



The Eastwood Beacon

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

July 11, 2018

The Many Faces of Freedom

Can you believe it? We just celebrated the 4th of July! With all of the parties, picnics, and parades behind us it is easy to forget to be grateful for the fact that the freedom we have isn't limited to one day. As we pause to remember and be grateful for the freedoms we have as U.S. citizens let's also give thanks for the freedoms we have as Baptist and as Christians.

The theme of my sermons in June and July has been and will continue to be freedom. The series has included four historic Baptist affirmations which are often referred to as "Four Fragile Freedoms," a title coined by Walter B. Shurden, Professor of Christianity and Executive Director of the Center for Baptist Studies at Mercer University. The four freedoms referred to are:

Bible Freedom – that the Bible, under the Lordship of Christ, must be central in the life of the individual and church and that Christians, with the best and most scholarly tools of inquiry, are both free and obligated to study and obey Scripture.

Soul Freedom – that it is the inalienable right and responsibility of every person to deal with God without the imposition of creed, the interference of clergy, or the intervention of civil government.

Church Freedom – that local churches are free, under the lordship of Christ, to determine their membership and leadership, to order their worship and work, to ordain whom they perceive as gifted for ministry, male or female, and to participate in the larger Body of Christ, of whose unity and mission Baptists are proudly a part.

Religious Freedom – freedom OF religion, freedom FOR religion, and freedom FROM religion, insisting that Caesar is not Christ and Christ is not Caesar.

Shurden wrote that it was important to him that the polarity of freedom and responsibility be underscored, that fundamental to each of the Baptist freedoms there is a solemn trust, a charge, an obligation, and an undying responsibility. He, like the authors of the Constitution, believed that with every freedom comes responsibility.

So it is with our faith. With freedom in Christ comes responsibilities; to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength; to love our neighbors as ourselves, to share the Good News of the Gospel with all nations, to walk humbly, love mercy and do justice.

I encourage you to spend some time reflecting on the freedoms we have as followers of Christ, as Baptists and as U.S. citizens. Let's also take time to thank God for the freedoms we have and seek God's wisdom in how best to live them out in our lives.

Let Freedom Ring!

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Progressive Dinner

Saturday, July 21st 5:00 p.m.

We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. and carpool to the various locations which are:

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| Appetizers | Home of Aaron & Cathy Thayer |
| Salad | Home of Ellen Husel |
| BBQ Burgers & Baked Beans | Home of Jerry and Sue Lektorich |
| Cobbler & Ice Cream | Home of the Brien & Jan Blankenship |

Please sign up on your yellow communications cards or call the Church Office.

Questions? Call Sue Lektorich (541) 499-1059 or Ellen Husel (541) 531-1848.



Welcome to Southern Oregon where one minute it may be 109 degrees outside and the next minute it may be 49 degrees. Which, from what I have been told, means that summer has officially arrived. With the arrival of summer should come the arrival of fun! This is why for the month of July Full Draw Student Ministry will be having a series entitled, "Adventure is Out There!" Each week we will have a different outdoor adventure. A hike day, a lake day, a rafting day, and a beach day. A relaxed series of fun events where we engage in games, fellowship, and enjoying God's beautiful artwork! All information about each upcoming event in the month of July will be posted on the Full Draw Facebook page!

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| July 12 | Lost Creek Lake | 9 am - 8 pm |
| July 19 | White Water Rafting | 9 am - 4 pm |
| July 26 | Swinging Bridge | 9 am - 4 pm |

Update from Pastoral Search Committee - EVERY VOICE IS IMPORTANT!

On Sunday July 29 immediately following worship there will be a congregational conversation during which you will have an opportunity to let the Pastoral Search Committee know what you think is the most important thing you would like to see in a pastor for Eastwood Baptist Church. Every voice at EBC is important so please plan to attend and share your thoughts.

You're invited!

COME EARLY
Enjoy the sunrise at Virginia Beach and relax!

STAY LATE
Discounts will be available after the event to visit local activities and attractions.

CELEBRATE our unique American Baptist identity with your sisters and brothers at the 2019 Biennial Mission Summit in Virginia Beach, Virginia, June 21-23, 2019.

www.americanbaptists2019.com

Join us for the *Summit by the Sea!*

**New Opportunities ...
Awesome ABC Mission**

We are excited that the American Baptist Churches 2019 Biennial Mission Summit will feature an all new ABCUSA Biennial Academy—offering continuing education and spiritual growth opportunities for both clergy and lay leaders.

Bring the whole family! Virginia Beach is a top family-friendly destination. In 2019, exciting VBS-style classes will be offered for elementary, middle, and high school ages. Day care will also be available.

Mark your calendars now—
June 21-23, 2019

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA **BIENNIAL Mission Summit**
Summit by the Sea
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Virginia Beach, Virginia

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Thanks & Praise

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and well wishes for Sandy. (Sue Shaw)

Thank you to God for our safe travels last weekend to visit my dad and brother in California. First time he met Alex and our newest grandson! (Terri Bish)

Thank you Ralph – God has given so many gifts – I’m thankful for a heart and voice that loves the Lord.

Thanks and Praise for Ralph’s gift of music.

Still here! (Marvin Hart)

Thankful for time with my brother, (Joan Daniel)

Praise God for the rescue of 4 boys from a Cave in Thailand.

Thank you to Eastwood for your support and care. (Vernon Petermeyer)

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL GATHERING

The **2018** American Baptists Churches of the Central Pacific Coast Annual Gathering will be held on **October 19-21**, in Richmond, CA. For more information please pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.

THE OFFICE – Maxine Gilmer and Walda Reeder will be presenting a workshop at the annual gathering. They will share about how the ministry got started and the experiences they have had over the years. Make plans now to attend. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center.

BEGINNING JULY 29

the first in a series of sermons on The Lord’s Prayer.

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| July 29 | Mt. 6:5-8 | It’s a Heart Thing |
| Aug. 5 | Mt. 6:9-10 | It’s a God Thing |
| Aug. 12 | Mt. 6:11 | It’s a Needs and Necessities Thing |
| Aug. 19 | Jn. 10:10 | Abundant Life (Youth Sunday) |
| Aug. 26 | Mt. 6:12 | It’s a Forgiveness Thing |
| Sept. 2 | Mt. 6:13 | It’s a Help Thing |
| Sept. 9 | Mt. 6:13b | It’s a Praise Thing |
| Sept. 16 | | (Youth Sunday) |
| Sept. 23 | Mt. 6:14-15 | Reprisal: It’s a Forgiveness Thing |

Change in Secretary’s Hours

Beginning in July, the Secretary will work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays. Special arrangements can be made if there is a need to be in the church on a Friday.

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

Volunteer Opening

After many years of service as a helper and then as the coordinator, Karen Clinkinbeard is stepping away from organizing the Military/College care packages. So many have been so blessed by this ministry. We are looking for a new person to “fill her shoes.” Please prayerfully consider this vital and much appreciated ministry. Questions? Ready to step into this position? Call Sue Lektorich (541) 499-1059

Carpool to Decision America

If you are interested in carpooling to the event, there is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. Please let us know if you are willing to drive or if you need a ride.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM
DECISION AMERICA
Pacific Northwest Tour

Free
ADMISSION
7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 1
Medford, OR | Jackson County Fairgrounds and Exposition Park

An Exciting Evening of Music and a Powerful Message of Hope

DecisionPacificNW.com

We're coming to the U.S. and we want to see you!

Newsletter from Kyle and Katrina Williams

After 1 year in France and 2 years in Congo, we are coming to the United States for our first U.S. Assignment. We arrive in Seattle on June 25. We want to see you, to share about our work and to hear about you and what's happening in your life. Though our summer is mostly booked we will have lots of time in Fall and Winter to travel and speak.



U. S. Assignment FAQs

What is U.S. Assignment?

U.S. Assignment is a regular interval when we return to the U.S. and our work is based there. It is time to report back to our partners and organization in the U.S., debrief the last three years and catch up with family and friends. It is time to raise additional funds for ministry and further develop our skills. It is time to care for our physical, mental and emotional health. It is time for our children to experience life in the U.S. and learn about American culture. It is time to rest from the stress of cross-cultural living and working. The goal is to return to ministry better equipped for continuing work.

What will you do for a whole year?

A lot! A year seems like a long time, but in reality it's hardly enough. At the same time, it is a long time for a family to spend in a state of transition. Some of the big pieces are to:

- Meet with ministry partners (churches, individuals, small groups and families) to share about our ministry and express in person our immense gratitude for their essential partnership
- Spend time intentionally debriefing our time overseas
- Spend time with friends and family, catching up on all that we've missed in the last three years
- Attend classes and workshops for continuing education
- Go to the doctors, dentist, and counselors
- Enrichment activities for our kids

Rest as a family

In addition to all of these customary tasks associated with U.S. assignment, we will be spending our first few months discerning a new location of service for our family. The Pastoral Institute we originally signed on to serve closed while we were on our way to language school and a new university sprung up in it's place. We originally thought that our service would look very similar despite this change. However, after two academic years, we have concluded that UNIBAC is not structured in a way that would allow us to thrive as we seek to work out of our passions and skill sets. The rigidity of government regulations on the University has moved our vision of innovative pastoral education and discipleship to the background.

Where will you be?

At this point we are not exactly sure but we are leaning towards Olympia, WA so that Katrina can finish her BS. We will be traveling to meet with partners in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California and beyond. More details to come.

What are some things you're looking forward to?

- Spending time with people we love
- Restaurants, mostly sushi
- Foods we have missed: crisp vegetables, apples and cheese
- Hiking trails through evergreen forests

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What will you miss about Congo?

- Fioti the cat, Alby the monkey, and duikers Fili and Bella
- The Wamba River
- A relatively simple life
- Friends who risked a lot to be honest with us
- Raising animals from chickens to crocodiles
- Congolese Greens: saka saka, biteko teko, and matembele
- House calls by the Doctor when we're sick

What are you nervous about?

- Driving. I (Kyle) haven't driven much in the past 3 years. Specifically, I am nervous about renewing my license which expired last year. Pray I don't need to do the driving portion of the test.
- Grocery shopping more than once every few months and the overwhelming selections available
- Seeing how much we've changed and how life has gone on without us
- The fast pace of life in the U.S.
- Major transitions for our family
- Our kids are all nervous about new schools and making new friends

What do you need?

We have some leads on an affordable house to rent - hooray! We do still need a vehicle that seats 6. If you have a minivan or the like that you are not in need of, it could fill a huge need for us. We are also still in need of a table and dining chairs.

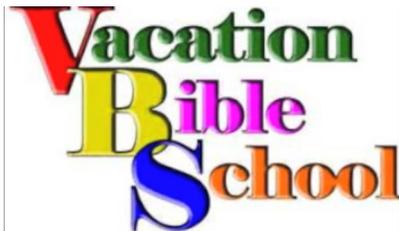
Make time to meet with us, listen to our experiences and tell us about what has been happening in your corner of the world. Ask questions about our lives in Congo and what God is prompting us to do next. Give us grace when we say and do strange things. Pray for us and especially for our children as transitions can be rough.

In the Church Library

Thanks to a generous donation of Christian History magazines, you can learn about Faith in the foxholes, the surprising Quakers, 25 writings that changed the church and the world, and many other topics to broaden your knowledge of Church history. They are on the desk in the library - just take one and bring it back when you are finished.

Save the dates... Vacation Bible School

Friday, August 17 - Sunday, August 19th
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (lunch provided)
Open to children entering grades K-5
Cost: \$10 per child/ \$25 per family



Music, games, stories, Bible verses, crafts, activities...many led by our youth.

Pre-registration by Sunday, 8-12-18.

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, July 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



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

The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, July 21st**. 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

WE HAVE A PROBLEM!

Recently we have had numerous occasions when outside doors have been left unlocked, lights on, and the alarms not set. If you are in the building for any reason **PLEASE** double check doors, lights, and alarms before leaving. Thank you.

July 15, 2018

SUNDAY, July 15th - Youth Sunday

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| Sunday School | 9:15 |
| Worship Service, Rev. Linda Bergeon & Grant Rubin | 10:30 |
| Safety & Security Team Formation Meeting | 12:00 |

MONDAY, July 16th

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

TUESDAY, July 17th

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| Men's Luncheon | Noon |
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WEDNESDAY, July 18th

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| Fellowship Dinner | 5:15 |
| Mid-Week Bible Study | 6:15 |

THURSDAY, July 19th

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| Full Draw Student Ministry White Water Rafting | 9:00 |
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FRIDAY, July 20th - Office Closed

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| Builders' Social | 9:00 |
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SATURDAY, July 21st

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| Church Work Party | 9:00 |
| Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's | 9:30 |



Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **July 25, 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, July 24, 2018**.

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

August 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.

In Memory of

Alrene Adams



At home in the body: March 10, 1925
At home with the Lord: June 11, 2018

A Memorial Service will be held at Eastwood Baptist Church on July 14th at 10:00 A.M.

July 22, 2018

SUNDAY, July 22nd

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| Sunday School | 9:15 |
| Worship Service, Rev. Linda Bergeon preaching | 10:30 |

MONDAY, July 23rd

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| Boy Scouts | 7:00 |
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TUESDAY, July 24th

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| Men's Bible Study | Noon |
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WEDNESDAY, July 25th

THURSDAY, July 26th

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| Full Draw Student Ministry - Swinging Bridge | 2:00 |
| Knitting & Crocheting Group | 3:30 |
| Deacons' Business Meeting | 5:30 |

FRIDAY, July 27th - Office Closed

SATURDAY, July 28th