



The Eastwood Beacon

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

February 21, 2018

Notes from the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast Board of Ministry Meeting - February 8 - 9, 2018

Suzan and I traveled to Camp Arrah Wanna where I attended my first meeting of the Region board mentioned above. The members of this board come from both Oregon and California as our region now consists of 84 or so churches reaching from the Washington State border to just south of Fresno, California.

The mission statement opening paragraph reads as follows:

The churches comprising the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast are joined together in a covenant partnership to resource, empower and equip one another to discover and fulfill their unique mission in their communities and around the world. They are committed to cooperate in the mission and ministries that can be best accomplished jointly. The Region structure and staff are established and maintained collectively by the churches to accomplish this mission.

In order to accomplish the above Mission Statement, a Board of Ministry shall be established that represents the ministries of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast.

That being stated the remainder of the document is the explanation of the Board of Ministry, its function, membership, polity, officers, meetings, power, executive committee, ministry teams, nominating committee, parliamentary authority, and amendments.

Our Executive Minister, Steve Bils, took us through a very thorough explanation and training of the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws so we in attendance would be better able to see our role as members. We participated in the business meeting of the board, hearing and addressing the normal items that appear before a board of this nature. There were several items regarding growth of churches being served by the region including the addition of three new congregations who applied and were accepted into membership of the region. There were a couple sensitive issues still being addressed by the board during the coming week where a direction will be established.

The guest speaker for the two days was Dr. Jolene Erlacher who has researched and written a book "Millennials in Ministry" dealing with the generations as they change and how they can be cared for by the church as each one comes of age. I would encourage any of you interested to visit her web site "[Leading Tomorrow, Strategies for a New Generation](#)". She travels the world speaking and educating churches with these strategies for working with our Christian brothers and sisters from Generation X, Millennials, and Generation Y.

All in all, the time with faithful American Baptist Believers was very warming and uplifting.

Jerry Darby
Moderator

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AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2018



Dear Mission Partner,

For American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), equipping disciples entails supporting and enabling highly motivated Christian disciple-makers who are delivering the Good News of Jesus Christ and producing life-saving and life-giving change in individuals and congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico.

The theme for the America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2018 is “Equipping Disciples,” informed by this biblical text: *“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-13, NRSV).*

ABHMS works to broaden our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus in word and deed for the 21st century, and to nurture discipleship by expanding our network of highly motivated change-agents who share the Good News and impact the world with God’s love. In this way, we encourage authentic Christian discipleship in which the fullness of the Gospel—in its personal and social implications—are manifested in individuals living Jesus’ message, involved in their communities and carrying out God’s call in their lives.

As you contribute to AFC, you enable ABHMS to provide high-quality Christian resources and encouragement to our network of disciple-makers, thereby improving their effectiveness in equipping other Christians. Our Equipping Disciples team facilitates virtual communities and networks of American Baptists engaged in discipleship for mutual support and enrichment.

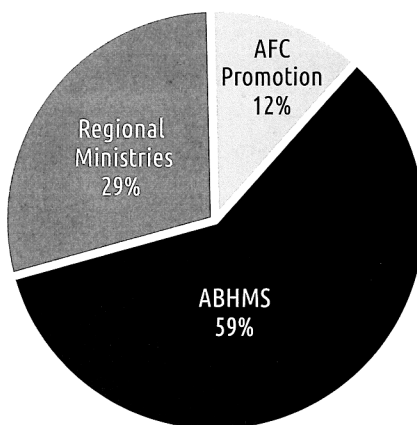
Additional resources offered by the team support church transformation, evangelism, Workshops for Church Life and Leadership, the Discipleship & Christian Education Guide and The Christian Citizen magazine. Discipleship materials are available from Judson Press, ABHMS’ publishing ministry, on topics ranging from Christian living, Christian education, church leadership and Bible study to preaching, pastoral ministry and Baptist heritage. Please give generously to the America for Christ Offering 2018.

With gratitude for your generosity,



Dr. Jeffrey Haggray
Executive Director, ABHMS
American Baptist Churches USA

What Your Gifts to the AFC Offering Support



One-third of the AFC Offering supports regional mission efforts. For more details about what AFC supports in your region, please contact your regional office.

Your AFC gifts to American Baptist Home Mission Societies help support the following ministry efforts:

CULTIVATING LEADERS

- Aligned Action Networks
- American Baptist Personnel Services
- Chaplaincy and Specialized Ministries
- Emerging Leaders and Scholarships
- Intercultural Ministries
- Passionary Movement

EQUIPPING DISCIPLES

- Church Transformation
- Evangelism
- Workshops for Church Life and Leadership
- In Support of Excellence

HEALING COMMUNITIES

- Disability Ministries
- Disaster Response
- Prisoner Re-entry and Aftercare
- Immigration and Refugee Resettlement
- Rizpah's Children
- Volunteer Mobilization
- Socially Responsible Investing
- Public Witness and Advocacy

Thanks and Praise

Thank You!

Many thanks to those who have prayed for me during my illness! God heard and is answering!

God's blessings and my love.
Maxine Gilmer

Thanks!

I went home Monday morning after a little over two weeks at rehab in Three Fountains. I want to thank you for the cards I received, the prayer lap robe, the sack of goodies and most of all the visits from caring friends & family. It will be a few weeks before I will be able to come to church.

Brien Blankenship, a servant of Christ

Thank You Eastwood Teddy Bear Ministry!

February 7, 2017

Last night my daughter went to the emergency room with an acute allergic reaction that was putting her into anaphylactic shock. It was very traumatic for us all. A nurse brought Mya a beautiful purple teddy bear that made her so very happy. We saw that it was donated by Eastwood. Thanks to your parish for their kindness, it was a bright spot for our little one during a rough night. She's doing much better today and has named her bear "Heartly". Poor thing also broke her arm on Friday falling off the swings. She's had a rough week! She takes that little bear everywhere with her now, ha ha.



So thanks again!

Jesse Gelsinger
Cub Master
Pack 5

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

Thanks!

We want to thank the following for their work on
"Work Party Day" and during the week:

Merle Neufeld

Paul Klatt

Carrie Wallis

We look forward to having more workers in March.

Thanks Again,
Don Eastman
Buildings & Properties Deacon



March 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Feb 25 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Ev Denniston, Preaching	Feb 26 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7 :00 Boys Scouts	Feb 27 Noon - Men's Bible Study	Feb 28 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 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 Don Hildebrand, Speaking	5 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7 :00 Boys Scouts	6 Noon - Men's Bible Study	7 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 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 Rev. Barbara Haddon, preaching	12	13 Noon - Men's Bible Study	14 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	15	16 9:00 Builders' Social	17 9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's 6:00 Youth Group
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Fred Grewe, preaching	19 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7 :00 Boys Scouts	20 Noon - Men's Bible Study	21 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	22 3:30 Knitting & Crocheting Group 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	23	24 6:00 Youth Group
25 Palm Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Grant Rubin, speaking	26 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7 :00 Boys Scouts	27 Noon - Men's Bible Study	28 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	29 Maundy Thursday 6:30 Worship Service 7:00 Dinner	30 Good Friday	31 6:00 Youth Group

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5-Mar Kaela Flowers
7-Mar Hunter Mahaffey
8-Mar Alrene Adams
8-Mar Tom Kofford
8-Mar Walter Vail
8-Mar Rick Werner
11-Mar Eddie Goulart
11-Mar Richard Millus
14-Mar Richard Avery
14-Mar Carlene Whitmoyer
20-Mar Hugh Barnhill
20-Mar Rosalie Bowman
21-Mar Dale Tepper
26-Mar Scott Lektorich
26-Mar Linda Tripp
27-Mar Roxanne Ramirez
28-Mar Jeanette Mitchell
30-Mar Mary Lou Gebhard
31-Mar Joan Avery
31-Mar Jacob Kinsman

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

9-Mar Bill & Carolyn Dutton

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



Easter Lilies

On Resurrection Sunday our Worship Center will be decorated with live Easter Lilies. We are inviting our congregation to individually purchase these Easter lilies. The Worship Committee will place the flowers and care for them.

If you are interested in purchasing an Easter Lily, please fill in the necessary information and return the slip to the office. The cost is \$10 each.

On Resurrection Sunday we will publish who the lilies are "In Honor of" or "In Memory of." You may take your lily home after the worship service.

I will purchase _____ Easter lily (lilies)

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Name _____

Telephone _____

Easter at Eastwood 2018 Holy Week activities



Palm
Sunday

March 25th

Grant Rubin, Eastwood
Youth Director, Speaking

March 29th



Our Maundy Thursday Service will begin in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. Dinner will take place in the Koinonia Building at 7:00 pm. Please sign up on your Communication Cards or call the church office.



April 1st

Easter Sunday
Communion Service
Rev. George Nye, preaching

Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, March 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, March 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



Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be March 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, March 6th, 2017.**

Email sbecker@ebcmedford.org

This Beacon will not be mailed.

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.



"It says on your résumé that you were created in God's image. Very impressive."

February 25, 2018

SUNDAY, February 25th

Sunday School 9:15
Worship Service, 10:30
Rev. Ev Denniston, preaching

MONDAY, February 26th

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

TUESDAY, February 27th

Men's Luncheon 12:00

WEDNESDAY, February 28th

Staff Meeting 11:00
Choir Practice 7:00

THURSDAY, March 1st

Fellowship Support at New Far East 1:00

FRIDAY, March 2nd

SATURDAY, March 3rd

Youth Group 6:00

March 4, 2018

SUNDAY, March 4th

Sunday School 9:15
Communion Worship Service 10:30
Don Hildebrand, speaking

MONDAY, March 5th

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

TUESDAY, March 6th

Men's Bible Study Noon

WEDNESDAY, March 7th

Staff Meeting 11:00
Choir Practice 7:00

THURSDAY, March 8th

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

FRIDAY, March 9th

SATURDAY, March 10th

Church Work Party 9:00