

# Eastwood Life



Eastwood Baptist Church Newsletter

September 2019

***CONNECTING HEARTS & HANDS***

## PASTORAL CONVERSATIONS

*“Going to church don’t make a man a Christian any more than going to a stable makes a man a horse.” - Billy Sunday – 20<sup>th</sup> Century Evangelist*

The relationship between the church and God has always had its ups and downs. The Bible compares the relationship to a marriage, the church being the Bride of Christ (Eph 5:25). Knowing marriage and the church, I think the metaphor is a good one. Being in church and being a disciple of Christ can be a loose connection, the latter being the most important, of course. But in a way, church is God’s best shot at making disciples in this world. He calls us the Body of Christ. We need to be *Simply Church*.

Church can be boring. Flannery O’Connor once quoted someone who said, “the sermons were so horrible [that] he knew there must be something else there to make people come”. Church can be embarrassing. I grew up in the era of the Jimmy’s (Baker, Swaggart). Church can be drawn to the latest fads that fade (Crystal Cathedral, Willow Creek, Moral Majority). Or what about wimpy? Pope Francis wrote, *“I prefer a church which bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security”*.

So if the church was to be at its best, *Simply Church*, what would that look like? That is what I want to talk about this Fall, the characteristics of being Simply Church. In 1999, after extensive research in the New England area, Stephen Macchia distilled 10 characteristics in his book, Becoming a Healthy Church. Those will be our focus, as we look at the scriptures & *Simply Church*.

BACK TO  
**CHURCH**

### Matthew 25 Farm

Mission Trip



Join us on the farm  
September 21  
Meet at 9am at church to car pool



### WORK DAY

Saturday – September 28

9am till 1pm

## WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS for SEPTEMBER 2019



Sept 1

**9:30am COMBINED WORSHIP & COMMUNION  
at EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND SUNDAY  
With Reformed Church of Syracuse

### FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS!



Sept 8

**AGAPE SERVICE in Titus Hall – 10:30am**  
BIBLICAL IMAGES of CHURCH  
Grandparent Sunday  
Worship Service with Choir – 10:30am  
9:30am Sunday School begins

Sept 15

**NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**  
SIMPLY CHURCH – God Exalting Worship  
Praying for School



Sept 22

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
SIMPLY CHURCH – A Learning and Growing Community

Sept 29

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
SIMPLY CHURCH – God Empowering Presence



### Coming in October

- Oct 4-5 Garage Sale
- Oct 6 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 13 Samaritan Center Mission Trip
- Oct 20 Compassion Child Brunch
- Oct 27 Iroquois Association Annual Meeting

# WHAT DOES YOUR GENERATION SAY ABOUT THE WAY YOU GIVE?



## The Generations

Most researchers agree on five generational categories: **Greatest Generation; Boomers; Gen X; Millennials; and Generation Z.** Within these categories are numerous subsets. Researchers are now even gathering information about Generation Z—those born after 2000. While not everyone is in agreement about every detail, there are still recognized trends. And those characteristics seem to influence giving. With this newsletter, we will begin looking at some of them.

The **Greatest Generation** (with due acknowledgment to Tom Brokaw who popularized the term) are people generally born between 1901 and 1945. Here is what you need to know about them (which would include Silents, Builders and Civics):

### Greatest Generation

75+ years old

88% give to charity

They represent 20% of all charitable giving

They give an average of over \$1,300 annually

They give to over 6 charities per year

Their most preferred method of making a donation: direct mail, church

Due to age and health concerns, many in the Greatest Generation may represent “gifts at risk”, meaning that the expectation of continuing to receive gifts at the current level of their giving may need to be evaluated. This group is more generous than any other group, but they share that generosity across more causes.

**Boomers** are next, born between 1946-1964, and we include both early and late boomers in these trends.

### Boomers:

54-72 years old

72% give to charity

They represent 43% of all charitable giving

They give an average of over \$1,200 annually

They give to over 4 charities per year

They prefer giving through their workplace, followed by donating via website and direct mail.

A smaller percentage of Boomers give than the Greatest Generation (72% compared to 88%), but they still represent the single largest group supporting charitable work: *43% of all dollars given to philanthropy comes from Boomers.* They give less per capita and to fewer causes. The second-most preferred giving method for Boomers is online. This means that electronic giving opportunities should be available for Boomers (and all subsequently named giving groups). Your church is missing out on the second most popular way this group gives if they cannot make a gift to you by either electronic transfer of funds or debit/credit card.

## Eastwood Baptist Finances IMPROVING! – as reported to the Deacons on August 13, 2019



<b>End of July Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 18,000</b>	
Previous Month	\$ 13,600	
<b>Year to Date Expenses vs Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,741</b>	<b>Behind</b>
Previous Month	\$ 20,071	Behind

# INVITATION to CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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As a believer in Jesus Christ, you are invited to become a member of the Eastwood Baptist Church congregation. Our congregation is composed of members and non-members, seeking to be a community, the Body of Christ in the world. Church membership is an important way of establishing our commitment to a worshipping community of disciples of Jesus Christ. If you have been thinking about becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Bailey. A membership orientation with the pastor and the Membership Commission will help answer questions.



Membership usually follows one of these paths:

- Baptism by immersion, or
- Transfer of membership from another Christian Church, or
- Experience, the personal declaration of faith in Christ.

## INVITATION to BAPTISM

Several times a year we extend an invitation to youth (6th grade or older) and adults to declare their faith in Jesus Christ through baptism by immersion. The early Christians, after gladly receiving the Gospel, were baptized to publicly be counted among the followers of Christ. Baptism is an outward demonstration of an inward decision.

- Christians follow Christ's example (Mt. 3:13-17)
- Christ directed us to be baptized (Mt. 28:19)
- Baptism is a way to make your faith public (Acts 2:41)
- Baptism is a visual picture of the Christian life (Romans 6:4)



Speak to Pastor Bailey of your interest or questions.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL “ROARS” TO SUCCESS!

Vacation Bible School 2019 was a resounding success. The theme this year was “When Life is Wild, God is Good”, no matter what life brings.

God's goodness brought us 32 eager children for Bible learning experiences & videos, Sciency-Fun gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs and tasty suppers where we talked about daily God-sightings. Our VBS outreach included 14 kids from our Karen families and 14 from the community, whose families may not have a church home.

We could not have accomplished Vacation Bible School first of all, without God's strength and blessing. Also because of the (30!) volunteers who worked behind the scenes or directly with children. Making banners, preparing materials, taking attendance, preparing supper each day, teaching or leading songs and donating supplies...the list goes on and on. It was a huge team event. Thank you to each and every one!!

- Jeannie Baker

## TRANSITIONS

- **Cheyenne, Emily, and Lydia** head back to college this fall.
- **Our Outhouse** headed to First Baptist Manlius at the end of the summer.
- **George Duffner** has moved to the Kingston, NY area, a little closer to family, shortly before Labor Day

## *In Memoriam*

**Charles “Charlie” Rauhe** died this summer. He was an Usher, Deacon, Treasurer and cheer leader fro Eastwood Baptist for many years.

**Pat Spadafora (husband of Laura)** died this summer, only a few months after wife Laura.

## OUR COMPASSION CHILD - Wadeline recently (August 2019) wrote:



*Dear Eastwood Baptist Church,*

*It is a pleasure for me to be writing you this letter in order to tell you about the school year and how I and my family are doing. Before going further, tell me about you. How are you doing and family? How are you doing with your activities? As for me, my activities are doing very good. I had a good school year. I have just finished the school year. I took the last control exams, I am now on summer break. I don't know where I will spend the vacation yet. I think about going to Cap-Haitian or to Port-au-Prince, the capital of my country. I don't know yet, as I don't wan to leave the club activities. I will tell you in a next*

*letter.*

*2. Thank you so much for the way you are helping me in my school activities and other things.*

*3. Keep praying for me that God make me spend a good vacation. I am praying for you that God continue take care of you and family.*

# The Eastwood Baptist

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*as we study what it means to be*



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to those celebrating in  
**September**

- 1 Doris Stoddard
- 3 Betty Foland
- 4 Kathleen Hammond
- 5 Marilyn Stedman  
Edward Demello
- 6 Emma McNamara  
Lenore Sealy  
Ray Vinette
- 13 Karen Nauschuetz
- 17 Elaine Mitchell
- 18 Iris Logan
- 21 Monty Stone
- 24 Craig Foland
- 27 Michael Ural
- 28 Robert Foland  
Jackie Gaffield
- 29 Cheyenne Dunn
- 30 Mary Beth Kolozsvary  
Shirley Mott

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to those celebrating

- 7 Amy and Dennis O'Rourke
- 10 Rev.s Suzi and Jim Harriff
- 11 Bill and Brenda Mertz
- 15 Amy and Bob Brisson
- 19 Charles and Dale Sargent
- 27 Iris & Andre Logan
- 28 Gayle and Ray Vinette

## Bible Study



### **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Begins Sept 18**

Bible study starts back up for the fall! First day back is Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Lounge, continuing weekly. Our first study is "Growing Older and Wiser", looking at passages about both.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE "LUNCH BUNCH"** meets on the first Wednesday of each month. All women are invited.



### **SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN**

Will begin on on Wednesday,  
September 11th at 11:30 a.m.  
Lunch is provided. We'll talk about  
driving and not driving.



**OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS - JEFF & ANNIE DIESELBERG** write this month:

*Dear Faithful Friends at Eastwood Baptist,*

*Yesterday was the first day for two new women here at NightLight. They are not new to us. We have known them for years. The outreach team of NightLight has had hundreds of conversations with them in various places - our beauty salon, outreach party, street outreach - just to name a few. But yesterday was their first day to officially come into the NightLight program. That means they are given a job here. They get a salary. That means they attend chapel every morning. And eventually will join a Bible Study class. They are no longer people to visit on outreach night. They have already been reached out to, sobered up, and brought into NightLight. They were so excited to be here yesterday - their first day - they were beaming, which is not what they were doing a few weeks ago passed out on the street, drunk, having just been with a man or several men. Yes. Yesterday they were sober and beaming.*

*Will you pray for them - "W" and "A" (just initials to their first name)?*

*Will you pray that they will not go back to the streets?*

*Will you pray that they stay sober and pure?*

*Will pray that they will continue to "beam" here at NightLight, stay away from the darkness, stay in the light, receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior? And through the Holy Spirit their lives will be transformed entirely?*

*That's what it will take for "W" and "A". Actually that's what it takes for all the women who come to NightLight. Your ongoing support for us and for NightLight and your prayers for "W" and "A" and all the women at NightLight makes a difference. And we are grateful. Blessings, Jeff*



**THANK YOU** for your giving to the Regional Offering for our American Baptist NYS Staff this summer.



**ONLINE LAY STUDY CLASS on WORSHIP** - Living Waters Association - Starting September 16, 2019

When: Monday evenings, 7:00-9:00 pm.

More details can be found at: <http://www.abc-nys.org/lc-courses.html>

**YOUTH CONVENTION** - Nov 1-3, 2019 Holiday Inn Liverpool - More information:

<http://www.abc-nys.org/american-baptist-youth.html>





**The  
Learning  
Hour  
Sundays  
9:30am**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – SUNDAYS at 9:30am - Our Sunday School year begins September 8<sup>th</sup> .

**ADULT CLASS** – Sundays at 9:30am

Adult class meets each Sunday morning in the lounge at 9:30am before worship beginning September 8<sup>th</sup> .

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers to Teach K-5 Sunday School are needed. Contact a member of the commission or the church office if interested.

**YOUTH LEADER** – We are still in need of a youth leader/teacher for Grades 6-12. Interested? Talk to someone on the Education Commission or the Pastor.

**JOIN THE CHOIR**



**Rehearsals have begun:**

Thursdays – at 7pm!

Sundays – at 9:30am

**GOT TRAVEL SIZED TREASURES?** - As you return from traveling this summer take a moment to gather up any unused hotel toiletries and bring them to church. The mission commission is starting a new campaign to collect the small travel sized shampoo, conditioner, lotions, body washes, deodorants, soaps and toothpastes to take with us to the Samaritan Center when we go in October.

Not a traveler, not to worry, we are also collecting full sized personal care items for the food pantry. On your next shopping trip if you happen upon a great sale we would love full sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. These are all items that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) doesn't cover and are necessary items for healthy living.



**SAMARITAN CENTER TRIP October 13<sup>TH</sup>**

*Sign Up on the Back Table soon!*

Eastwood Baptist Church will be preparing, serving, and cleaning up the Sunday dinner on Oct 13th . You may want to come to the Center to prepare the dinner or to serve and clean up. You might rather make cookies for dessert or donate some much-needed items from their wish list. Wherever you feel called, sign up and see the difference you can make.

- Dinner preparers leave EBC at 10:30 & work until 1:00.
- Those who serve and clean up leave EBC at 12:30 and work until 3:00.
- All cookies, brownies, and bars are welcome but please leave out the nuts and package them two to a zip lock sandwich bag.
- Wish list items include: deodorant, razors, shaving cream, tooth brushes and paste, caps, socks, toilet paper, and blankets.