

Missions Update:

From Jon and Elaine Winter – serving in Japan

Discovering Jesus Christ in community is our vision for ministry here. Unfortunately in family life group, community was not functioning as it seemed to be. Just under the surface, problems between our two main families got to the point that one of them decided to leave. We told you back in April how that left us hurt and wondering about the future. Accumulation of stress from various circumstances brought on what we see in hindsight was burnout.

We appreciate how you can along side us to provide extremely timely help with Reresh!, a renewal program in Chianmai. During that time of retreat, we examined our gifts and experience, praying about how God would have us continue ministry in Japan. As we talked and prayed during Refresh!, we realized that it was time to bring to close what we had been pouring our lives into for eight years.

It has been very painful letting go, but we acknowledge that we have been part of an amazing privilege, helping people discover Jesus together in loving community. During this time we have been blessed with a leadership team in SEND that has cleared time for us to heal and recover.

Helping Japanese people discover Jesus in community continues to be our passion. We know that God's plan for us is perfect and that he has something good for us as a new main assignment here in Japan. (There are a couple of paths in front of us but its too early to tell you about them yet.)

Thank you for continuing to pray for God's leading as we head into a new chapter of ministry here in Japan. Thank you for your faithful encouragement, prayer and partnership with us here in what God is doing in Japan.

Staff:

Lead Pastor – Tim Beerman
Assistant Pastor – Gerry Benn
Worship Director – Paul Elliott
Office Administrator – Danielle Pollnow
Custodian – Dave and Stephanie Nickel
Bookkeeper – Barbara Gorman

Contact Us:

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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

WELCOME

Sunday Morning - 10:45am

"#beholy" - Titus 2:11-14

Jon Pollnow

No Evening Service



EASTWOOD
FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 3rd, 2016

Welcome! We are delighted you have come to worship with us today. Our prayer is that you would experience God's presence and leave with renewed hope and joy. We would appreciate having a record of your visit so please complete the grey welcome card in the pew rack. You can place it on the offering plate or hand it in to the Welcome Centre in the foyer.

This Week at Eastwood:

Tuesday:

9:30am – Women of Power / Men's Bible Study (Studying Luke and his writings)
1:00pm – Staff Meeting

Wednesday:

6:15pm – Awana!
7:00pm – Senior High Bible Study (@ the Pollnows)

Thursday:

10:00am – Prayer Meeting / Bible Study
6:30pm – Jr. High

Saturday:

9:00am – Worship Team Practice

Sunday:

9:30am – Sunday School
10:45am – Morning Worship Service
6:00pm – Growth Groups

Prayer Concerns

If you have a need that you would like our prayer teams to be praying for, please contact Vern and Phyllis Peterson (519-631-4987).

Health Needs: Sandy and George Clarke, Bill Dean, Coby Fondse, Ruth Fowler, Cindy Glen, Tammy Knowlton, Verlyn McQuiggan, Henry Patrick, Barbara Ramshall, Glen Rice, Colton Somerville, Cassie Stafford, Barb and Keith Venum, Sandra Wallman, David Winder, Alex and Grace Wood.

Shut-Ins: Walt Carter, Doreen Martin, Vonne Mannerling, Ferne Jameson, Iva Baker, Lorna Shaw, Mary Alice Vezina and Vi McLorn.

Remember to be in prayer for Pastor Tim as he ministers in India over the month of January. There are prayer calendars available at the Welcome Center if you would like to be intentional with your prayers and his schedule/ministry.

Children's Ministry:

Awana! January 6th, 2016 is the kick off date for Awana at Eastwood! This exciting children's mid-week program is available for kids ages 3 – grade 5. Cost is \$35.00 per child and you can register online at www.efbc.net. See Don and Kathy Naylor if you have any further questions. If you would like to sponsor a child for Awana please see the Naylor's.

Youth Ministry:

Senior High Bible Study – starting Wednesday, January 6th will be moved to the Pollnow's home. (129 Manor Rd). 7:00 – 8:30pm.

Senior High Snow Camp! February 19 – 21 @ Muskoka Woods. Cost \$145.00. Registration and \$40.00 deposit due by January 24th to secure your spot. Sponsorship is available for those that need some assistance.

Adult Ministry:

Sunday School – there are two adult classes to choose from. "The Life of David" taught by Pastor Gerry and Jason Keillor as well as "Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis" taught by David Pentz and Roy Orchard.

Ladies Brunch – Saturday, January 30th. 10:00am – 12:00pm – bring a brunch dish to share. Contact Margaret Klassen if you have any questions.

Men's Ministry. Do you have a clear and compelling vision of what it really means to be a man? Join other men for a weekly Bible study, "The 33 Series" – that will take you on a journey toward Authentic Manhood. The Bible study will kick off on Saturday, February 6th at 7:00am. Please sign up at the welcome center if you are planning on attending.

Other Announcements:

Stamps for Christian Literature. Bring in your stamps (as they come on your mail) and drop them in the box under the mail folders.

The Gouds will be returning to Papua New Guinea in just a few short weeks. We have been gathering old smart phones to send back with them. These phones will be used to get the Word of God into the various languages / dialects of the tribal people. If you have a phone to donate please drop it off at the church as soon as possible.

Church Membership:

We are excited to welcome Vicki Houghton and Rob & Sarah Singleton into membership this morning.

A big thank you to the congregation for your generosity this Christmas to us as a staff. It is truly a blessing to serve the Lord here at Eastwood. We are anticipating a great year ahead as we seek and serve the Lord together!

With much love,

*Pastor Tim, Pastor Gerry, Paul, Danielle, Barb,
Dave and Stephanie*