



The Eastwood Beacon

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

January 22, 2019

Revelation 21: 5a (ESV)

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

"What's new with you?"

<Wah wah wah...>

"Me? Oh, I'd say a whole lot. New Job, new Home, new Doctors, Dentists, Insurance, etc. Like I said, a whole lot is New."

<Wah wah wah...>

"My church? Well, I guess you can say there's a lot new there too. New Pastor, new Constitution, new Administrative rules, new Deacons... In some sense, you might consider it a new church! Sure the people attending are much the same, but even there we're getting new people too."

<Wah wah wah...>

"I don't know. Is it possible to become something new without a radical shift in the people doing it? I think so. I hope so."

<Wah wah wah...>

"Yeah, I'm a little scared. New things can be scary. New is definitely not comfortable for most people. But New can also be exciting! New can be Fun!

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"You know, we worship a God who makes all things New! All he asks is that we follow in His footsteps."

We do worship a God who makes all things new. When we say that in Churchinese (church jargon) it means that God will remake all after Jesus' return. All that is wrong with creation will be put right. But I see God making many things new each day. People make new starts all the time, and some are even because they want a new start.

Addicts find Jesus and clean up their lives. I have friends who personally own that statement! Others gather the courage and will to engage with the world despite despair and depression urging them to pull the covers up over their heads. God is there nudging and lifting them too.

I am certain that God can do New things here at Eastwood as well! As we enter 2020, I would ask you all to pray for the following things:

Pray for me, the New Pastor.

Pray for the New Diaconate Board.

Pray for New seekers that would search for Jesus.

Pray for Eastwood that we would be where the seekers find Jesus alive and well.

And lastly, pray that each and every person here at Eastwood will have humble spirits, loving hearts, and a hefty dose of courage as we focus on sharing Jesus' Good News while inviting them to join us in all our New(s) this year.

Pastor Jeff

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Where the Williams Are

One Family's Faith Journey Over Seas

New Year's Greetings

First off, thank you for taking the time to read this and follow our lives. Thank you for your prayers and support that uplift us here in SE Asia as we share the unfathomable love of our Creator God with our neighbors.

It is almost impossible to believe that it is 2020 and we have now been in South East Asia for 5 months. In some ways we feel like we just arrived but in other ways we feel like this feels like home. Daily life is quite different than other places in the world that we have ministered, and we really enjoy it. The night markets and waterfall hikes are all nearby. On Sunday afternoons a local group of Parrot owners come together to fly all their birds at a local park, their colorful plumage against the distant green hills is quite spectacular.

The temples we pass regularly remind us that faith practices here are quite different from anywhere else that we have lived before. We live just minutes away from a statue of a priestess that must be over a 100 ft. tall, where people gather regularly to worship and gain merit with their offerings.

Because everything is so new we have attended seminars on helping us further understand the local blends of religion. What always looks simple from afar is rarely ever actually so. What is important for faith in the West may not carry the same weight here. Most of our neighbors claims Buddhism but in reality Thai Buddhism is greatly influenced by Brahmanism, and Animism, as well, all to different degrees.

The mixing and blending of religions isn't exactly new to us but not having Christianity near the top is. Part of the seminars we attended addressed shared language (or lack there of) and cultural assumptions between western Christianity and Eastern religions and you realize that there aren't many. Learning how to talk about faith is important to me and to do it well we must first listen, then listen some more.

So my frequent shopping trips have been full of listening as I wonder through the market mazes of fish, vegetables, and tables of Thai silk. Listening to the conversations between venders and their children and neighbors in the market has given me some perspective on life here. For example one of my favorite greetings that is shared in the market amongst friends "Gin khao leew" which translates to "Have you eaten rice yet?" These are my type of people, food is a high priority. Our family is finding rhythm as we begin to look forward to formally beginning ministry this summer. We love our language school and laugh a lot together with our fellow students and teacher.

When living in a city life happens much quicker than in a village in the middle of Africa. I often don't know where the days have gone before it's a new month.

Ian is attending Chiang Rai International Christian School and currently running for their cross-country team. To make his tuition a little bit more affordable Katrina and I have been volunteering photographing various events for the school. Next school year Katrina will likely step into a more formal role with the school. Because of her love for chemistry she would love to teach secondary science. She will find out more in February about what is needed by the school.

I have met with the director of the Mekong Minority Foundation which support local indigenous churches and began to learn more precisely about their needs in preparing to work with them after the summer.

A quick financial update:

We recently lost some supporting partners due to unforeseen circumstances and are praying for their replacement. If you would like to join our ministry as we seek justice for those around us, press into mercy, and work to walk humbly with God and neighbor, then follow the button above. We would appreciate that whether it is \$5 or \$500 each month.

Prayer Request:

-Currently we are on an education visa and will need to change our visa in the summer by leaving Thailand for a neighboring country. Pray for the planning of this trip and for speedy dates at immigration.

-New partners in ministry

-Wisdom for what to do for our children's education next year

Thanks and Praise

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the following people helped out at the last Church Work Party unhangng the greens:

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| Richard & Carol Bath | Don Eastman |
| Jerry & Suzan Darby | Gene & Fay Rashé |
| Donna Hildebrand | Ellen Husel |
| Jim & Marilyn Powell | |

Our next work party will take place on Saturday, February 8th at 9:00 a.m. Come join us!

Paul Klatt
Buildings & Properties

Dear Eastwood Family,

Thank you so much for the generous love gift! Brenda, the kids and I all feel blessed to be here with you all! May God bless us all this year!

Pastor Jeff

Dear Eastwood,

Thank you for the care package. The cookies and snacks were a welcome surprise during this fall. Thank you so much.

Jack Lundblad

P.S. Thank you Eastwood family! As Momma, I'm so glad he got a sweet package from his church family at his new "home away from college"

Love,
Brenda

Thank you, Eastwood!

Once again I am blessed by your care and generosity. Thank you so much for the Love Gift.

In His Love,
Sue Becker

From the Medford Mail Tribune

Thanks for food support

St. Martin's Episcopal Church of Shady Cove thanks the Upper Rogue community for their support of our monthly food pantry.

Lately, we have been blessed with donations from many groups; including **Boy Scout Troop 5**, Shady Cove Market and many individuals living in and hear Shady Cove. Your generosity has warmed our hearts as we do what we can to support individuals facing life's challenges. God bless you all.

Mary Stirling, Shady Cove

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
Emilia Gilmer, Army
Lolo Vasquez, Iraq
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

Dear Eastwood Baptist Church.

Thank you for your donation to Rogue Retreat for ongoing operational funds.

We are truly blessed to partner with you in the mission of Rogue Retreat. We exist to create opportunities for the homeless to find hope. Hope is the driving force of Rogue Retreat and hope is what inspires change in the individuals we serve. Hope gives people power and lifts people up from darkness. When you are supporting Rogue Retreat, you are both creating and inspiring hope, which can and will change the Southern Oregon community.

"Think of giving not only as a duty but as a privilege."
John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Your support helps us to provide new hope for those that we serve. Homelessness in Jackson County increased by 15.6% from 2017 - 2018 and those experiencing chronic homelessness (those that have been homeless for one year or more) increased by 32%. Your recent donation truly makes a difference in trying to address the issue of homelessness in Southern Oregon. We are always honored when we get donations and it spurs us on to do better work. The needs are so great, but we are making a difference every day. Thank you for your partnership and support of the mission of Rogue Retreat. This really helps!



Sincerely,
Chad McComas
Executive Director

February 2020

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| <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Jeff Lundblad</p> | <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p> | <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p> | <p>5:15 Fellowship Potluck 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p> | | | |
| <p>2</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service Rev. Jeff Lundblad</p> | <p>3</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p> | <p>5</p> <p>1:00 Knitting & Crocheting 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p> | <p>6</p> <p>1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> <p>9:00 Church Work Party</p> |
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| <p>16</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Jeff Lundblad</p> | <p>17</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p> | <p>19</p> <p>1:00 Knitting & Crocheting 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> <p>9:00 Builders' Social at Rogue Diner</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Jeff Lundblad</p> | <p>24</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p> | <p>26</p> <p>5:15 Fellowship Potluck 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p> | <p>27</p> <p>5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p>  |

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3-Feb Steve Yungen
4-Feb Ardy Ross
6-Feb Jerry Darby
8-Feb Barbara Davis
9-Feb Beth Becker
9-Feb Randy Miller
9-Feb Sandy Shaw
15-Feb Keri Sandstrom
16-Feb Gene Rashe'
17-Feb Tanny Jr. Flowers
17-Feb Dorothy Noyes
18-Feb Janice Calvert
18-Feb Carol Miller
19-Feb Cami Austin
19-Feb Liliana Flowers
19-Feb Bobbie Jaquette
22-Feb Kelsey Robinson
22-Feb Bette Wheatley
23-Feb Oscar Scott
26-Feb Mary Lou Bradley
26-Feb Jonna Robinson
26-Feb Eliana Saylor
27-Feb Kylee Hammon

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 17-Feb Eldon & Jean Allsup
27-Feb Dale & Sandy Tepper

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

Knitting and Crocheting Group

The Knitting and Crocheting Group has changed their meeting time. They will now meet on the First and Third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 p. m.

The Office Ministry

The Office Ministry is looking for donations of perfume or items with hearts to give as Valentine's day presents to the workers at "The Office."

Celebrating the life and ministry of Rev. Orville R. Chapman April 10, 1930 – January 2, 2020



International Ministries is sad to announce the passing of Rev. Orville R. Chapman on January 2, 2020.

Rev. Chapman and his wife, Virginia (Becker) Chapman, were IM missionaries for almost four decades in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire). Commissioned in 1955, the Chapmans began their ministry in Sona Bata, training pastors in rural villages and teaching science and theology at the local secondary school. In 1960, due to political turmoil, the Chapmans were evacuated. They returned to Sona Bata in 1961. In 1963, they spent three months by the Angolan border working with refugees. In subsequent terms of service, they lived in Moanza, Kinshasa, and Kikongo where they did administrative work and taught theology at the ISTK (Institute of Theology in Kinshasa) and also at the Kikongo Pastors' School (now the Baptist University of Kikongo/UNIBAC).

Rev. Chapman received his B.A. from Ottawa University (Ottawa, Kansas), his B.D. from the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School (Berkeley, CA.), and his D. Min from the American Baptist Seminary of the West. He once described his passion for life-long ministry with the Congolese as "an opportunity to help bring about a more abundant life" to people in rural village areas.

Glen Chapman, the oldest of Rev. Orville and Virginia's four children, carries on the legacy of his parents' missionary service. He and his wife, Rita (Brown) Chapman, are also long-term missionaries with International Ministries and have served in the DR Congo since 1987.

A memorial service will be held for Rev. Chapman on January 18, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Redlands, CA.

Church Work Day

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



The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, February 8th**. 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!

Spring College and Military Care Packages

It will soon be time to send out our next college and military care packages! These packages will be packed and sent out on Monday/Tuesday, February 17/18, 2020. Please let us know the names and addresses of recipients right away. You will find sign-up forms on the counter at the Welcome Center in the foyer, or you may call/email to Sue Lektorich @ 541-499-1059 / jfives7@msn.com with name and address information.

Items needed to fill these care packages are: Valentine candy, snacks of all kinds, coffee, microwave popcorn, hand sanitizer, hotel/travel size lotions and school supplies. Some Valentine cards from church members would be fun to include as well. We would also be pleased to accept any monetary donations to help cover postage as it is the biggest expense. Homemade goodies can be brought on Sunday, Feb. 16th. As indicated by the "thank you notes" received, homemade goodies are most appreciated. Any of these items can be left with Sue in the church office. Thanks so much for your support of this important ministry.

College/Military Care Package Team

Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, February 18th - 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

AARP Tax-Aide In the Koinonia Building

February 5 - April 10

9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Wednesdays & Fridays

Walk - Ins (First come, First Served)

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE HOST SITE

Information: 1-888-227-7669

IMPORTANT! You must bring a picture ID, all Social Security cards, your 2018 Tax Returns, W-2's, 1099's, and all other income and expense records that will be used in filing the Tax Return.

You also will need information on Health Insurance Coverage and the income earned by any of your dependents. For Joint Filing, both spouses should be present.

January 26, 2020

SUNDAY, January 26th

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| Sunday School | 9:15 |
| Worship Service, Rev. Jeff Lundblad | 10:30 |

MONDAY, January 27th

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

TUESDAY, January 28th

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| Men's Bible Study | Noon |
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WEDNESDAY, January 29th

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| Fellowship Potluck Dinner | 5:15 |
| Mid-Week Bible Study | 6:00 |
| Choir Practice | 7:15 |

THURSDAY, January 30th

FRIDAY, January 31st

SATURDAY, February 1st

February 2, 2020

SUNDAY, February 2nd

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| Sunday School | 9:00 |
| Communion Worship Service, Rev. Jeff Lundblad | 10:30 |

MONDAY, February 3rd

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

TUESDAY, February 4th

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| Men's Bible Study | Noon |
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WEDNESDAY, February 5th

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| Fellowship Dinner | 5:15 |
| Mid-Week Bible Study | 6:00 |
| Choir Practice | 7:15 |

THURSDAY, February 6th

FRIDAY, February 7th

SATURDAY, February 8th