Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **October 4th, 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, October 3rd, 5th, 2017**.

Email 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, October 14th**. 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

October 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.

September 24, 2017

SUNDAY, September 24th

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

MONDAY, September 25th

Boy Scouts	7:00
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TUESDAY, September 26th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
First Place	5:30

WEDNESDAY, September 27th

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

THURSDAY, September 28th

Deacons' Business Meeting	5:30
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FRIDAY, September 29th

SATURDAY, September 30th

Uke Practice	10:00
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October 1, 2017

SUNDAY, October 1st

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

MONDAY, October 2nd

Boy Scouts	7:00
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TUESDAY, October 3rd

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, October 4th

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

THURSDAY, October 5th

Fellowship Support at New Far East	1:00
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FRIDAY, October 6th

SATURDAY, October 7th

Uke Practice	10:00
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