



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.

October 18, 2017

Thanksgiving

Jones was a child of privilege. Raised in an affluent community on the Southside of Chicago, he was surrounded with material wealth. His father was an executive in the paper industry and was absent from the home. His mother was an artist, pre-occupied with her own career. Jones would often get into trouble at school, eventually being expelled. He was sent to a regional military academy, where he learned discipline, but the 'hole in his soul' was never filled. He carried this emptiness – this craving – throughout his life and now in his later years, he is an angry old man. He rages against the government, yells at the TV, is isolated and alone. I have never heard him say thank you. I have never heard him express a statement of faith. In my mind he is a lost soul – empty, bitter, and alone.

Smith was a child of family bonds. Raised on a dairy farm in southern Wisconsin, he was surrounded by a loving family that prayed over meals, attended worship on Sunday and told stories to one another. Early on, Smith had a sense of the presence of God and learned thanksgiving. He graduated from high school, worked in a printing business and married young. A few years later, his wife ran off with someone else, leaving him with the three boys they had. At this time he returned to the faith of his youth and committed himself to the church. He struggled to make a living as the boys grew. At one point his business went bankrupt and he lost everything for which he had worked. Still, he stayed close to the church and to God. In his latter years, he lives on a limited income, but is content. He is surrounded by his boys and their families. He faces much adversity, but remains thankful. He claims his life is full.

When we come to an end of things, our life task is to choose between bitterness and thankfulness. Each of us could generate a list of insults, affronts, and personal injuries that could serve as a reason for resentment and bitterness. Or we could choose to remember to give thanks for all the gifts God has offered.

As Paul comes to the end of things, while yet in prison, he writes these beautiful words to the saints in Philippi:

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.
(Philippians 1: 3 – 6)

Being thankful is a statement of faith. It represents humility and recognition of a gift that has been offered. During these days, I join with Paul and give thanks to God as I think of our life together. Like Paul, I am confident that the one who began a good work in us will bring it to completion in his time. Until then, let us be thankful.

Grace and Gratitude,
Pastor Randy

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One Great Hour of Sharing Funds Released in Response to California Fires

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VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/13/17)—In response to wildfires that have been raging throughout Northern California since Oct. 8, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA), has released a \$5,000 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Emergency Disaster Relief Grant to ABCUSA's Growing Healthy Churches region.

"This will be an incredible ray of hope for our pastors to receive and be able to give to those in need," says Pam Breen, Growing Healthy Churches administrator. "What a blessing!"

According to reports from the region, the fires have consumed more than 152,789 acres, resulting in 23 fatalities, 436 missing persons and more than 3,500 homes and businesses destroyed. Winds have been spreading the fires, despite the containment efforts of more than 8,800 firefighters.

The region office will distribute funds to these California churches: CrossWalk Community Church, Napa; New Vintage Church, Santa Rosa; and First Baptist Church, Ukiah. Two of the churches are housing evacuees, while the third is partnering with a community evacuation center.

How you can help

Your prayers are appreciated for survivors, many of whom were forced to flee their homes with little other than the clothes on their backs. Many have no homes to which to return and have lost all their belongings. Your financial gifts will allow survivors to purchase necessities.

Donations can be made via your church; Write OGHS No. Cal. Fires on the Memo line. One hundred percent of donations go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs.

One Great Hour of Sharing is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA. The committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief, disaster rehabilitation, refugee work and development assistance by establishing policy guidelines and overseeing distribution of the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering received by churches.

2017 Mission Trip to Cambodia

By Leslie Miller

Cambodia is a country of 16 million, just slightly smaller than the size of Oklahoma and 97% Buddhist. It is proud of the political and cultural brilliance of the Angkor Empire from the 9th - 15th centuries, however from 1975 - 1979, the massacre of 1.7 million people living under the Pol Pot regime of the Khmer Rouge scarred this country for life.

On November 2nd, I will join a mission team led by Rev. Peter Im, pastor of the Cambodian Ministry of First Baptist Church - Portland, and survivor of the killing fields. We are eleven people strong, two of whom are from Idaho. We will be spending a week supporting the building of a kitchen, engage in VBS with the children and youth and helping poor families living in a village located in the Kompong Chang Province. The Center, led by a youth pastor, has been praying for a kitchen where they can cook nutritious meals and eventually build an Activity Center so they don't have to sit on the ground shaded only by chestnut trees in very hot and humid weather.

I go as Eastwood's ambassador representing your long-standing missions support. I know that many of you would come if you could! I'm not exactly sure what is going to happen, but I go, with my husband's blessing, in response to God's call to be a part of this ministry.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and loving support.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

Luke 9: 23

Thanks!

Dear Eastwood Family,

From a Special Olympics athlete to her church family, all I can say is a lot of "Thank yous!" I started doing Special Olympics at age 8 - can you guess what my first sport was! I decided to do swimming. Twenty years later I am still competing in swimming. I also wanted to say I did reach my goal of \$100. I actually reached over my goal and I'm happy about that, thanks to your help.

My swim meet will be on Sunday, October 22nd. I'm competing in three different races - 25 meter free style, 50 meter back stroke, and relays. I'll keep you guys updated on how I do at my competition for swimming.

Thanks again,
Katy Ceglia

In Gratitude,

Leslie and I would like to thank you good people of Eastwood for the shower of cards, cookies, and other expressions of kindness. We were quite literally surprised by this unexpected gift of appreciation. We will enjoy dinner at Porters soon. Thank you again.

Randy and Leslie.

Eastwood Knitters and Crocheters

We will again be collecting hats and scarves to be donated to the Maslow Project at Christmas time. If you need yarn, please check the closet by the give-away books.

Please bring them to the "yarn closet" or the office when you are finished.

Any questions, call Joan Avery, 541 702-2114 or Barbara Davis, 541 414-4889.

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.

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

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" **home-made 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

November 2017

Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>Oct 29</p> <p>8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service</p>	<p>Oct 30</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>Oct 31</p> <p>All Hallows Eve Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 Uke Practice</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Remembrance Sunday 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 Church Work Party 10:00 Uke Practice</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Veteran's Sunday 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 Builders' Social</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 Women's Fellowship Brunch at Punky's 10:00 Uke Practice</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Thanksgiving Service 8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>Thanksgiving Dinner</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 Uke Practice</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mission Nite with Dan & Sarah Chetti 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Dec 1</p>	<p>Dec 2</p> <p>9:30 Hanging of the Greens 10:00 Uke Practice</p> 

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5-Nov	Earl Simmonds
6-Nov	Geraldine Bucher
8-Nov	Kari Donham
8-Nov	Jaden Foster
8-Nov	Jon Skaggs
14-Nov	Tanny Flowers
15-Nov	Sue Becker
15-Nov	Linda Millus
15-Nov	Lucas Ramirez
15-Nov	Lyndi Saylor
17-Nov	Jerry White
18-Nov	Angelica Ramirez
19-Nov	Dorothy Curtis
19-Nov	George Nye
19-Nov	Lloyd Stalcup
19-Nov	Eli Whitmoyer
19-Nov	Dick Wilson
20-Nov	Ruth Jolly
24-Nov	Terry Miller
24-Nov	Julie Tiffany
25-Nov	Alexis Rosenthal
26-Nov	Shelby Boyersmith
26-Nov	Jean Brummet
27-Nov	Cathy Thayer

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

22-Nov Sandy & Sue Shaw

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

"I Am" - New Bible Study Series

The "I Am" Bible study series begins Sunday, October 22nd, in the Walker Room at 9:15 a.m. You are welcome to join us in this eight week class that examines the wonderful "I Am" statements of Jesus.

Eastwood's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

November 29th!

Immediately following the
Worship Service



Your fellowship committee will be serving turkey with ALL the trimmings. In order to accommodate everyone we need an accurate count so please make reservations on your communication cards or call Sue in the church office.

Mercy Flights Membership Time



It is time to join or renew your Mercy Flights Group Membership. This year's membership expires on October 31st. Our group rate is \$64.00 per household for Combined Air & Ground Membership. Enrollment forms are at the Welcome Center. You do not have to fill out an enrollment form if you are not making any changes and are a returning member.

Please have your check (**made out to Mercy Flights**) and enrollment form turned into the church office by October 23rd. **Please bring the check to the Church Office and not in the offering plate.**

Looking for a Good Family Movie to Watch?

New DVD's at the Library:

A Horse for Summer: Family Adventure Collection
6 movies of survival

Princess and the Pony
Family Classic

Courage
Starring Jason Priestly

Seven Alone
A Remarkable True Story



In Memory of Marjorie Peterson

At Home in the body: May 18, 1920

At home with the Lord: October 3, 2017

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday,
October 27th at 2:00 p.m. Perl - Siskiyou Memorial Park

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, November 18th - 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

**The Women's Grove Bible Study Group
Mondays
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.



October 22, 2017

SUNDAY, October 22nd

Prayer in Chapel	8:00
Sunday School	9:15
Worship Service, Pastor Miller, speaking "The Disorienting Journey of Jesus"	10:30

MONDAY, October 23rd

Women's Grove Bible Study	10:00
Boy Scouts	7:00

TUESDAY, October 24th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, October 25th

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

THURSDAY, October 26th

Knitting & Crocheting Group	3:30
Deacons' Business Meeting	5:30

FRIDAY, October 27th

Memorial Service for Marjorie Peterson	2:00
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SATURDAY, October 28th

Uke Practice	10:00
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Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **November 1st, 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, October 31st, 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, November 11th**. 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

November 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.

October 29th, 2017

SUNDAY, October 29th

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

MONDAY, October 30th

Women's Grove Bible Study	10:00
Boy Scouts	7:00

TUESDAY, October 31st

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, November 1st

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

THURSDAY, November 2nd

Fellowship Support at New Far East	1:00
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FRIDAY, November 3rd

SATURDAY, November 4th

Uke Practice	10:00
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