



The Eastwood Beacon

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

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Occasionally I come across a story that really touches my heart. The following is one of those stories.

"If we can't afford two, we can't afford one."

by Rev. Austin Crenshaw Shelley

My grandfather never questioned the grocery bill. All other expenditures fell subject to his review, but the grocery shopping belonged entirely within my grandmother's domain. Papa had good reason to be frugal. Though we never went hungry, we lived on relatively little inside our 526-square-foot home in rural South Carolina. Under these circumstances, Papa kept a tight grip on the finances, even meting out our weekly contribution to the church—ten dollars for the offering plate, plus one dollar for each grandchild for Sunday school. Our offering was by no means a widow's mite, but neither was it stingy in relation to our family's income.

As far as I know, Papa never discovered the secret my grandmother and I shared. Every Saturday she and I whisked into town in her faded blue Ford Torino. As I pushed our cart up and down the aisles of the Red & White, she carefully selected food in duplicate—two boxes of cereal, two jars of peanut butter, two bags of flour—until our cart looked like an abstract rendering of Noah's ark with its produce and nonperishable food items arranged two by two.

Then we'd check out (an achingly slow process involving a hefty stack of coupons), load the car with heavy paper grocery bags, and drive straight to the town's food bank, where my grandmother would donate exactly half of everything she'd just purchased. She bought my silence each week with a small candy bar, which was not immune to her rule: one chocolate treat for me, one for the food bank.

On one of these grocery trips when I was eight or nine years old, I asked my grandmother for a name-brand cereal I'd seen on a television commercial. "We can't afford that one," she replied without looking up from her list. "We can if we don't buy two of them," I grumbled under my breath. My grandmother's eyes met mine. She put her list down and placed her hands firmly on my shoulders. She measured her words as carefully as my grandfather had measured the dollars for our Sunday offering: "If we can't afford two, we can't afford one."

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“If we can’t afford two, we can’t afford one.” Those words have been haunting me. Every time I go to the grocery store, I think about them. Every time I buy an item I wanted but didn’t necessarily need, I think about them. These words have even begun to haunt me at home! I hear them as I stand in my more than adequately filled closet, complaining that I have nothing to wear. I hear them when I open the refrigerator, also more than adequately filled, and think “Nothing looks good.” I hear them as I turn up the thermostat and complain about being cold. Do you suppose [God is trying to tell me something?](#)

And then just in case I’m being deliberately thick headed, the parable of the sheep and goats (Mt. 25.31-46) comes to mind. *I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was a stranger, I was naked, I was sick, I was in prison. You fed me, gave me a drink, welcomed me, clothed me, took care of me, visited me.* My first reaction is to think “I can’t do all of that!” and so I often find myself doing nothing. I suspect I am not the only one who feels so overwhelmed by the needs we see around us that we end up paralyzed.

Perhaps the answer for all of us lies in the fact that we aren’t called to do it all. Paul tells us in Roman 12.6-8 that “We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” In other words, we are called to do what God has called and gifted us to do.

My way of serving may not look like Rev. Austin’s grandmothers however I am confident that God is revealing the way I am to serve. As reluctant as I am to make New Year’s resolutions, this year I am making one. I commit to seeking out what it is God wants me to do and commit to doing it. If you make no other New Year’s resolution this year, I encourage you to do the same.

Pastor Linda

Search Committee Report to the Congregation — November 18, 2018

Your search committee has been working hard over the last month. We have had 2 meetings. The first was our regularly scheduled meeting for November. This prepared us to be able to share with our Regional Executive Minister Steve Bils, what you as a congregation would like to see in a new minister. Our second meeting this month was with Steve. We sat in room 14 while he asked us questions about Eastwood Baptist and the Eastwood Family. We found that these last few months of preparation, the congregational meeting in July, conversations with individuals and groups, surveys, and the completion of our church profile, all came together at this one meeting.

Steve took that information and put it into a computer program that sorted through all of the available minister profiles of the pastors of the American Baptist Churches, USA. This gave us a large total of possibilities. Steve then asked a few more questions and placed those answers into the program. We now have a list of 180 pastors as possible candidates.

Here are the next steps:

Steve Bils is contacting all of the prospects letting them know we are looking for a new pastor. He will be asking them if they are interested in us. This is happening right now.

Once a pastor has told Steve they are interested in us, Steve will gather those profiles and bring that group of profiles to us. This group could be as high as half of the original list. This meeting is scheduled for January 14th. We really don’t expect much activity through Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The search committee will then have the task of looking at each individual packet. This part of the process is the longest step that could take between 3 and 4 months, to do it properly.

As we go through these next steps in our search process we as your search committee will do the best we can to keep you informed of our progress. Please understand that during the next steps we will need to be very careful about confidentiality. So if you ask a question and a search committee member doesn’t share much, we are asking for your understanding.

Please continue to pray for us. We need our eyes, hearts and minds opened to God’s will and God’s direction.

Thanks & Praise (12/16)

Praise for Linda Tripp's dancing Fingers!

Praise God that my son Jim survived a major heart attack. (Mary Lewis)

Praise for Brianna's 10th Birthday! (Jody Yandell)

On behalf of everyone here at Maslow Project, thank you for your support of our work. Together, we are making a real and lasting difference in the lives of homeless children and families here in Jackson County.

Mary Ferrell
Executive Director, Maslow Project

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

A sincere ~~Thank You~~ to all those who helped decorate the church on Saturday, December 1st!

Doesn't it look beautiful! I am always so grateful for those faithful people that come out each year to help. A special note of thanks to Carolyn Barnhill for painting the Bethlehem hills backdrop for our Nativity.

Thank you again everyone and a Blessed Christmas season to you.

Karen Clinkinbeard,
Worship Deacon

Where our Arrows Roam

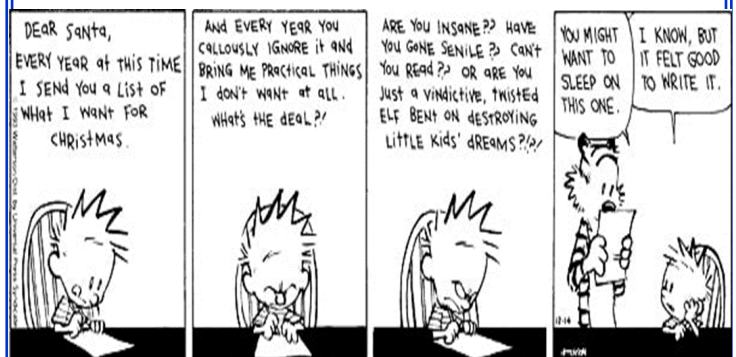
Well the end of the year is upon us, and Christmas time is almost here! From Eastwood Baptist Church the staff, leadership, and volunteers we would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas! I hope it is full of joy, fun, and most importantly, tons of good desserts and candy.

As we near the end of the year there are some things we would like to highlight. Please make sure to pick up a calendar or email me at ebcyouthdirector@gmail.com for a word document calendar. Note: There is no youth this week, take the time and enjoy your students and extended family, you deserve it! We will pick back up next week. Middle High youth is at the K-Building Saturdays 6-8:00 p.m. Dinner & Devos is on Sundays from 4-6, for Senior High school students only, at Alicia's and my house.

I would like to mention that we are planning a Mission trip this summer to Lame Deer, MT to help build and repair homes on the Cheyenne Native American reservation. If you would like info on this trip, or to donate, or help in any way possible, again please email me at ebcyouthdirector@gmail.com and I will be sure to send you an information packet.

Be sure to attend our Christmas Cantata on Sunday the 23rd at 10:30 a.m. This will be held at Eastwood Baptist Church, 675 N. Keene Way Dr. in Medford. We would also invite you to bring your family to an amazing Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, at 7 p.m. on the 24th.

Follow our Instagram page and our Facebook page for updates on events, lessons, and much more free entertainment. Our Instagram name is fulldrawyouth, all lowercase, and our Facebook page is Full Draw Student Ministries. I wish you the happiest of holidays and a very Merry Christmas!



January 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

<p>Dec 30</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p> <p>4:00 FDSM - Dinner & Devos</p>	<p>Dec 31</p> <p>New Years Eve Office Closed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>New Years Day Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 "Un-Hanging" of the Greens</p> <p>6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p> <p>4:00 FDSM - Dinner & Devos</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount</p> <p>7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Church Work Party</p> <p>6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p> <p>4:00 FDSM - Dinner & Devos</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's</p> <p>6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Grant Rubin Preaching</p> <p>4:00 FDSM - Dinner & Devos</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:15 Pot-Luck Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount</p> <p>7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p> <p>4:00 FDSM - Dinner & Devos</p> <p>EBC Annual Business Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Feb 1</p>	<p>Feb 2</p> <p>6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

6-Jan	Katy Ceglia
6-Jan	Julie Kinsman
6-Jan	William Saylor
8-Jan	Jacqueline Graber
10-Jan	Tyler Hunter
10-Jan	Jerry Lektorich
10-Jan	Gene Versteeg
11-Jan	Rosalie Neufeld
11-Jan	Ada Senften
12-Jan	Kaylee Tarrant
14-Jan	Cheryl Giddings
15-Jan	Chris Daniel
15-Jan	Allyson Nottingham
16-Jan	Lois Olstad
18-Jan	Marybeth Gresham
19-Jan	Suzan Darby
20-Jan	Eldon Allsup
20-Jan	Carol Bath
22-Jan	Kamryn Brunson
22-Jan	Melba McIntyre
22-Jan	Matthew Nottingham
22-Jan	Tyler VanDyke
23-Jan	Justin Cawthorne
23-Jan	Jonathan Cawthorne
24-Jan	Heather Campbell
24-Jan	Miranda Lektorich
25-Jan	Krystal VanDyke
25-Jan	Kevin VanDyke
28-Jan	Lindy Boyersmith
28-Jan	Kyle Mitchell
29-Jan	Merle Neufeld
30-Jan	Joseph Yungen
31-Jan	Eric Lektorich

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

22-Jan Joan & Richard Avery

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

Church Work Day

Inviting **ALL** who want to help
“spruce up” our church.



The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, Jan 12th**. 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

Dear Eastwood Friends and Family,

I am so very grateful for the wonderful time my family and I had with you at my Retirement Dinner. I really appreciate all the well wishes, cards and monetary gifts. The Lasagna dinner was fabulous! Thank you, Sandy Tepper and Fay Rashé, for all your hard work making that delicious feast!

I have loved being your Church Secretary. I truly believe that all of you have given me so much more than I ever gave to you. It has been a privilege to share in your joys and sorrows and to help you in whatever way I was able. I love you all.

Special thanks to those who provided so much help, support and guidance during my time as Eastwood's secretary:

- Pastor Randy for being a friend, mentor and counselor.
- Allan Campbell for always being available to help fold bulletins and many other things.
- Carolyn Dutton for making what could be a tiresome task (preparing the Beacon for mailing) into a fun and joyful time.
- Sam Angulo for making sure my office environment was up to snuff.
- The Deacon board for all their help, instruction and trust.
- All of you for being a loving and caring congregation.

As this next chapter of my life unfolds, I am looking forward to whatever God has in store for me.

With Love and Gratitude,
Sue Becker, Retiree

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
The Sermon on the Mount

Jan 9 - Fellowship Dinner 5:15, Study 8 @ 6:00
Jan 23 - Potluck Dinner 5:15, Study 9 @ 6:00

**January 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.

"Un-Hanging" of the Greens!

We will meet at 9:30 on Saturday, January 5, 2019.
Come join the fun!

New Addresses:

Franklin Roby
1811 Tumbleweed Cir
West Bend, WI 53095-8570

**** SHE BLESSES US AGAIN ****

Recently we received a generous gift from the estate of our dear June Rhoads. She dearly loved the people of Eastwood, and we easily loved her back.

Her wishes were to give the money to the general fund - "no strings attached", knowing that it would be used for God's Glory.

We are truly humbled and blessed by this gift.

Dick Bath, Finance Deacon

Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, January 19, 2019

Come join us for fellowship and breakfast at Punky's Diner in Medford. See you there!

Questions? Need a ride?

Call Sue Lektorich (541) 499-1055



December 23, 2018

SUNDAY, December 23rd

Sunday School for all ages 9:15
Worship Service, *Cantata "Invitation to a Miracle"* 10:30

MONDAY, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service 7:00

TUESDAY, December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY!

WEDNESDAY, December 26th

OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, December 27th

FRIDAY, December 28th

SATURDAY, December 29th

Full Draw Student Ministry - Mid.& Sr. High @ EBC 6:00

December 30, 2018

SUNDAY, December 30th

Sunday School for all ages 9:15
Worship Service, Rev. Linda Bergeon 10:30

Full Draw Student Ministry - Senior High Only,
Dinner & Devos @ Grant & Alicia's 4:00

MONDAY, December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE

TUESDAY, January 1st, 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WEDNESDAY, January 2nd

Choir Practice 7:15

THURSDAY, January 3rd

FRIDAY, January 4th

SATURDAY, January 5th

"UN-Hanging of the Greens" 9:30

Full Draw Student Ministry - Mid. & Sr. High @ EBC 6:00