



The Beacon

Eastwood Baptist Church

"Honoring the Past, Looking to the Future"

January 5, 2012

Serving as the Hands and Feet of Jesus

As we begin this year, I was asked to consider a 2012 theme for Eastwood. In meditating on the state of the world, I am suggesting we adopt the American Baptist Churches - USA theme: *Serving as the Hands and Feet of Jesus*.

This theme is outward in focus and sets a tone of humility and servant-hood. These qualities are at the heart of discipleship and reflect the heart of God's mission in Jesus. It moves us beyond being simple learners of doctrine, to enter into the difficulties of Christian practice, such as practicing hope, forgiving, peacemaking, patience, practicing faith and so on.

The biblical idea for "*Serving as the Hands and Feet of Jesus*" is found in many passages including the following:

"... just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." - Matthew 25:40

"... feed my lambs, ... tend my sheep, ... feed my sheep"
John 21:15-17

"... who was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? He (the lawyer) said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." - Luke 10: 36-37

In the 16th century, a Spanish believer captured this idea with these words:

Christ has no body now, but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
Christ looks compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.

Teresa of Ávila, (1515-1582)

In 2012, let us continue our efforts to serve as *the hands and feet of Jesus*.

Grace in the New Year

Pastor Miller

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Reflections No. Nineteen...Hmmm

I was watching TV channel 10 when Dr. Dan came on. He is a local physician who answers health questions on the network. The TV person asked him about New Year Resolutions, whether it is good to do or not. (Some people get depressed when they fail to keep their resolution so I've been told.) ...Hmmm

He answered that he was making three resolutions for 2012. The first (if I remember correctly), is to eat better (no more fast food French fries I imagine). Well that might work for me (you too) as well. The second resolution is to take better care of himself physically (otherwise known as exercise). I can understand that need too. (The motivation to do so must be on the top shelf in some dark warehouse because I am having trouble finding it. I suppose I could ask for advise as to where you found your supply. But I'm afraid of what you might suggest.)... Hmmm

Now here is his third resolution, which I was glad to hear, take better care of himself spiritually. ...Hmmm

Now the trouble I have is figuring out what is included in this word 'spiritual.' ...Hmmm Now Apostle Paul should be helpful. He writes to the Romans, "I long to see you, so that I may impart some spiritual gift to make you strong..." So here is what I decided I, we, need to do to have better spiritual health in 2012. ...Hmmm

Find someone, that will let you, and give them a hug, maybe two, with a word of appreciation for them Try to do this a number of times for the full spiritual benefit. Speak to a person you don't know and express a warm greeting. Use kind words and a tender tone of voice when speaking to others. Tell a story that makes others laugh. Speak to a child. Let someone else go before you. You get the idea. These responses to others have a double benefit, they not only touch another person, but they touch you as well. And Jesus will smile down upon you and say, "when you do this to others, you do it to me also, thank you."... Hmmm

Apostle Peter adds these words, "...you come to Him, the living Stone...chosen by God and precious to him...like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ..." (1 Peter 2:4-5)

Blessings,
Jerry)-:

UP COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2012

January 8	Family Bowling after Worship - at Lava Lanes
January 10	ABW - White Cross
January 15	Rainbow Acres Meeting
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Office Closed
January 18	Glen and Rita Chapman Missionaries - Dinner
January 22	Eastwood Annual Meeting



Welcome Hilary Hall

After meeting with a couple of candidates for the position of Accompanist, the Deacons voted in their December meeting to offer

the position to Hilary Hall.

Hilary comes to us with a degree in Piano Performance from the University of Oregon's School of Music. She has served as an accompanist for several local congregations and has been teaching piano for twenty-five years. She begins her work with us this week and will serve in worship this Sunday, January 8. We are excited about the gifts that Hilary brings to Eastwood and we are grateful for God's wonderful provisions.

Thank you from the Millers

Leslie and I want to thank you dear souls of Eastwood for the Love Gift offering at yearend. We intend to use it in a future "get-a-way." We also were touched by the many cards and other expressions of kindness - some of which added a few extra pounds.

Blessings and grace to you in 2012.

I thank my God every time I remember you...,
Phil. 1:3

Pastor Miller

Do you have someone you'd like to nominate for a Deacon position?

Our Annual Meeting isn't that far away!

2012 Deacons Nominations

Your Nominating Committee is meeting to propose names for five positions that need to be filled at the Annual Meeting in January. If you would like to submit a name for consideration, please contact the Nominating Committee members.

Thank you for your prayers and help.

Nominating Committee:

Don Eastman

Stan Ross

Dianne Rowell

Sue Shaw

Positions to be filled:

Moderator...3-year term

Christian Education...3-year term

Missions...3-year term

Nominating/Personnel...3-year term

Fellowship...1-year term

Eastwood's

Annual Business Meeting

The **Annual Business Meeting** of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, **January 22nd** immediately following Worship Service. A light lunch will be served, \$5 each or \$10 per family, with the meeting to follow the meal. This year's agenda includes electing a Moderator as well as a number of Deacon positions and the approval of the 2012 budget.

If you're planning to attend, please note it on your "green cards" so we can prepare a place for you.

A copy of the **proposed 2012 Budget** is posted on the kiosk closest to the office.

Please join us as we close out 2011 and prepare for the ministries of Eastwood in 2012.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Our Church: its leaders and families

All of those with health needs.

All service people overseas, including:

Eric Lektorich, Army

Kevin Hoffman, Army

James Gilmer, USMC

Lolo Vasquez, Iraq

Aaron Chisem, US Navy

Jason Cesario, Iraq

William C. Backes II, Army

Nicholas Hart, Marines

Nate Cox, Army Reserve

Daniel Oravetz, Air Force

Logan Oravetz, Army

Please pray for all students, teachers and parents (of all ages of children)

Unemployed / Underemployed

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

Jonna Reeder

Kurt Hildebrand, serving in Haiti

New Year's - 2012

Commit to attend church on a regular basis this year! Watch and see the changes that occur in your attitude and life.

RTM

Dear Eastwood Family,

I want to thank you all for our annual Love Gift. I am overwhelmed at your generosity. It amazing to me the enormous amount of giving you all do for Eastwood and for God's work. I really do appreciate the Love Gift and will put it to good use.

Sandi Campbell

Thank you all for our Love Gift.

Sam Angulo

WINTER SESSION...

First Place 4 Health

Tuesday, January 10rd
Room 14—5:30 - 7:00 PM

Beginning Again

This is a combination health management / Bible study women's group.

For more information call:

Jan Blankenship, 541-772-7888



ABW

Ladies,

ABW will be meeting on January 10th at 9:30 am for our annual White Cross work day. We roll bandages for use in the Congo Baptist hospitals.



Please bring your scissors, any sheets that are old and you wouldn't miss, and a New Year's resolution!

There will be refreshments and fellowship!

Social time begins at 9:30 am and we will start at 10:00.

Rainbow Acres Mission Trip

March 26-30, 2012

There will be a Rainbow Acres Information / Planning Meeting on Sunday, January 15th after the worship service in Room 14. Anyone interested in this mission trip should attend.

**Love
Your
Library
Day**



Sunday, February 12

Come to the table in front of the library to buy a book to put in the library, and/or to make a donation to enable us to buy more. This is an opportunity to tell us what kinds of books, magazines, and DVD's you would like to see available to the Eastwood congregation.

Joan Avery
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**RETIRED MINISTERS & MISSIONARIES OFFERING
CONNECTS GENERATIONS**

RMMMO 2010



Remember with LOVE
Give with GRATITUDE

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

Thank you for your loving contributions to the RMMMO. Our retired ministers and missionaries often live on a very small retirement income, and your gifts remind them of our love and care for them. May you be blessed for your gifts.

Jan Blankenship
Deacon of Missions



Thank you Eastwood for the generous Christmas gift. You are indeed the greatest congregation of all.

We wish each of you a blessed New Year.

Jerry and Maxine Gilmer

Mission dinner for

Glen and Rita Chapman, missionaries to the Congo

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Dinner - 5:30 pm

Mission presentation - 6:00 pm

Glen and Rita Chapman prepare Congolese students to serve as pastors in their rural villages. Glen teaches at the Kikongo Pastor's Institute, where he is professor of Old Testament, African religions, and Baptist distinctives. Rita directs and teaches at the Women's School, where pastor's wives learn to read, and to serve as active help-mates for their pastor-husbands.

Glen also projects evangelistic movies and educational videos on medical and health issues in rural areas. He now uses a powered parachute to fly into villages, which would take him several days to reach by bike or boat. The PPC can carry 2 people, plus luggage, so it is a good means of getting medical supplies to the interior clinics in a timely manner.

We have read many of Glen and Rita's journal notes in the Beacon in the past years. Come and hear about the ministry the Lord is doing in the Congo through these two committed missionaries.

Eastwood supports the Chapmans in our budget, so they are "our" missionaries. You will be blessed.

Please contact the office to sign up for dinner. We want to be prepared for all who come.

Jan Blankenship,
Deacon of Missions

Hymns for Those Who Drive

45 mph	<i>"God Will Take Care of You"</i>
55 mph	<i>"Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah"</i>
65 mph	<i>"Nearer My God to Thee"</i>
75 mph	<i>"Nearer, Still Nearer"</i>
85 mph	<i>"This World is Not My Home"</i>
95 mph	<i>"Lord, 'm Coming Home"</i>
Over 100 mph	<i>"Precious Memories"</i>

Christmas 2011 at "The Office"

If you gave items for the 46 gift bags delivered to the dancers at The Office, you were there ministering in spirit. If you are part of ABW, who purchased the Jeremiah 29:11 refrigerator magnets for each woman, you were sharing the promise of Scripture. If you prayed for this outreach at Christmas you were calling upon the Holy Spirit to touch their lives and redeem them from darkness. Thanks to Max and Jan who sewed the gift bags; to Jan and Jackie for the filling of the bags; to Carolyn who handmade over 50 pairs of earrings; to Jan for accompanying me to present the bags. This year we used individual name tags to help ensure that everyone got gifts. We also presented personal gifts to the manager, to one of the bouncers, and a variety of edible goodies to be shared by all employees. As we enter 2012 we begin our 4th year of ministry through showering them with tokens of our love at holidays and birthdays. We listen to the stories of their struggles. We ask them to share with us their hopes for themselves and their children in this New Year. We give notes of encouragement and verbal praise to many who are enrolled in classes preparing themselves for careers they can talk about with pride one day. We ask for your prayer support as we renew our vision of a loving God who desires to open the hearts of these women, to grant them hope for a way out, and a dream for a better life for themselves and their families.

*Walda Reeder
Jan Blankenship*

Footnote: Have the manager, the dancers and employees at The Office caught the spirit of giving? This Christmas they collected and gave us 35 large gifts and numerous stocking stuffers to be given to needy families. They experienced the joy that comes to caring and giving hearts.

Save the date...

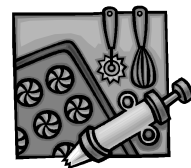
ABC0/CA Mission Conference

April 20-21, 2012

First Baptist Church, Springfield

Won't You PLEASE Help?

Please take a look at the cookie sign up sheets on the kiosk closest to the church office. They are certainly bare. Pick a Sunday to bring cookies or goodies and write your name on that date. Only 3 people need to sign up each week. Please bring 4 dozen cookies/treats on your day.



Thanks to "you"
our fellowship hour

2012 Flower Calendar

Our flower calendar is quite bare. If you are interested in providing a floral bouquet for our Worship Center this year, get your date(s) selected soon. If the flowers are for a special occasion such as celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or given in loving memory of someone, please note that so we can add this to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!



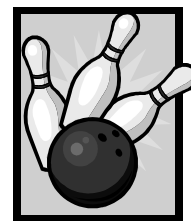
FAMILY BOWLING

**Sunday, January 8th
at Lava Lanes**

(after Worship...1:00 pm)

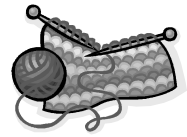
Please **RSVP** to **Sue Lektorich**
soon so she knows how many
lanes to reserve.

Call her at **541-779-5762**.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit and/or crochet?



We would love to have you join us! Mark your calendars now.

Our Next Meeting: Monday February 9 at 1:00 pm

We make prayer/lap shawls for various occasions and fellowship together. Our shawls are given for weddings, new baby, death of a loved one, and other things going on in their lives. In December 2011 we made hats and scarves for the homeless teens in Medford.

Any questions - call Janice Calvert at 541-779-4994 or Joan Avery at 541-702-2144.

January 2012 Schedule for YOUTH EVENTS

Every Sunday at 9:15am there is Youth Bible Study (upstairs of K-building). 2nd Sunday of each month there will be Youth Forums and the 4th Sunday of each month is Youth Sunday (youth get to participate in main service).

- January 5th** Thursday, K-Building, Games and Food, 5:30-7:30.
- January 8th** Sunday, 3:30pm Spartans Hockey Game. Meet at The Rink at 3:15.
- January 8th** Sunday Youth Forums, 9:15am, Church.
- January 12th** Thursday, K-Building, Games and Food, 5:30-7:30.
- January 15th** Rainbow Acres Information/Planning Meeting
- January 18th** Wednesday, Glen and Rita Chapman, Missionaries to Congo, Dinner at 5:30, at Church.
- January 22nd** Youth Sunday, In Main Service 10:30am.
- January 22nd** Eastwood Annual Meeting.
- January 26th** Thursday, Youth- Games and Food, K-Building 5:30-7:30pm.

Youth Echoes

The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!" (Lamentations 3:22-24, NASB)

Thank the Lord for a new year and a new day! We as Christians have such a blessings knowing that each day is a new and fresh day in the sight of God. Even though God does not promise us tomorrow, He sure promises in His Word that He will be faithful and His mercies begin afresh each new day! If that does not make you smile I am not sure what will.

God has been showing His mercies and faithfulness among our youth. Continue to pray for their growth and relationship with God, and that they will put all their "hope" in Him. The youth started classes again this week, so pray for diligence and strength for school and their studies. As for upcoming events, this week we have our third month of Christian Forums on Sunday morning, and we are scheduled to attend the family bowling and hockey game on Sunday.

I also want to thank the congregation for my "Love Gift" I received for Christmas- I sure appreciate it!

In Him,
Eli

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*Reaching Out to the Community
for Christ*

January 8, 2012

Pastor Randolph Miller, preaching

SUNDAY, January 8th

Prayer in Chapel	8:00
Sunday School classes (all ages)	9:15
Worship Service	10:30
Bowling at Lava Lanes	1:00

MONDAY, January 9th

Boy Scout Troop 5	7:00
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TUESDAY, January 10th

Men's Luncheon (Elmer's Restaurant)	12:00
First Place	5:30

WEDNESDAY, January 11th

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

THURSDAY, January 12th

Deacon Agape Meeting	5:30
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FRIDAY, January 13th

SATURDAY, January 14th

January 15, 2012

Pastor Randolph Miller, preaching

SUNDAY, January 15th

Prayer in Chapel	8:00
Sunday School classes (all ages)	9:15
Worship Service	10:30
Rainbow Acres Information Meeting (after Worship)	

MONDAY, January 16th

Church Office Closed
Martin Luther King' Jr.'s Birthday

TUESDAY, January 17th

Men's Luncheon (Elmer's Restaurant)	12:00
First Place	5:30

WEDNESDAY, January 18th

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

THURSDAY, January 19th

FRIDAY, January 20th

Builder's Social	3:00
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SATURDAY, January 21st