



# The Eastwood Beacon

*Eastwood nurtures positive development in people's lives through the love and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

## MODERATORS MOMENTS

Sunset Magazine is going through a substantial change not unlike Eastwood Baptist Church. "Sunset has a new owner/publisher, only the fifth in its 120-year history and the first owner and publisher to have been born and raised in the world that Sunset helped define. Since its inception, Sunset has thrived because it has adhered to a policy of not being all things to all people. That's precisely what anchors it to the region it so passionately chronicles. After all, the West has long been a place where dreamers, explorers and adventurers come to build their lives and embrace the art of the possible." (Taken from a letter from the Publisher, February 2018). You say, how is this not unlike Eastwood? Well Eastwood is moving through a change of Pastors which dates back to its beginning when Sara Louise Walker was called by a group of people who felt the call to plant a new American Baptist Church in Medford. Eastwood has transitioned through pastors since the beginning and each new pastor brought a different approach to ministry but always based on Biblical teaching and principles. As the new publisher of Sunset brings a new approach to the basic message, it is still "one that continues to serve the pioneering voice of the promise, values and spirit of this magical place and its dynamic people." (Ibid) The new pastor God has already picked for Eastwood will bring Biblical teaching and principles the same as have continued from the start but with a different strong commitment to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Max Lucado in his devotional book "God is With You every day" raises the question "Who Are You?" He says You are:

- God's Child (John 1:12)
- Christ's friend (John 15:15)
- A member of Christ's body (1 Cor. 121:27)
- A saint (Eph. 1:1)
- Redeemed and forgiven of all you sins (Col. 1:14)
- Complete in Christ, lacking in nothing (Col. 2:10)
- Free from condemnation (Romans 8:1-2)
- God's coworker (2 Cor. 6:1)
- Seated with Christ in the heavenly realm (Eph. 2:6)
- God's workmanship (Eph.2:10)
- A citizen of heaven (Phil. 3:20)
- Adopted into God's family (Eph. 1:5)
- Born of God, and the evil one cannot touch you (I John 5:18)

He closes the devotion with the following: "Get acquainted with your new self." P. 17

Yes, I believe we are closely related to both Sunset and Lucado's devotion. We are in transition following the retirement of our most recent senior pastor. Our commitment to the Biblical teachings and principles are foremost in our minds as we move to call a new senior pastor who will follow what Eastwood has always been and continues to be. We are a light on the hill shining Gods word to our congregation, neighborhood, community and throughout the world.

Peace and Joy to you all.  
Jerry Darby, Moderator

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## 'The Christian Citizen' Features ABHMS Executive Director's Martin Luther King Jr.-Inspired Essay

### A dangerous unselfishness By Dr. Jeffrey Haggray

Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness. ... That's the question before you tonight. Not, "If I stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to my job?" Not, "If I stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to all of the hours that I usually spend in my office every day and every week as a pastor?" The question is not, "If I stop to help this man in need, what will happen to me?" The question is, "If I do not stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to them?" That's the question. ... Well, I don't know what will happen now; we've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life—longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. And so I'm happy tonight; I'm not worried about anything; I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Annually, we observe the life and legacy of a great American, great Baptist minister and 20th century prophet, born 89 years ago on Jan. 15 in Atlanta: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The poignancy of his prophetic words coupled with the soul-wrenching tenor of his spiritual reflections may cause us to imagine that King was a much older man when he rendered his powerful sermons. King was only 39 years old on the eve of his assassination when he delivered the "Mountaintop" sermon.

In some respects, King eulogized himself in that stirring sermon, wherein he appeared to forecast his own death. He began the sermon by supposing that he was taking a *panoramic view of the whole human history up to now, and the Almighty said to me, "Martin Luther King, which age would you like to live in?"*

King culminated his ruminations on a series of possibilities for his life by positing himself in the United States of America during the height of the Civil Rights Movement. With all of the glorious options in history that King considered, he might have opted out of his particular socio-political circumstances. Nevertheless, he determined that the ultimate value and meaning of his own life were inseparable from the human and civil rights struggles of the 1960s.

By the time King reached his climactic words above, he had already established rhetorically and biographically that his brief life was dedicated to making dangerous sacrifices for the sake of causes bigger than his own interests. King's admonition—"Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness"—causes shivers up and down the spine of persons of conscience to this day.

Still we find ourselves inhabiting a nation and world in which the denial of human rights, injustice, violence, racial discrimination and a host of other evils that existed in 1968 persists to this day.

Still we find the all-too-human temptation on the part of "good" people to look the other way, not get involved, limit our exposure, mind our own business, or to avoid becoming political or controversial in the face of gross injustices and incivility.

Taking action or speaking up on behalf of others who are suffering indignities, persecution, oppression or any form of human evil is increasingly risky. We can delude ourselves into thinking that if we simply limit our issues, close our eyes, look the other way, focus on self-preservation or "simply pray for all those people suffering" that we have fulfilled our Christian duty. However, the young King set a high bar for all people for generations to come by taking a principled stand for justice on behalf of others, even when doing so increased the risks to his own life. In doing so, said King, he patterned his own life on Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, who risked his life to rescue a complete stranger on the Jericho Road.

As we observe King's legacy during this season of immense social, moral and political unrest in America, the well-being of persons representing a broad spectrum—including immigrants, persons living in poverty, the uninsured, unemployed, homeless, addicted, incarcerated, marginalized, stigmatized, and so on ad infinitum—is threatened daily. The bell of freedom and righteousness continues to summon men and women of conscience and moral concern to sacrifice personal comforts, resources and conventional respectability for the sake of justice, advocacy and protections for all those who are too weak to defend themselves.

What sacrifices are we prepared to make in our time for the sake of others who are defenseless? What might dangerous unselfishness look like for you and me?

## Thanks and Praise

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### *Thank You,*

Your kind expressions of sympathy - cards, phone calls, hugs, cookies, - were so appreciated after the loss of my dear husband, John. How blessed we are to be a part of such a caring church family!

Virginia Yungen & Family

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### **In Gratitude**

We would like to thank the good people of Eastwood for the wonderful "Retirement Roast" last Sunday. Thanks to Sandy Tepper and her kitchen team for preparing the tables and main course, which was complemented by your home made dishes. Fred Grewe commented, "Baptist Churches always have the best cooks." I agree.

When I heard there was to be a roast, I expected to be skewered and turned over the hot fire of ribbing. Instead, we were warmed over by your expressions of love and kindness until we were quite well done (and overwhelmed). Days later, we are still enjoying the left-overs of our time together. Those flavors and memories only improve with age.

Thank you again for allowing us to walk with you these years. Ours has been a good journey.

Grace and Love,  
Randy and Leslie Miller

## **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

**Eric Lektorich**, Army National Guard

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.

**Tim & Mary Dady** serving in Latvia

## **2018 Board of Deacons**

Moderator	Jerry Darby
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Nominating/Personnel	Susan Skaggs
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# February 2018

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

Jan 28  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Michael Saylor, speaking	Jan 29  10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study  7 :00 Boys Scouts	Jan 30  Noon - Men's Bible Study	Jan 31  11:00 Staff Meeting 7:15 Choir Practice	1  1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	2	3  6:00 Youth Group
4  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Michael Saylor, speaking	5  10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study  7 :00 Boys Scouts	6  Noon - Men's Bible Study	7  11:00 Staff Meeting 7:15 Choir Practice	8  3:30 Knitting & Crocheting Group  5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting  6:30 Worship Committee Meeting	9	10  9:00 Church Work Party 6:00 Youth Group
11  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Don Hildebrand, speaking	12  10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study  7 :00 Boys Scouts	13  Noon - Men's Bible Study	14  <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b>  11:00 Staff Meeting 7:15 Choir Practice	15	16  9:00 Builders' Social 4:00 Youth Ski Trip	17  9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's  4:00 Youth Return from Ski Trip
18  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Don Hildebrand, speaking	19  <b>President's Day</b>  10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study  7 :00 Boys Scouts	20  Noon - Men's Bible Study	21  11:00 Staff Meeting 7:15 Choir Practice	22  3:30 Knitting & Crocheting Group  5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	23	24  6:00 Youth Group
25  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Ev Denniston, speaking	26  10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study  7 :00 Boys Scouts	27  Noon - Men's Bible Study	28  11:00 Staff Meeting 7:15 Choir Practice	Mar 1  1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	Mar 2	Mar 3  6:00 Youth Group

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3-Feb	Steve Yungen
4-Feb	Ardy Ross
6-Feb	Jerry Darby
8-Feb	Barbara Davis
9-Feb	Beth Becker
9-Feb	Randy Miller
9-Feb	Sandy Shaw
15-Feb	Amanda Arnett
15-Feb	Keri Sandstrom
16-Feb	Gene Rashe'
17-Feb	Tanny Flowers Jr.
17-Feb	Dorothy Noyes
18-Feb	Janice Calvert
18-Feb	Carol Miller
19-Feb	Cami Austin
19-Feb	Liliana Flowers
19-Feb	Bobbie Jaquette
22-Feb	Kelsey Robinson
22-Feb	Bette Wheatley
23-Feb	Oscar Scott
26-Feb	Mary Lou Bradley
26-Feb	Jonna Robinson
26-Feb	Eliana Sayler

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

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### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14-Feb	Don & Gerri Bolles
17-Feb	Eldon & Jean Allsup
27-Feb	Dale & Sandy Tepper

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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.

## Mission Giving Opportunity

January's Mission Giving Opportunity will be Rainbow Acres. Rainbow Acres was founded in 1974, but existed as a dream long before. Rev. Ralph Showers grew up to be an accomplished American Baptist pastor and a social visionary, but spent much of his childhood struggling through school with learning disabilities, including dyslexia. He dreamed of creating a place where adults with developmental disabilities could lead lives guided by meaning, purpose, dignity and spiritual strength. Through physical, emotional and operations setbacks, this dream survived to become Rainbow Acres - a special place where miracles occur every day. For over 40 years, Rainbow Acres has been empowering people with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose.

Rainbow Acres is located in the central part of Arizona, just an hour and a half drive north of Phoenix and 20 minutes from Sedona and its incredible Red Rocks. Residential facilities include twelve homes, each with 10 private bedrooms and a Caregiver suite, and eight on-bedroom apartments that allow a greater degree of independence for Ranchers who meet rigorous requirements of self-management.

Program areas include:

- The Worden Lifelong learning Center
- The Daehler building with multiple craft rooms and recreation room
- Three greenhouses and a small orchard
- A modern, well-equipped barn with stables and a riding arena
- Trails for walkers, bicyclers and highly experienced horseback riders.

Bottles are available on the Mission table to take home and bring back with your loose change.

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast  
Saturday, February 17th - 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



**Church Work Day**  
Inviting ALL who want to help "spruce up" our church.

The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, February 10th**. 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

**2018 Calendars**

2018 Calendars are available at the Welcome Center. Please help yourself.



**Eastwood Beacon**

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **February 7th, 2018**. 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, February 6th, 2017**.

Email [sbecker@ebcmedford.org](mailto:sbecker@ebcmedford.org)  
This Beacon will not be mailed.

**February  
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.

**2018 Giving Statements**

Please check your Annual Individual Giving Statement for Accuracy. If you have any questions, contact Sue Becker in the church office.

**January 28, 2018**

**SUNDAY, January 28th**

Sunday School 9:15  
Worship Service, 10:30  
Rev. Michael Sayler, preaching

**MONDAY, January 29th**

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

**TUESDAY, January 30th**

Men's Luncheon 12:00

**WEDNESDAY, January 31st**

Staff Meeting 11:00  
Choir Practice 7:15

**THURSDAY, February 1st**

Fellowship Support at New Far East 1:00

**FRIDAY, February 2nd**

**SATURDAY, February 3rd**

Youth Group 6:00

**February 4, 2018**

**SUNDAY, February 4th**

Sunday School 9:15  
Worship Service, Rev. Michael Sayler, preaching 10:30

**MONDAY, February 5th**

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

**TUESDAY, February 6th**

Men's Bible Study Noon

**WEDNESDAY, February 7th**

Staff Meeting 11:00  
Choir Practice 7:15

**THURSDAY, February 8th**

Knitting & Crocheting Group 3:30  
Deacons' Agape Meeting 5:30  
Worship Committee Meeting 6:30

**FRIDAY, February 9th**

**SATURDAY, February 10th**

Church Work Party 9:00  
Youth Group 6:00