

Eastwood Epistle

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2 Corinthians 5:1, NKJV

FOR WE
KNOW
that if our
earthly house,
this tent,
is destroyed,
WE HAVE
a building
from God,
a house
not made
with hands,
ETERNAL
in the heavens.

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New Mexico Christian Children's Home NMCCH

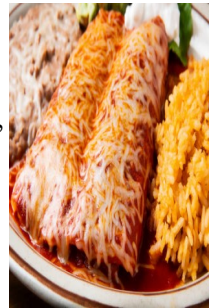
The Children's Home is not running its truck to pick up groceries this Fall. Instead, they are requesting financial donations be made for their Commissary. Make your check out to the home and write Commissary in the memo.
1356 NM 236, Portales, NM 88130

- All men are invited to
- Our Men's Prayer Breakfast
- **Sept. 7, 8am**
- Eastwood Church of Christ
- Fellowship hall, 10104 Album
- El Paso, TX 79925.



Enchilada fundraiser

September 14, 5-7pm, Eastwood church of Christ fellowship hall, 10104 Album, El Paso, TX 79925, Pre ticket sale , \$10, each ticket, (plate includes Enchilada, beans, rice.) Call Cristina Morales 915-593-2772 or 915-861-9826



OFFICE CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 2
To observe Labor
Day



Men to Serve
Sunday, September 1

Song Leader:
Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Samuel Hooper English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Ron Lindsey

Scripture Reading:
Lawyer Evans

Together

Stay involved in the church, kingdom, body, family of God. The participation of disciples in the work of Jesus, helps insure our faithfulness. We belong to Jesus and we are to be a functioning part of the body. When the only time a disciple does anything religious is on Sunday morning, there is a problem.

Everyone has met or knows a person that is completely absorbed in an organization or a hobby. They literally cannot stop talking about it. It excites them and they want to share their joy. They look for ways to work for their cause. They live and breathe for it.

It is not unusual for a disciple to say, why doesn't the church do....? A good question. Why don't you get the ministry going? Let's ask for additional volunteers to help and begin a promising ministry. Not only will a new ministry be started, others will be drawn into greater involvement with one another.

One of the difficult things about the church is it is a totally volunteer work. We are saved because we choose to follow Jesus, we are active in the family because we choose to be a part of ministries. Elders, deacons and preachers may beg for help, but no one can or will be forced to work for the Lord's cause.

Jesus used a parable about a master giving talents or a measure of money to those he trusted to use wisely. You know the parable. One person, sadly, hid the talent they were charged with using. Everyone has a gift to use in the service of the Lord. We must not avoid serving our Master because we don't think it big enough. Use your ability to the glory of Jesus. The children's song about, "this little light of mine" says it. I am going to use what I have, no matter how small, I will use it to the glory of Jesus.

Talk to an elder, talk to me about what you would like to do to serve the family of God. If you would like to begin a new program, let us hear from you. If you want to be a leader or a coworker, you are needed to help in the growth of the church. Now is the time.

Our lives seem to settle down a bit when it is September and school begins. Now is the time to turn your thoughts toward how you can be involved in blessing our family.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Look for them.
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Schedule Services

Sunday

Bible Class - 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 10:00 A.M.
Children's Class 9:00A.M.

Wednesday

Bible study 7:00pm
**Children's hour
after communion**

Our Ladies Tuesday Class 10am
Ladies Bible Class. Rm #63 . All ladies are cordially invited to join us for a study in scripture, coffee, conversation. More info call
Teri Dove Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419



Happy Birthday

Sept. 5, David Davis
Sept. 6, Brenda Alcalá
Sept. 7, Sarinah Hernandez
Sept. 9, Bob Walker
Sept. 9, Mike Breitingger
Sept. 16, Lois Wiggins
Sept. 18, Robert Ochoa
Sept. 18, Kiki Carrillo, Sept. 18, Jeffrey Gutierrez
Sept. 22, Jill Breitingger, Sept. 25, Yolie Hernandez



Hospitality groups
looking for volunteers to
have Sunday lunch once
a month. Questions
Call 915-593-2772 or
Charles -915-433-4227



Recycle - Remember to save your aluminum cans and other aluminum for recycling. You may bring them in the foyer or toss your bag into the fenced compound to the trailer. If you crush the cans, we can get more in the trailer. We usually get several hundred dollars when the trailer is taken into the recycler.



www.facebook.com/groups/ecocmembers/

Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter
Sermon: Personal Holiness

Scripture: 1 Pet 1:15-17

CHURCH AS COMMUNITY

The church is community. Community is a group that is connected. A community is a collective or society that has a common interest. The interest is what makes the church a living entity. The Greek word for church means the *called out* or *assembly*. The New Testament also uses the word *body*, and *family*, all of which continue the idea of being connected. Disciples are saved followers of Jesus, who have the same purpose or mission in Christ. Jesus is our reason for existence, therefore we are community.

Sadly, some see church (assembly, called out) as an event. We say, "going to church" like we might say going to the game. Church is not an experience, it is a living relationship which we are to have with other parts of the body of Christ. We are to have relationships with our fellows, we are to be compassionate with and connected to the lives of our brethren. If the

only time we see fellow Christians is during the assembly, we are lacking what is intended. It is not spiritually healthy for individual disciples nor for the collective if we are not a community. How can we pray or be prayed for, if we are not community? How can we build up one another in the faith, if we are not community?

The lost are looking for community. It is our responsibility to reach into our neighborhood and when guests come to the assembly to reach out to them. Events and programs that might be conducted give us the opportunity to connect with others. Church is not the event, nor the program. They give us the chance to bring others into the fold. Be a friend. Not every guest needs to be your best friend, but you can be a friend and bring them into the family.

Charles M Clodfelter

Sunday, Sept 29 is our next scheduled Potluck Luncheon. It has been decided to use this opportunity to recognize **CSEP** with an invitation to the staff, children and families to be our guests at worship and for lunch. They will be invited with a requested RSVP, so we will be able to prepare. If everyone accepts, we could have as many as 150 guests.

The help of every member at Eastwood is needed. Obviously, there is the need for each of us to bring food for our family, also extra food to take care of our guests. Even more importantly is the need to make our guests feel welcome. We must remember they will feel like strangers in a foreign land. They will not know what to expect or what is expected of them. Like a "deer in headlights" they will need connection. Some families will know one another and clump together, that is fine, but you must interject yourself into the circle and become a part of it. It is not enough to have their circle and our circle. It must be one circle. And it is up to us.

Staff and children will be recognized and honored during the assembly.



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Christian Schools of El Paso

Please don't forget to bring your unneeded clothes, shoes, blankets and coats to the Big Blue Donation box in the CSEP parking lot. The clothes go to those in need. CSEP benefits from your generosity!
915-593-5011



An autumn poem

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.



I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

In Our Prayers

Elders

Mike Dove - (915) 822-2419
Abel Hernandez - (915) 449-1546
Ray Rivera - (915) 592-8930

Deacons

Enrique Carrillo, Samuel Hooper, Alberto Morales,
Venson Oliver, Lorenzo Porras, Bob Walker

Minister

Charles Clodfelter - (915) 433-4227

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OUR FAMILY

Alberto Morales - Prayers. Sugar level is high causing dizziness & headaches. Need to go to otolaryngologist and cardiologist.
Robert Muñoz Jr - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson) Thank you for prayers, need prayers for successful legal Issues...
Lulu Ochoa - Still need Prayers. Sending greetings to everyone. Will be on chemo therapy for a long time. God has been so good to her for cancer treatment...
Gracie Wade- Prayers. Gracie is having issues with thyroid and is scheduled for hysterectomy in October.
Bob Walker - update: Exam & PET (positron emission tomography) scan are both negative. No sign of cancer. Follow up in 3 months. Thank you so much for prayers...
Lois Wiggins—Lois is in Cimarron Park rehabilitation. 7441 Paseo del Norte, El Paso, TX 79911, 915-842-8700. Prayers for swift recovery..

SHUT-INS:

Mike Baron - He is on dialysis and back home from hospital .prayers
Jill Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers
Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system
Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Amanda Buckley- (Chuck Buckley's daughter). Amanda asking for prayers for her job issues..
Hayden Cooper - (Chuck Buckley's friend grandson, lives with parents) update: Thank you all for your prayers Hayden has no cancer. Will be going to follow up appointments.
George Caruthers - (Sharlette Hernandez's dad) Prayers for speedy recovery from heart surgery at home..
Brallan Fierro - (Cassandra Enriquez's husband) Recuperating from stomach operation. Prayers needed..
Linda Hernandez - (Carol Baker's neighbor) Thank you for prayers. Linda is home. Please continue to pray for Linda and her family..
Mary Kleespies - (Yolie Hernandez's sister) Prayers. Mary has respiratory and sinus infection. Taking steroids. Antibiotics did not work...
Mary Licón - (Cristina Morales sister in-law) Prayers of comfort. Her mom Evelina Castañon passed away July 16. Send cards to Mary Licon,590 Lomaland, Apt A1, El Paso, TX 79907....
Charlene Looney (COC Truth or Consequences member) - Her sister Nancy Randlett asking for prayers for Charlene. Charlene was back in UMC hospital for leg infection and will be moved to Las Cruces rehab. Prayers are needed...
Celia Perez - (COC Montana member) Prayers needed. She was moved to Pebble Creek Nursing Center Room #108. Thank you for prayers her leg pain has decreased with new medication....
Maria Gutierrez- (Rivera/Luna COC) prayers, in Pebble Creek Nursing Center room #414....
Jeremy Marshall - (Rose Cobb great nephew) Jeremy is back home with home care. Thank you for prayers..
Gustavo Ramon- (Romelia Ramon's son) Thank you for prayers. Gustavo is back home recovering from heart problems..
Clifton Rice (Irene Rice's great grandson) Will have his 3rd (and hopefully last) open heart surgery Sept 27. Prayers requested.
Maria Salazar - (Our Community Neighbor) Maria is asking for prayers, She has been diagnosed with cancer.. .

Our Records

August 25, 2024

Morning Worship – 69
Wednesday - 9

Regular Offering: 5127.00

Year to Date

<u>Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Baptisms - 0	Year to Date - 2
Identification - 0	Year to Date - 0

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Please remember in prayers the military & policeman in harms way.
Please call the office to update our prayer list. Names not updated 4 weeks will be deleted.