



The Eastwood Beacon

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

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America for Christ Offering - 2019

A Biblical Reflection: They Gave Themselves to God and to Us.

And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. -2 Corinthians 8: 5 (NIV)

By the Rev. Dr. Bishop Donald Hilliard Jr.

Discipleship, stewardship, giving and offerings aren't exactly listed as the "Top 10 Topics of Church Life." It's not that we don't understand the necessity and value of our giving; we would just rather not talk about it, let alone be challenged to actually give.

The Apostle Paul's second letter to the Corinthians expresses Paul's deep appreciation to the Corinthians for their gift to his ministry. They gave out of their need and understood the value and the magnitude of their generosity.

The text makes it clear that "They gave themselves first of all to the Lord." When we give, it helps to first give ourselves to God unreservedly.

When Christ is in the forefront of our giving it places our act of stewardship in proper perspective. 1 Chronicles 29: 14 reminds us that "All things come from you, and of your own have we giving you" (NSRV),

When we give to relevant institutions like American Baptist Home Mission Societies, we are not only giving in a way that has eternal value but also to that which has multiplied and multifaceted importance. Consider that when we give ourselves to the will of God, our talents and treasure follow. To be sure, the Philippian Church was neither the largest nor the grandest; however, their understanding of the significance of missions and generosity carried them to the top of the list.

"My friends, we can't afford to let the church go under," I spontaneously said a few months ago, while preparing to pray over the Sunday morning offerings at Cathedral International.

I meant this statement with every fiber of my being. In these days in which more time is spent with iPads, iPhones and iPods than with the "I Am;" in which we would rather text than talk; and in which the "Nones" are growing at a faster pace than the Christian affiliated, we are reminded that we have a charge to keep. And maintaining the financial stability of a church or missional organization is part of the charge.

Growing churches are tithing churches, and tithing is a bedrock principle of the economy of God's kingdom. Churches that emphasize the principle of tithing recognize the sovereign rule of God over every dimension of life, including the material and financial.

When we tithe or give offerings to a church or missions program, we acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all things and as the One who, alone, is worthy of all our praise, love and devotion. Giving helps us to keep our priorities straight and our focus sharp by constantly reminding us from where our strength and provision, power and prosperity come and to whom we are accountable for our stewardship.

The act of giving deliberately has great value. Giving, stewardship and serving become much easier when we first commit ourselves to the will of God by the power of the Holy Ghost!

The Rev. Dr. Bishop Donald Hilliard Jr. is senior pastor at Cathedral International, Perth Amboy, N.J.

Thanks & Praise

Dear Eastwood,

Thank you for making 2018 another special year by giving financially to the Medford Gospel Mission! As we enter our 60th year of providing relief, restoration, and transformation in our community, we are excited about the impact that our restoration programs will have on people who find themselves in the dire situation of being homeless.

Thank you again for helping us fulfill our mission as a Christ-centered ministry to provide relief, restoration, and transformation for our community.

Jason Bull, Ex. Director
Medford Gospel Mission

Dear Eastwood,

On behalf of the students, faculty and trustees of the American Baptist Seminary of the West, I want to acknowledge the generous donations made during 2018 from Eastwood Baptist Church. This support serves as a source of encouragement as we seek to be faithful to our call to create a laboratory for building communities of Christian hope, justice, and reconciliation. Your gifts help support our students whose ministry holds such promise.

As we enter a new year in the life of our seminary, we look forward to another year of growth and opportunity. We are humbled and grateful to have Eastwood Baptist Church as a partner in this critical mission of providing leadership for service to God's work on earth.

In gratitude,
James E. Brenneman, President

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

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

March 2019

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Mon

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Sat

Feb 24 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching 4:00 FDSM - Dinner & Devos	Feb 25 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	Feb 26 Noon - Men's Bible Study	Feb 27 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount - #14 7:15 Choir Practice	Feb 28 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	1	2 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry
3 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching	4 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	5 Noon - Men's Bible Study	6 7:15 Choir Practice	7	8	9 9:00 Church Work Party
10 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching	11 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	12 Noon - Men's Bible Study	13 7:15 Choir Practice	14 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting	15 9:00 Builders' Social at Mrs. Q's Diner	16 9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's
17 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching	18 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	19 Noon - Men's Bible Study	20 7:15 Choir Practice	21	22	23
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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1-Mar Dee Wilson
5-Mar Kaela Flowers
7-Mar Hunter Mahaffey
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

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2-Mar Jon & Cheryl Giddings
9-Mar Bill & Carolyn Dutton

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

2019 Cookie & Host/Hostess Sign-ups!

Thanks to all who have provided cookies for 2018. It's time once again to sign up and we need your help to continue this important ministry. Please check the sign up sheets, located on the kiosk closest to the Church Office. We would love to see some new faces behind the cookie tables. Please contact Suzan Darby or Sue Shaw to participate.

Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, March , 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

Wednesday Bible Study Schedule Continuing our study of the Sermon on the Mount

Feb 13 - Study #12 at 6:00
Feb 20 - Study #13 at 6:00
Feb 27 - Study #14 at 6:00

Church Work Day

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



The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, March 9th**. 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.

February 24, 2019

SUNDAY, February 24th

Sunday School for all ages	9:15
Worship Service, Rev. Linda Bergeon	10:30
Full Draw Student Ministry - Senior High Only, Dinner & Devos at the Rubins'	4:00

MONDAY, February 25th

Womens' Grove Bible Study	10:00
Boy Scouts	7:00

TUESDAY, February 26th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, February 27

Mid-Week Bible Study	5:15
Choir Practice	7:15

THURSDAY, February 28th

Deacon's Business Meeting	5:30
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FRIDAY, March 1st

SATURDAY, March 2nd

Full Draw Student Ministry - Mid.& Sr. High @ EBC	6:00
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March 3, 2019

SUNDAY, March 3rd

Sunday School for all ages	9:15
Communion Worship Service, Rev. Linda Bergeon	10:30
Full Draw Student Ministry - Senior High Only, Dinner & Devos at the Rubins'	4:00

MONDAY, March 4th

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

TUESDAY, March 5th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, March 6th

Mid-Week Bible Study	6:00
Choir Practice	7:15

THURSDAY, March 7th

FRIDAY, March 8th

SATURDAY, March 9th

Church Work Party	9:00
Full Draw Student Ministry - Mid. & Sr. High @ EBC	6:00