



The Eastwood Beacon

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

February 7, 2018

What is Love?

We are now two months into the New Year and time is already flying! The month of February is a peculiar one, due to a peculiar holiday. Valentines day, a holiday where every one shows their love for others by buying gifts, candies, or ridiculously huge stuffed animals. Valentines day often comes with a lot of *clichés* and a lot of unhealthy ideals. This time of year we see romantic movies in theaters, most of which portray very unhealthy views of relationships among significant others, friends, or families. By idolizing these relationships we see on the big screen we can fall into some of those same unhealthy habits. It is so important that we look at how our personal relationships reflect our relationship with God.

At Full Draw this month we are tackling a new series called "What is Love?" In this series we are discussing the different types of love: *Agape*, *Phileo*, and *Eros*. When we begin to think of how to love we typically use God's examples as a model. *Agape* love is the highest form of love, a divine love, a love that is unconditional, and one that only God can really perform due to the fact that it is completely and 100% *UNCONDITIONAL*. It is without boundaries, has no requirements, no pre-existing rules, and is given even though we don't deserve it.

Phileo love is a Greek word that means an affectionate regard between friends, or equals. It is considered a "brotherly love." That is why Philadelphia is known as the city of brotherly love – it is taken from the word *Phileo*. The bible holds *Agape* and *Phileo* love in very high regards. In John it says "Greater is no love than this, that a man lay his life down for a friend." *Phileo* love forces us to think deeper toward others. Unlike *Agape* love, it is based upon your affection for a friend. In some of the original texts of the bible, when Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him, the first two times Jesus is using the *Agape* type of love, the third time however Jesus uses the *Phileo* type of love. Jesus knew Peter loved him because he was his Lord, and because of the love God asks us to show all people, but he wanted to know why Peter loved him intimately as a friend.

The third type of love is "*Eros*" or "*Erotas*." It is a love like the intimate love between spouse's and Jesus' love for the church. *Eros* is a passionate love. How much did Jesus love the church? Enough to die on the cross for his bride. *Eros* love is reserved for marriage, for physical and spiritual bonding. It is meant to go deeper. It is also meant to be an intimate and passionate love for our relationship with God, a "*divine romance*." Where we have love, we must also have God, where we have passion, we must remember God, where we grow deeper with our spouses, we must simultaneously grow deeper with God, for "A cord of three strands, is not easily broken."

My challenge for myself, and all of us, this month is to reflect on these three types of loves in our lives, how to implement and practice them within our relationship with God and with family, friends, and strangers.

Let us love like God loves!

Grant Rubin
Youth Director

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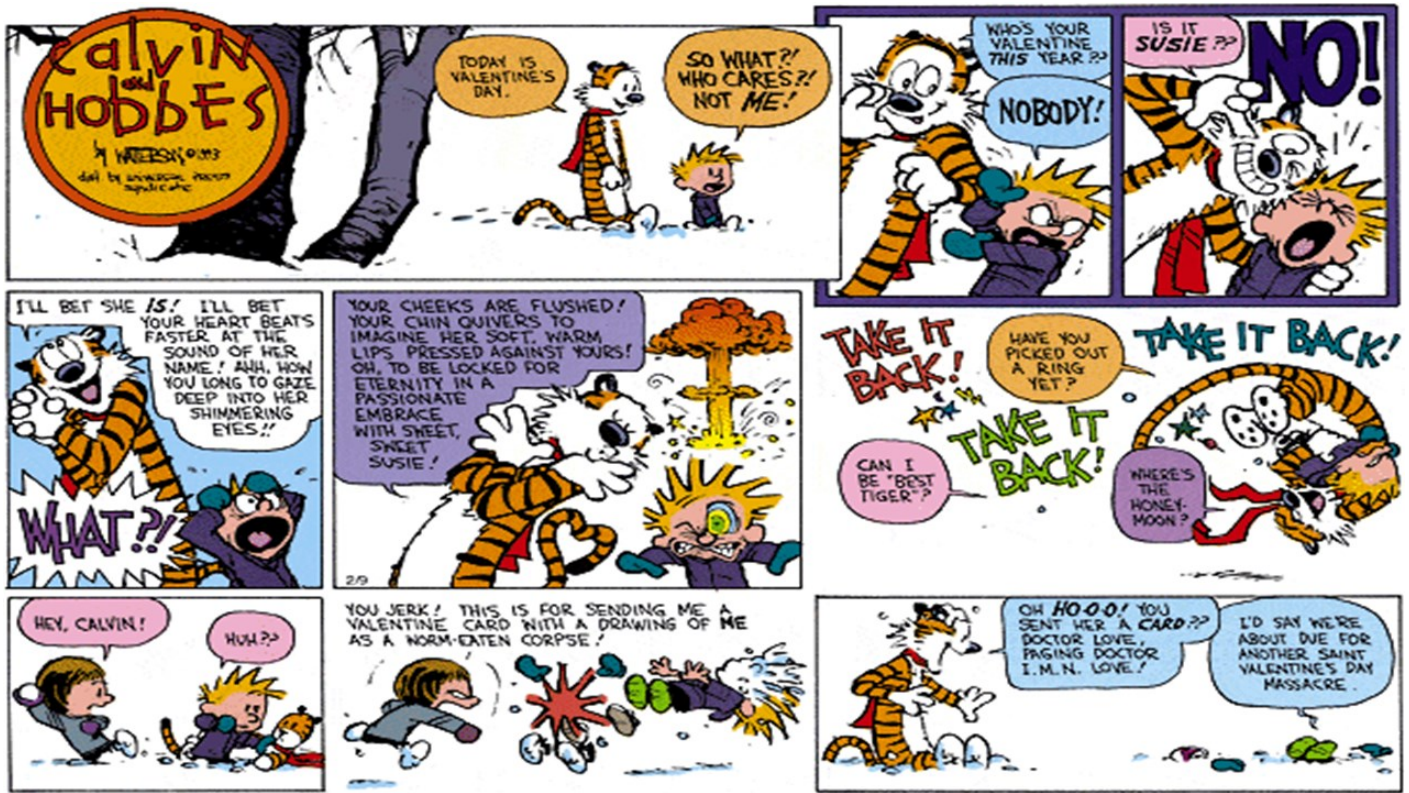
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Greetings Mission Committee of Eastwood Baptist Church!

On behalf of the Cambodian Children Ministry (CCM) and as a founder and a missionary of CCM, I would like to deeply thank your church for the contribution to support the children in Cambodia. Because of your contribution, there were many projects during the mission trip in November of 2017 made possible. There were 1,000 school supply packages to the students, twelve packages of food supplies to the poor families, and twenty-five school uniforms to the poor elementary school students. We as the mission trip team in 2017 had an honor and delighted in delivering your support to those poor children and their families.

We pray and hope that your engagement in this ministry of CCM continues to bless those children for His Kingdom. May our living God richly bless your church ministries as you have partnered with us to reach Cambodian souls for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours In His Service,
 Rev. Peter V. Im, Cambodian Children Ministry

From Leslie Miller - Member of the Mission Team

I just saw these pictures on Facebook today. This room is adjacent to the kitchen. When I was there, there were no cabinets, tables, or tiling. They have classes for students and parents.



Thanks and Praise (2/4)

Thank you, Rev. Michael Saylor. Enjoyed your words today!

Choir – Beautiful hymn!

Thank You!

Dear Good Souls of Eastwood,

Thank you for funding transportation for us in December. We enjoyed our time and letting our children learn the real and true meaning of Christmas. Madison and Josiah loved seeing you all. We're missing Pastor Randy, but we'll probably be down in a few weeks. The kids are just getting the flu.

Again, thank you for everything.

All our love,
Jacob & Julie Kinsman

Love,
Madison

Love,
Josiah

Candles-In-A-Can Candles & Wax

Let your light shine - Matthew 5:16. Candles-in-a-can are put together and delivered to St. Vincent for the homeless. It may seem a small gesture of love, but truly is appreciated by those less fortunate. If you have 14.5 oz. vegetable cans and/or wax, we can use them at this time. Please leave them in the box on the table in the foyer. We cannot use the lift-off top cans or lined cans. Thank you!

If you have any questions please contact Barbara Davis 541-326-2035.



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

Mission Giving Opportunity

February's Mission Giving Opportunity will be The Pregnancy Resource Center. The mission of the Pregnancy Center is to provide education, godly guidance, supportive programs and loving encouragement to those who may be pregnant, parenting or post-abortive.

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

Pastoral Search Committee

If you are interested in serving on the Pastoral Search Committee, please contact any one of the Deacons and submit your name for consideration.

2018 Giving Statements

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

**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

**February & March 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.

New Address

Gene Versteeg
2546 Waters Edge Way
Medford, OR 97504



Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **February 21st, 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 20th, 2018**.

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

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will be taking a Sabbatical rest for the month of January. We will resume at a date to be announced some time in February.

2018 Calendars

A gift to you of a calendar for the coming year will be available toward the end of December.

Most of the things worth doing in the world
had been declared impossible
before they were done.

...With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19: 26

February 11, 2017

SUNDAY, February 11th

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

MONDAY, February 12th

Women's Grove Bible Study	10:00
Boy Scouts Troop 5	7:00

TUESDAY, February 13th

Men's Luncheon	12:00
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WEDNESDAY, February 14th - Ash Wednesday

Staff Meeting	11:00
Choir Practice	7:15

THURSDAY, February 15th

FRIDAY, February 16th

Builder's Social	9:00
Youth leave for Ski trip	4:00

SATURDAY, February 17th

Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's	9:30
Youth return from Ski trip	4:00

February 18, 2017

SUNDAY, February 18th

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

MONDAY, February 19th

Women's Grove Bible Study	10:00
Boy Scouts Troop 5	7:00

TUESDAY February 20th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, February 21st

Staff Meeting	11:00
Choir Practice	7:15

THURSDAY, February 22nd

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

FRIDAY, February 23rd

SATURDAY, February 24th

Youth Group	6:00
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