



The Eastwood Beacon

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

September 3, 2020

Hello Friends!

The day has finally arrived. We will resume corporate (in person) worship for all who feel comfortable on September 13th. Unless you are part of the worship team, we ask that you remain in your cars until we open the doors at 10:15 am. In accordance with state laws and guided by best practices to keep each other healthy, we will be requiring that you wear a mask the whole time you are here. If you don't have a mask, we will provide one for you. In this Beacon, you will see our full plan for keeping you all safe. Please read it over.

I'm nervous and excited to resume worship in this way. I'm excited to see immediate feedback to my preaching, but I'm nervous that someone may get sick by coming. Please know that we are trying as hard as we can to make worship a pleasant experience for people who choose to stay home as well as those who choose to come. You will not be judged by me or any leadership of the church for choosing either option! In fact, I would encourage you to not judge anyone for any reason, for "judgement is mine, sayeth the Lord".

Speaking of judgement, we've seen a lot of people, many of whom describe themselves as Christians, saying and doing horrible things to each other in the news and on social media. As I have chatted with people these last couple of months, I've felt convicted by the Spirit (words I don't use casually) to begin addressing the topic of Christian Unity. Jesus encouraged us to be "one" just as he is one with the Father. What does that mean? What role does diversity play in that? What do we need to agree about? How do we agree and disagree and still remain united? What does that look like in our democracy and in our social media?

To that end, I'm beginning a new sermon series on September 13th called "State of the Union". From the 13th through Thanksgiving, I plan to explore the concept of Christian Unity. To be transparently honest, this frightens me terribly! I will do my best to be neutral and inoffensive, but the nature of our political and social climate is such that offense happens far too easily. My biggest fear is that I will unknowingly upset someone, and that they will leave or foment dissent with others, rather than coming and talking to me. If I do offend, please come talk to me. I have never learned anything from someone's silence, but I've learned a lot by listening.

My hope in this, that we can begin to change the way we engage with each other, and with the world we live in, by making Christian Unity the prime affiliation in our minds. I hope that the world will see Jesus reflected in us when we are unified in our diversity.

As a final encouragement, take time to read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 and meditate on how it applies to the body of Christ in today's political context.

My love and blessings to you all!
Pastor Jeff

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Eastwood Initial Reopening Plan

The country is going to slowly reopen, and that includes our church. Following are the guidelines for the initial reopening. We will re-evaluate the COVID-19 situation in the fall and make any appropriate changes or adjustments at that time. Our primary concern is to keep everyone safe and healthy. **If, for any reason, you do not feel comfortable returning to the physical building, do not come. We want you all to be safe, healthy and at peace. To that end, we will continue to have the services available through Facebook streaming live each week.**

Our initial opening will be limited to the Sunday morning worship service.

The church doors will not open for seating until 10:15 am.

Worship Service

We have space to seat about 80 in the sanctuary and another 8-10 in the foyer, maintaining physical distancing. Because our typical attendance is around 80-85 we expect to be able to accommodate all who would like to attend.

To maintain physical distancing, the following steps will be followed:

The two sets of double doors leading into the foyer will be propped open.

You are asked to wait outside of the building until you are led in by an usher.

You will be asked to use the hand-sanitizing station as you come through the door.

We know that most parishioners have places they like to sit but in order to maintain distancing and avoid unnecessary passing we ask that you bear with us during this time and graciously sit where you are directed.

Each member or family group will be led in to the sanctuary and shown where to sit. The sanctuary will be filled from front to back.

At the end of the service you will be escorted by an usher from your pew out of the building. The sanctuary will be emptied from back to front. If you wish to visit you can do so outside but please maintain 6 feet of distance between you.

We will require that everyone wear a face mask. We ask that you provide your own if possible. However, we will have disposable masks available for anyone that needs one.

At this stage we will not have: Greeters, Communion, Choir, the Cookie/Fellowship time following the service, or adult Sunday morning classes. Mid-week and Wednesday night services, meals, and Bible studies are also on hold. Singing will be done with masks in place.

Offering: We will not pass the collection plates. Instead you will find a locked collection box attached to the wall in the foyer.

Restrooms: Restroom doors will be propped open to eliminate the need to touch the door handles. Ladies, we have covered the site-lines in to the restroom with a banner.

Sanitize and disinfect the church building:

Before Initial Opening: The church facilities have all been spray sanitized.

Ongoing: Arrangements will be made to have the facilities sanitized between services.

Areas to be included:

Pews, chairs, visitor center/kiosk

Doorknobs, handles, sanitation dispensers, offering box, and other high touch areas

There will be no bulletins and pew Bibles and hymnals will be removed from the sanctuary for the time being. All songs, scripture readings, etc. will be displayed on the screens.

Children's programs: There will be no Children's Sunday School, Children's Church or Nursery for the time being. Children will attend the main worship service with their parents and/or other family members. The Pastor and worship team are attempting to make the service accessible for the younger kids.

Discovery Trip

Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches
In partnership with International Ministries



thailand

July 11-23, 2021

The AAABC in partnership with IM will send a team of six young adults to Chiang Mai in Thailand for a 10-day cross-cultural experience. The goal of this short-term discovery mission trip is to learn and visit ministries in Thailand. Take a dive deep into another culture and see how God is at work there. Meet some of IM's global servants working in a wide variety of ministries, from human trafficking to Christian leadership training.



apply by dec 23, 2020

For questions about the mission trip details and application, contact volunteers@internationalministries.org.
For questions pertaining to the Alliance, contact Louis Ao at louao@hotmail.com.

Thank You!

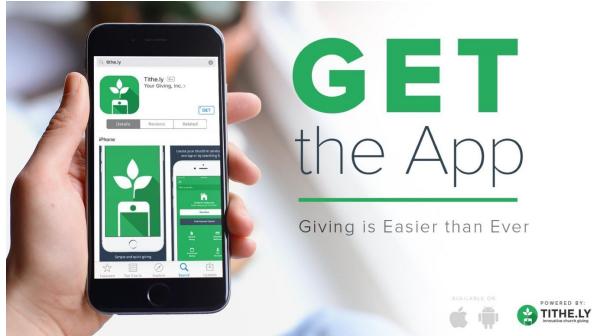
Dear Eastwood,

Thanks so much for the towels and washcloths and the two Laundry bins! I know those will come in handy!

Zane Lundblad

Online Giving Available

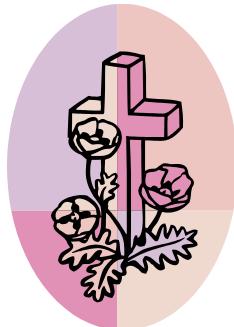
Online giving is now an option! You can give by downloading the Tithe.ly app to your smartphone/tablet, or by going to [https://tithe.ly/give?
c=2195174](https://tithe.ly/give?c=2195174) on your computer. You can give manually each month, or you can automatically have your tithe transferred from your account!



In Memory of
Gloria Armstrong Bartol

At Home in the body: February 5, 1943

At home with the Lord: June 6, 2020



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

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, Glen & Rita Chapman, Alise & Mark Juanes, and Kyle & Katrina Williams**) serving around the world.



Mercy Flights Membership Time Combined Air & Ground Ambulance

It is time to join or renew your Mercy Flights Group Membership. This year's membership expires on October 31st. Our group rate is \$63.00 per household for Combined Air & Ground Membership. Enrollment forms are at the Welcome Center. You do not have to fill out an enrollment form if you are not making any changes and are a returning member. Mercy Flights is no longer able to accept individual payments mailed in or by phone by group members.

Please have your check (made out to Mercy Flights) and enrollment form turned into the church office by October 1st. Payments and enrollment forms are due into the Mercy Flights office no later than October 10th. Please bring the check to the Church Office and not in the offering plate.



IM Donors Respond with Medical Supplies during COVID-19

With over 120 personnel serving in 30 countries, International Ministries (IM) reviews briefings and updates from multiple sources daily. IM's continual alertness has enabled it to prepare for and respond to the emerging needs of its personnel and those to whom they minister, including during the on-going COVID-19 crisis.

In late December 2019, sources monitored by IM began noting reports of suspected cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. In early January 2020, these briefings and other news sources indicated that the cases were of a novel coronavirus, and that the number of cases was rapidly increasing. The World Health Organization (WHO), which initially declared the novel coronavirus a public health emergency on January 30, 2020, later declared it a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

In response to the earliest news of the novel coronavirus, Benjamin Chan, IM's Area Director for East and South Asia, conferred with partners in the region to identify needs associated with the growing health crisis. Chan noted, "There was an urgent need for medical-grade protection masks, coveralls, and other medical supplies for hospitals and patients in Wuhan."

Recognizing the exigency of the circumstances, Chan immediately tapped into his networks of churches, NGOs, and relief organizations for support and supplies. On January 27, 2020, IM responded with a \$12,250 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) emergency relief grant to Amity Foundation, a Christian-initiated NGO and IM partner in China. IM also issued an appeal for donations to procure and deliver surgical-grade materials to hospital personnel treating patients in China, plus additional supplies to affected communities to reduce the spread of the virus. IM's efforts ultimately produced \$274,421 in funding for this purpose.

In February 2020, IM shipped over 8,000 coveralls and nearly 150,000 masks to Amity Foundation for distribution to hospitals in China. As the coronavirus spread in Asia, Chan continued his collaboration with churches and partners in Asia and North America to secure and distribute protective masks and other health supplies to targeted communities in Hong Kong. In March 2020, IM shipped over 43,000 protective masks to Hong Kong as part of this effort.

"IM's contribution to the relief efforts in China and Hong Kong was made possible by the partnerships and connections built over decades of service in the region by Area Director Benjamin Chan and other IM personnel," said IM Executive Director / CEO Sharon Koh. "God calls and places us all over the world so that we can be his eyes and ears, so that we can see and seize opportunities to help," said Chan.

International COVID-19 relief efforts have continued with an additional \$110,000 provided to 50 partners in 31 countries. We continue to invite and receive gifts for OGHS COVID RESPONSE: INTERNATIONAL. Donations will be used by IM to respond to requests by international partners for emergency grants to support basic and unmet needs that continue today.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA. The Committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief, disaster rehabilitation, refugee work, and development assistance by establishing policy guidelines and overseeing the distribution of the annual OGHS offering received by churches.

Before you speak, THINK.

T = Is it true?

H = Is it helpful?

I = Is it inspiring?

N = Is it necessary?

K = Is it kind?

Engage your children in what God is doing around the world!

For all the families continuing remote schooling and in response to churches that want to engage children during the World Mission Offering (WMO) 2020, we have prepared a children's book. It is available in English and Spanish and you can download it at worldmissionoffering.org.

It is designed so that you can print it out from pdf as a 'booklet' or simply use each of the pages as visuals to read with your children, or your Sunday school class.

We hope you enjoy it and share with others to introduce them to a few of IM's global servants.