

# Eastwood Epistle

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**Ladies Bible Class Devotional,  
Tuesday Nov. 26, 10am, Rm #63**



**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.

**\*Dove Care Group will meet Dec. 1.** We will have “make it yourself” taco salad. Seasoned meat & lettuce will be provided. We will need: shredded cheese, tomatoes, salsa, beans, sour cream, fritos, nacho chips, etc.

Questions ask - Teri Dove or Iretha Banks.

**\*Please bring a wrapped ornament** for everyone in you family for the exchange on Dec. 1. For more info. Call Teri Dove 915-637-0351

## *Ornament Exchange*



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**Men to Serve  
Sunday, November 24**

**Song Leader:  
Mike Dove**

**Opening Prayer:  
Enrique Carrillo Spanish  
Jimmy Moore English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:  
David Davis**

**Scripture Reading:  
Robert Muñoz**



## Ephesians 5:20

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# Together

Muscle memory is interesting. It is the phenomenon of being able to do something that is complicated without having to think about it. We develop muscle memory by the repetitions we do physically and mentally. Watch a child learning to walk and then see how easily you walk. Remember how you learned manners and being polite to others. Now you say "Thank you" automatically. There have been occasions when I could not spell a word, but when my hands touched the keyboard my fingers moved almost magically

Habit is another word that can be used to describe doing something repeatedly. We all have habits, some are good, some bad. It is said that you must repeat a practice for thirty days for it to become a habit or for a good habit to replace a bad habit. We build both our muscle and mental memory.

A problem that can happen with our good habits is we forget why we are doing it and it becomes vain repetition. Church attendance that is mindless, is not worshipping your God. Taking children without sharing our purpose to glorify God, is just routine to them. Prayer at bedtime or before a meal that had meaning when we first said it, may become empty of meaning after the one thousandth time.

So we have a problem. We want to have good practices in our life. So much so that they become second nature to us. They are us and we are them—good, holy. But, we do not want our efforts to serve God and follow our Lord Jesus to become meaningless.

Disciples assemble with the Saints on the first day of the week to worship, remember the death, burial, resurrection and return of Jesus the Christ and to encourage our sisters and brothers in Christ. We must focus on our purpose: pay attention, pray, sing—worship. Don't arrive late and leave early, look around and speak to anyone sitting along, or one who is struggling with life or faith issues.

It is wonderful when the spiritual growth of a disciple makes them live as if Jesus is right beside them. When that disciple lives godly in an almost natural way, as if that is who they have always been. This is our goal, to be Christlike all the time. Intentional and not just automatic memory or habit.

May God bless us all in our service.

*Charles M. Clodfelter*

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Welcome our guests.

## 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

Nov.3, Enrique Carrillo  
Nov 5, Mikeala Muñoz  
Nov.10, Diana Williams  
Nov.12, Israel Porras  
Nov. 12, John Banks  
Nov. 17, Tere Morales  
Nov. 28, Teri Dove  
Nov . 28, Ray Rivera  
Nov. 30, Andrea Del Rasso



Nov.22, John & Iretha Banks



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## Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: THANKSGIVING

Scripture: Psa 100:1-5



# THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day should be everyday, but it is good that our nation has an annual day to remember the blessings given to us by our God. Thank you, God for all the many wonderful blessings that you have given to mankind. Among those blessings is the intelligence to use and develop machines and technology to make this a wonderful time in which we live. Yes, Lord, thank you for our brains.

Help us to appreciate what you have given us and not be arrogant about what we have. You are the giver of all good gifts. All good gifts, not just the food we will enjoy on a special day of thanksgiving, but everything we have. Even when we use our minds and hands to make things, it would not be possible without your gift of intelligence to us.

The changes that have taken place in our lifetimes and the last few centuries are amazing. We recognize

these changes happened because you have given to mankind the ability to think. Help us Lord to use this ability to your glory.

We are grateful to those that are interviewed after a competition and give credit to God for their attainment. We recognize our ability to think is not a momentary victory, but a lifelong God given power. Thank you.

Lord, help us to use our intellect to follow your will and not allow our appetites and emotions to take over and rule our lives for that will be our ruin. Yes, we are grateful for our appetites and emotions and the pleasure they bring to us, but we understand they are to be controlled by our minds and used to your glory. Thank you, Lord God for everything you have given.

Charles M Clodfelter

## Walking with those who grieve

The holiday season can be difficult for people who are grieving a death or deep loss. As Christians, we do well to be aware that not everyone feels wholehearted joy this time of year. How can we support them?

Grief counselor Alan Wolfelt explains that walking alongside — “companioning” — one who grieves “is not about assessing, analyzing, fixing or resolving another’s grief. Instead, it is about being totally present to the mourner, even being a temporary guardian of [his or] her soul.”

Among Wolfelt’s 11 tenets for “companioning the bereaved”:

- It’s about being present to another person’s pain, not taking it away.
- It’s about listening with the heart, not analyzing with the head.
- It’s about walking alongside, not leading.

More tips are available at [www.centerforloss.com/2019/12/](http://www.centerforloss.com/2019/12/)

May God bless you as you share the love of the Christ Child, his caring parents and his compassionate heavenly Father with people who are hurting.

## Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible’s table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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# In Our Prayers

## OUR FAMILY

Margaret Lee— Thank You! For prayers. Back home from ministry.

Alberto Morales - Prayers. Sugar level is high causing dizziness & headaches, & chest pressure. Need to go to cardiologist.

Robert Muñoz Jr - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson ) Thank you for prayers, need prayers for successful legal Issues...

Lulu Ochoa - Thank you for prayers. Sending greetings to everyone. Prayers needed. Will be on chemo therapy for a long time. God has been so good to her for cancer treatment.

Bob & Irma Pechanec—Bob started sick Nov.11 with low blood pressure and had to go to hospital this past Sunday, Prayers for swift recover with Covid for both.

Gracie Wade- Prayers. Gracie is having issues with thyroid and is scheduled for hysterectomy, November. Prayers are still needed....

## SHUT-INS:

Mike Baron - He is on dialysis and back home from hospital .prayers.

Jill Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers,. Send cards to 3116 Edgerock, El Paso, TX 79935

Teresa Dalke - Teresa Dalke has been admitted to a hospital for evaluation of increased dementia symptoms and should be there about three days. From there she is expected to go to an interim facility for about three weeks until she can be moved to a care facility. She has been put on hospice care. Glenna Bunn and her siblings request prayers for the family during this time and respectfully request no visitors since it will cause Teresa to become more agitated...

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....

Aaron Enriquez— Prayers for swift leg infection.

Mark Enriquez— Prayers for swollen leg.

Linda Hernandez - (Carol Baker's neighbor) neighbor) Linda is home and continues to improve. Thank you all for prayers. Please continue to pray for Linda and her family...

Beni Krisko- ( Ina Penala's daughter) Is being deployed to Jordan for 6 mths. Pray for safety....

Charlene Looney (COC Truth or Consequences member) - Her sister Nancy Randlett asking for prayers for Charlene. Charlene is in Casa del Sol rehab, Las Cruces, #207. Prayers are needed.....

Jesus Morales - Prayers for heart problems...

Norman Ontiveros- (Lorraine Ontiveros husband) Lorraine requesting prayers for Norm's mom. She had a heart attack on Saturday. Her heart is very weak and has low blood pressure...

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, more active & eating better..

Maria Gutierrez- (Rivera/Luna COC) prayers, in Pebble Creek Nursing Center room, she has less pain #414.

Maria Salazar - (Our Community Neighbor) Maria is asking for prayers, She has been diagnosed with cancer..

Gabriel Ramon - Prayers for full recovery from foot injury...

**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.**

## Elders

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# Our Records

## November 17, 2024

Morning Worship – 74

Wednesday - 16

Regular Offering: \$1563.05

## Year to Date

## Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

## Year to Date

Year to Date - 3

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