



The Beacon

Eastwood Baptist Church

"Honoring the Past, Looking to the Future"

May 27, 2009

Seekers

I recently joined Face Book. According to my profile, I currently have 61 friends, many of whom are young people I knew in California. How kewl (as they say on Face Book) to re-connect and learn about their lives! Still, it is a world I don't understand completely. For instance, I inadvertently altered something in my marital status and all my "friends" were informed I had "just got married." Whew – I can't tell you the teasing I received for that.

Later, I changed the description in the religious category and the next thing I know all my "friends" have been informed that I have changed my religious views. I thought "not again." In a proactive effort to ward off further ridicule I posted the following:

Did I truly change my religious views? It seems almost everyday I change my religious notions in some fashion or another. After all, Jesus is always trying to mess up my pre-conceived ideations.

It was helpful. But gave me further cause to think about this idea of change. In addressing our resistance to change, Diane Butler Bass in her book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, writes,

*In the New Testament, Jesus asks everyone to change. With the exception of children, Jesus insists that every person he meets do something and change. The whole message of the Christian scripture is based in the idea of 'metanoia,' the change of heart that happens when we meet God face-to-face. Even a cursory knowledge of history reveals that Christianity is a religion about change. 'The Christian faith always changes.'*¹

Ouch! I like stability and the comfort of the familiar, but Jesus won't leave me alone. I have become a "seeker" and become part of a community of seekers – aka Baptists – who are seeking a better land. We have been called "heretics," "non-conformists," and "free-thinkers." We are not unlike those who traveled the Oregon Trail looking for a better land or before them—Abraham who was "looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." (Hebrews 11:10) This is the heritage of Eastwood – a community of seekers. I am glad to be on the journey with you.

Pastor Miller

¹Diane Butler Bass, *Christianity for the Rest of Us* (Valley Forge: Judson Press, 2006), 24.

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Children's Ministry News

A Series of Announcements

◆ June 5 marks the end of the 2008-09 school year. Children's Choir will have its last practice and performance on June 7. The Choir will sing in the worship service at 10:30 am. If your child is in the Children's Choir, please bring him/her to the sanctuary at 9:15 am on that Sunday morning for a rehearsal.



◆ Our summer session begins June 14. For the next 13 weeks, there will not be Sunday school at 9:15 am for the children in grades 1-5. This time has been sparsely attended in the last few months and an improvement is not anticipated during the summer. Most of the children are present during the worship hour. Therefore, Sunday school will be provided downstairs from 10:30-11:30 am for all children in grades 1-5. Children will report to room 1 at 10:30 am and be returned to the sanctuary at 11:30 am (by their teacher). We will be engaged in a 13 week "Journey with Joshua". Teachers on a rotating basis are needed. Please join us!

◆ "Kids Club" will be open for the kids who are in the building at 9:15 am. "Kids Club" will be downstairs. Games and activities will be provided. I need adults to interact and help with supervision (9:15-10:20 am).

◆ The preschool/kindergarten class will continue to meet in room 15 at 9:15 am and 10:30 am throughout the summer. They will be learning about "Samuel". There presently is no teacher for the 9:15 am hour. Leslie Miller has been covering this class temporarily. We are praying that one or two people will listen to God's nudging and take ownership of this class. These children are precious and full of wonderment. You would truly be blessed to be their teacher. Hugs and giggles abound.

◆ VBS is scheduled July 20-24 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. The theme is "Studio Go Game Show". Please put the dates on your calendar and sign up to help.



◆ Leslie and I are working on a few summer fun activities for the children and their families. More information will be posted later. Parents watch your email for these.

◆ A brown bag lunch and Sunday school teachers meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, May 31. All teachers and helpers of preschool to elementary age children are invited to attend. We plan to meet in the Fireside Room at noon. We will discuss the summer classes and activities, as well as listen to any thoughts or suggestions you may have for our children's program.



"Behold, children are our heritage from the Lord," Psalm 127:3a
Let's not forsake them!

Lynnette Yoshida

Handcrafts Group

The Handcrafts Group that usually meets the 4th Tuesday of each month will be cancelling their meetings during the summer months.

This group may or may not resume again in the fall. If you're interested in being a part of this group in the fall, please call Sandi in the church office.

Giving Report

	May 17, 2009	May 24, 2009
Worship Service.....	140	161
Sunday School Classes		
Adults	67	57
Youth	7	5
Children	7	9
Offering	\$ 5,267.00	\$ 3,886.76

[Needed each week to meet the approved budget for 2009—\$6,779.00]

Thank You

Thanks to the many Eastwood members who graciously met with Donna Hildebrand's freshmen history students to be interviewed for the "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" Great Depression project. People who volunteered for this project included: Tom and Leona Lloyd, Alrene Adams, Bill and Dorothy Curtis, John and Virginia Yungen, Jane Smith, Frances Kelly, Ray Olstad and Annabelle Sears.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Our Church: its leaders and families

All of those with health needs.

All service people overseas,

Eric Lektorich, Army; Kevin Hoffman, Army; and James Gilmer, USMC; Lolo Vasquez—Iraq

Our ABCO churches, pastors and missionaries serving around the world.

Jonna Reeder

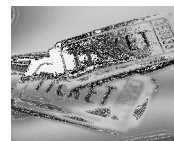
Kurt Hildebrand, serving in Haiti

"An Eastwood Conversation"

The Long Range Planning Committee (formerly Vision Team) has completed four Conversation sessions so far. For those who don't know what they are, they are small group sessions where people talk about what is important to them about Eastwood and its ministry. In a few months, the Committee hopes to collect most of the information and make recommendations to the future planning sessions that take place in this church. This information will be made available to the congregation as well. If you are not in a Sunday School Class or are a part of a Small Group Bible Study, we invite you to sign up for Conversation sessions held before and after church on June 7th and 14th. Breakfast and lunch will be offered at these sessions. You can sign up at the table next to the Welcome Center.

Your Long Range Committee

*Caralyn Dusenberry, Don Eastman, Eli Matthews, Leslie Miller, Steve Curry,
Barbara Meuse and Pastor Miller.*



World Christianity Quiz

1. What percentage of the world's 6.6 billion people call themselves "Christian"?
2. What is the ratio between "white" and "non-white" Christians?
3. How many languages have at least a portion of Scripture translated in them?
4. How many Christian foreign missionaries are currently working worldwide?
5. What six countries receive the greatest number of foreign missionaries?
6. How many Africans serve as missionaries on other continents?

(Answers may be found on Page 4)



Mission News



A Message from American Baptist Missionary Ruth Mooney serving in Costa Rica

Dear Friends,

The first time I visited the Pavas slums in San José, Costa Rica with my friend Heidi, I was appalled. We walked along the railroad track that served as a road, past open sewers and houses that looked as if they would collapse at any moment. Barefoot children ran past us, playing. Then suddenly, we came to a different section. The houses were sturdy and well maintained, and the people seemed more confident. In the center stood the Lutheran Church, and we entered to participate in a lively and joyous service. Heidi and her husband Marcos pastor this church, and have helped to transform the lives of those they serve.

Heidi and Marcos needed help from someone with a seminary training that would prepare him or her to minister in this difficult context. Enter Sergio, a talented Colombian studying at the Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana (Latin American Biblical University), a seminary that specializes in offering pastors a holistic vision of ministry.

What about Christian education materials? The major publishing houses could not begin to address the issues faced by this struggling congregation: Lutheran doctrine in a slum context! So when Heidi heard that I had been asked to teach a class at the Latin American Biblical University (UBL) on how to prepare Sunday school lessons, she encouraged Sergio to sign up for the class. He learned the basic skills and will be writing materials uniquely appropriate for the Pavas church.

That course was one of the factors that motivated the UBL to invite me onto their faculty as a Christian Education professor. It showed me how my experience could be used to respond to needs throughout Latin America, and I am looking forward to beginning this new challenge.

I am grateful for the support of so many of you toward this ministry. I am trusting God to provide the remainder of my financial support so that I can return to Costa Rica. Will you consider joining in partnership with me by making a financial gift or pledge today?

In faith,

Ruth

Rev. Ruth Mooney

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You can contribute toward my ministry with a credit card online at <http://www.internationalministries.org/missionaries/79> or by mailing a check to International Ministries, Missionary Support, PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851, writing "salary support for Ruth Mooney" on the memo line.

Answers to World Christianity Quiz

(from page 3)

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| 1. 31.3%, about 2.2 billion | 5. USA | 35,100 |
| 2. 44% white, 56% are non-white | Brazil | 26,400 |
| 3. 2,238 languages or dialects | Russia | 20,100 |
| 4. 443,000 missionaries, sent by 4,340 agencies | France | 16,900 |
| | Britain | 15,800 |
| 6. 19,000 African missionaries to other continents | | |

More Mission News

An excerpt from an article received from one of our missionaries.

Faith of Irina:

Sarah felt sorry for Irina that she was put in jail for a simple reason of changing her work schedule! When asked if she needed anything, her answer surprised Sarah, Irina said, "I thank God for everything. I don't need anything. I have everything" though at that time she had nothing except the clothes on her back! She said, "I don't want to keep asking God for anything. He must be tired of listening to prayer requests! People asking all the time I want this, I want that. Everyone is asking God for something. But I just want to thank God! I have water to drink, food to eat, and place to sleep! He's been wonderful to me and I need nothing more from Him!" Irina's conviction was borne by someone who obviously had experienced the Love and acceptance of God, though that relationship may have lapsed now. Gratitude is the normal attitude of a grateful sinner whose been redeemed by Jesus Christ. It's a realization that we deserve nothing and everything we have comes from the hands of God. It is an acknowledgement God loved us and continues to love us, though we fail him so miserably. It is a quiet assurance that God knows what we are going through.

Fear not I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you walk through the waters I will be with you; when you pass through the rivers they will not sweep you over you. When you walk through the fire you will not be burnt....for I am the Lord, your God" (Isaiah 43: 2-3). Whatever may be our particular circumstances in life, Irina's faith is a powerful reminder, our God is already on the lookout for us. **Have No Fear!**

What is going away and won't return until September???

The last ABW gathering before summer break will be held June 9th, at 11:30, at Anna Maria Creekside. Their address is 822 Golf View Drive. The price for lunch is \$7, which includes a beverage and gratuity. The staff at Anna Maria would appreciate knowing how many ladies to prepare for. Please RSVP to Norma Hart @ 772-2307 or by e-mail at marvinhart@charter.net by June 5th.

Walda Reeder will be selling jewelry made in Thailand to benefit Nightlight. Bring \$7 for lunch, and plenty of cash for jewelry, and join in the fun and fellowship!

Eastwood's Women's Retreat

On May 16th 38 women made the drive to Box R Ranch on the Greenspring Highway to meet together in worship and fellowship with one another. We were blessed by the presence on God in this place. So many words of appreciation need to be given...

Thank you for our music team, Donna Hildebrand, Linda Tripp, and Marilyn Powell, for leading us in worship and praise.

Thank you to Jane Smith, Nanci Rogers, and Ruby Chun, for sharing your stories with us.

Thank you to each one of you who shared your story in small groups. There was rich sharing in each group, as we learned how God was a part of each woman's life.

Thank you, Sandy Tepper and Marilyn Powell, for our communion time at the foot of the crosses. The flute music brought many tears as we contemplated the cost of our salvation to our dear Lord Jesus.

Thank you, Sandy Tepper, Carol Bath, Maxine Gilmer and Ann Christie, for afternoon activities that encouraged friendship and conversation.

Thank you, Jan Blankenship, for closing our day by drawing us to yield our lives anew to Jesus and to receive His promise for each individual.

Thank you, Fay Rashe, for keeping the monies, paying the bills, and painting the flower pots that were the table centerpieces.

The evaluations indicate that everyone had a day blessed by our Lord, for He had planned it that way.

P.S. We hope to have another retreat in the fall, possibly the first Saturday in October.

JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm Scouts (K-Building)	2 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 12 pm Men's Bible Study (Elmer's) 5:30 First Place	3 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:15 pm Mid-Week Worship 7:15 Choir Practice	4	5	6
7 TRINITY SUNDAY 8 am Prayer in Chapel 9:15 Sunday School Bible Classes 10:30 Communion Worship Service	8 7 pm Scouts (K-Building)	9 11:30 ABW Lunch at Anna Maria Creekside 12 pm Men's Bible Study (Elmer's) 5:30 First Place	10 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:15 pm Mid-Week Worship 7:15 Choir Practice	11 Deacon's Meeting 5:30—Room 14	12	13 ABCOTransformational Meeting Eugene, Oregon
14 GRADUATION SUNDAY 8 am Prayer in Chapel 9:15 Sunday School Bible Classes 10:30 Worship Service Flag Day	15 7 pm Scouts (K-Building)	16 12 pm Men's Bible Study (Elmer's) 5:30 First Place	17 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:15 pm Mid-Week Worship 7:15 Choir Practice	18	19 3:00 Builder's Social	20
21 FATHER'S DAY 8 am Prayer in Chapel 9:15 Sunday School Bible Classes 10:30 Worship Service Rev. George Nye	22 7 pm Scouts (K-Building)	23 12 pm Men's Bible Study (Elmer's) 5:30 First Place	24 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:15 pm Mid-Week Worship	25 Deacon's Meeting 5:30—Room 14 American Baptist Biennial Pasadena, CA	26 American Baptist Biennial Pasadena, CA	27 American Baptist Biennial Pasadena, CA
28 YOUTH SUNDAY 8 am Prayer in Chapel 9:15 Sunday School Bible Classes 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Steve Bills American Baptist Biennial Pasadena, CA	29 7 pm Scouts (K-Building) American Baptist Biennial Pasadena, CA	30 12 pm Men's Bible Study (Elmer's) 5:30 First Place	July 1	July 2	July 3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED In observance of 4th of July	July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maxine Gilmer
- 1 June Roady
- 1 Sara Lektorich
- 2 Carolyn Loos
- 3 Larry Sayre
- 4 Jane Smith
- 6 Louise Breedon
- 7 Bud Clark
- 8 Ernie Bucher
- 9 Mary Curry
- 11 Steve Drew
- 11 Hilda Hill
- 11 Martha Scalberg
- 11 Verna Yungen
- 13 Bee Wyatt
- 14 Richard Dill
- 15 Amanda Arnett
- 15 Scott Millus
- 16 Jonathan Rowell
- 17 Bill Dutton
- 17 Janet Goodrich
- 18 Linc Ekman
- 18 Paul Meuse Jr.
- 23 Henry Carlstrom
- 23 Joe Lewis
- 26 Dylan Daniel
- 26 Curtis Yungen
- 27 Allan Rowell
- 28 Daniel Hilgendorf
- 29 Allan Campbell
- 29 Naomi Roby

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Bill and Ann Cavett
- 6 Hugh and Barbara Barnhill
- 8 Jeff and Jennifer Hunter
- 11 Joe and Juanita Bowden
- 13 Tom and Leona Lloyd
- 14 Linc and Wanda Peets-Ekman
- 19 George and Julia Coplan
- 19 Terry and Susan Miller
- 20 Bud and Dorothy Clark
- 22 Steve and Verna Yungen
- 25 Stephen and Betty Drew
- 26 Stan and Ardy Ross
- 28 John and Sue Becker
- 28 Andy and Linda Tripp

NOTE: Please let the office know if your birthday and/or anniversary is listed incorrectly OR if it has been omitted.

Youth News

Just a few weeks left of school for the Youth, and the summer fun begins! Yet the truth is we do not need the summer to come to have fun. In just the past few weeks we have conquered Roxy Ann, played football at Hedrick Middle School, and once again stuffed our faces with an enormous



amount of pizza. Currently I am mapping out some of the events for the summer that the Youth will have the opportunity to get involved in- I will be posting these soon. Feel free to contact me if you have any great opportunities or ideas for this summer. The Youth and I thank you for your continual support and love!

In His Peace,

Eli

*In Memory of
Buna M. Dickey*



At home in the body: May 4, 1919

At home with the Lord: May 22, 2009

UP COMING EVENTS

MAY	May 31	Pentecost Sunday
JUNE	June 2	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	June 7	Trinity Sunday
	June 9	ABW
	June 11	Deacon's Meeting
	June 13	Missional Taskforce for ABC of Oregon
	June 14	Valley River Church Eugene
	June 19	Graduation Sunday
	June 21	Builder's Social
	June 21	Father's Day
	June 28	Rev. George Nye, preaching
	June 28	Youth Sunday
	June 25-28	Dr. Jim Stumbo, preaching
	June 25-28	ABC-USA Biennial
	June 25-28	Pasadena California

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May 31, 2009

Pastor Randolph Miller, preaching

SUNDAY, May 31st—Pentecost Sunday

Prayer in Chapel	8:00
Sunday School Classes (all ages)	9:15
Worship Service	10:30

MONDAY, June 1st

Scouts	7:00
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TUESDAY, June 2nd

Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30
Men's Luncheon (Elmer's Restaurant)	12:00
First Place	5:30

WEDNESDAY, June 3rd

Staff Meeting	11:00
Mid-Week Service	6:15
Choir Practice	7:15

THURSDAY, June 4th

FRIDAY, June 5th

SATURDAY, June 6th

June 7, 2009

Pastor Randolph Miller, preaching

SUNDAY, June 7th—Trinity Sunday

Prayer in Chapel	8:00
Sunday School Classes (all ages)	9:15
Communion Worship Service	10:30

MONDAY, June 8th

Scouts	7:00
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TUESDAY, June 9th

ABW—Anna Marie Creekside	11:30
Men's Luncheon (Elmer's Restaurant)	12:00
First Place	5:30

WEDNESDAY, June 10th

Staff Meeting	11:00
Mid-Week Service	6:15
Choir Practice	7:15

THURSDAY, June 11th

Deacon's Meeting	5:30
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FRIDAY, June 12th

SATURDAY, June 13th

ABCO Transformational Meeting
Eugene, Oregon

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