

Eastwood Epistle

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No Ladies Bible Class on Dec 24, or Jan 7
Class begins again Jan 14. Gina Walker will be
teaching Song of Solomon.



Dove Group will meet Jan 12 at Eastwood
fellowship hall. Party Subs will be provided.
Please let Teri 915-637-0351 or Iretha 915-422-
7846 know if you are coming and what you will
bring , chips, dip, fruit, dessert, etc.



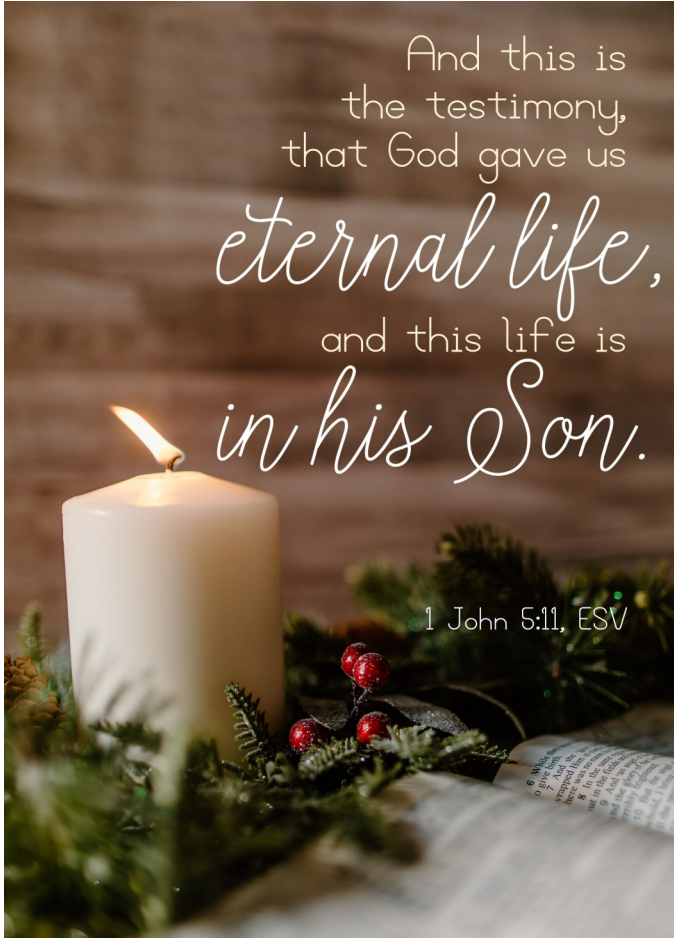
Men to Serve
Sunday, December 22

Song Leader:
Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Ron Lindsey English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Samuel Hooper

Scripture Reading:
Chuck Buckley



Be A Santa To A Child In Need

Gifts For Children Needed,: Art Supplies/
Sketchbooks/Coloring Books, Arts
& Crafts kits, Sports Balls-All
Types, Remote Control Cars/
Trucks/Helicopters, Board Games,
Lego Sets, Action Figures/Barbies,
Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, etc.) Skateboard/
Scooter, Gifts for Teens, Make Up, Cologne/
Perfume, Bath & Body Sets, Purses /Wallets,
Nail Kits, Movie Gift Cards, Food Gift Cards
(Whataburger, McDonalds, etc.) Tablet, Head-
phones. Call Office 915-593-2772, If you want
to donate or drop off In marked box for
Children Protective Service

Together

Merry Christmas! This is a time of year when children are excited about the gifts they anticipate receiving and some that they will give. Adults enjoy seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter of children, and adults even share their excitement. Adults may also experience some nostalgia feeling from their past life. Mostly good, some not so much.

Christians have the responsibility to select their attitude. Will you see the joy in life and choose to be happy or will you wallow in the pain of the past and be unhappy. No doubt you can remember two older people in your past: one was cheerful and happy, always spreading good cheer; the other was, well — a grinch. Which did you prefer to be around? Which will you choose to be?

The attitudes of Christians will determine how the world relates to them. Why would anyone want to be like a grumpy Gus? We should mirror the spirit of Christ in all that we do, so that others will like, admire, want to be around and want to be like you.

The more we focus on painful memories the larger they become. If we constantly think of the hurt and sadness, it is likely we will be sad and angry. We should take the decision to focus on the good we have had in our lives: the good people, good events, good victories and the forgiveness we enjoy in Jesus. Take the decision to be happy, regardless of what the past circumstances may be in your life.

No one knows when this will be the last Christmas or birthday or anything. When the times come, make them what you want them to be — Good times, happy times. It is up to you to make it happen. Never expect another to make you happy. You choose to be happy regardless of the circumstances.

We like it when someone says, “I love you.” Why not return the favor and say it first. Why not be the one that brings the joy and happiness to the party?

Christians should bring joy and happiness everywhere they go. Not just during the holidays, but all year, everyday. As I have said before, “Joy to the World” is not a Christmas carol. It is ours all year around. The King has come and you are His disciple because he died for you. Say it now and everyday of your life — Joy to the World.

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



Our Ladies Tuesday Class 10am Christmas Party Dec. 17 Rm #63 .

Please bring whatever you want for lunch.
Please bring a wrapped \$5 gift to exchange.

Questions call Teri Dove Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419



Happy Birthday

Dec 1, Israel Alvarado
Dec. 8, Joe Shepherd
Dec. 8, Israel Alvarado Jr
Dec 10, Howell Ramsey
Dec. 12, Venson Oliver
Dec. 12, Christy Gutierrez
Dec. 19, Carol Baker
Dec. 31, Sharlette Hernandez



Happy Anniversary!

Dec 4, Hershel & Virginia Honea
Dec. 4, Howell & Kim Ramsey
Dec. 10, Juan & Virginia Najera
Dec. 12, Terence & Gracie Wade
Dec 26, Joe & Debbie Shepherd
Dec. 31, Julio & Brenda Alcala



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Sunday Morning Sermon Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

**Sermon: A Savior Has Been Born
Scripture: Luke 2:1-11**

HE DIDN'T WANT TO DIE

In a Commencement address at Stanford University, the late Steve Jobs said: “No one wants to die. Even people who want to go to heaven don’t want to die to get there.”

Death is an enemy that terrorizes mortals, causing them to be “like slaves all their lives because of their fear of death” (Hebrews 2:15)—or, as *The Message* has it, are “scared to death of death.” Some enemies are short-term—we face them, fight them, and defeat them. But death is a lifelong enemy; the last one left standing: “The last enemy to be destroyed will be death” (1 Corinthians 15:26).

Steve was right, you know—we want to go to heaven, but we don’t want to have to die to get there. So we postpone the trip as long as possible; we will spend our last dime to keep from boarding that bus.

Adam and Eve didn’t want to die. There were lots of trees in their garden, and they were free to feast on the fruit of all but one. Snatch a snack from that one, and you will die, God said. The minute they sunk their choppers in that apple, they knew they’d blown it, so they hightailed it into the woods to hide from God—and from death.

Esther didn’t want to die. Haman’s fiendish plot to destroy the Jews culminated in a savage decree: “Dispatches were sent by couriers to all the king’s provinces with the order to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews—young and old, women and little children—on a single day” (Esther 3:13).

Unknown to the top brass, there was a Jewess in the palace: the queen, no less. Bizarre doings had put Esther on the throne. At the insistence of Mordecai, the cousin who had raised the orphaned Esther as his own daughter, she kept her Jewish ethnicity secret. But when Mordecai became aware of the planned annihilation of the Jews, he urged Esther to go to the king and beg for mercy for her people. That had disaster written all over it, for the law specified that death was the fate of anyone who approached the king without

being summoned. It had been thirty days since Esther had been summoned, so she was understandably hesitant. Mordecai pressed the issue: “Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?” he asked his reluctant cousin. Okay, she agreed: Pray for me, then “I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.” Esther didn’t want to die but was willing to risk it to derail the massacre.

Jesus didn’t want to die. He wanted to return to heaven: “Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began,” he prayed. But—anticipating a horrifying death—there was another prayer that he prayed, not once, but three times: “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me.” He wanted to go to heaven, but he didn’t want to die to get there. But if that’s what it took to get us there too, he would do it because he wanted us to share his glory: “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory” (John 17:24).

Do you look for your name when you read Scripture? You should. I found mine in Romans 5. And I found yours there too. “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). That has our names on it. While we were sinners Christ died for us. I can’t get my mind wrapped around that, can you? I could understand it if Jesus had died for his mother. But for the venom-spitting thief on the cross beside him? For Barabbas, the notorious criminal who should have been on the center cross instead of Jesus? For me? For you?


Yes, Jesus wanted to go to heaven, but he didn’t want to die to get there. But when he ran his finger down the list, he paused at my name and said, “I’ll die for him.” When his finger underlined your name, he said, “I’ll die for her.” And he did.

The post [He Didn’t Want to Die](#) by Joe Barnett appeared first on [Pathway Evangelism, Inc.](#)

Bible Quiz

Which of the four Gospels name(s) Bethlehem as the place of Jesus’ birth?

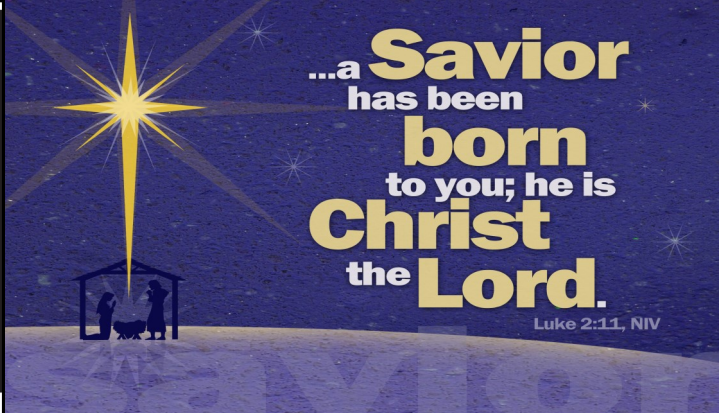
- A. Only Luke
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1-7)

...a **Savior**
has been
born
to you; he is
Christ
the **Lord.**

Luke 2:11, NIV



In Our Prayers

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Our Records

December 15 2024

Morning Worship – 77
Wednesday - 13

Regular Offering: \$1425.10

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0
Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 3
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OUR FAMILY

Hershel & Virginia Honea— Hershel has Covid Dec 6. Dec 10
Virginia also has Covid. Prayers.

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...

Tiffany Oliver - (Vincent Oliver's wife) Tiffany is having complex
surgery. Dec 5, at Beaumont Hospital. Prayers..

Johnnie Roberson - Prayers. Johnnie had left shoulder operation. Pray-
ers for swift healing. Greetings to all and blessings. .

Gracie Wade - thank you for prayers, thyroid biopsy is negative.
Prayers needed for Hysterectomy surgery Dec 21 morning.

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

Robert Avila- (Margaret Lee's older brother) Condolences to Margaret
and family for the death of her brother Robert Nov 30.. Prayers for
family. Send cards to Margaret, 3293 Mike Godwin, El Paso, TX
79936

Jeremy Brown— Condolences to Jeremy and family for the death of
Jeremy's father who passed away 11/22. Service s in Lubbock. Send
cards to 8328 Torrente Dr, Temple, TX 76504..

Amanda Buckley- (Chuck Buckley's daughter). Thank for prayers
Amanda & Sintino have recovered.

Don Cooper - (Chuck Buckley's friend) Test results were negative. No
sign of cancer. Next test is scheduled for March. Thanks for prayers.

Holly Easton -Our condolences for the death of her mom ,Former
member Mari Thigpen who passed away Dec 9. Send cards to Holly
Easton, 1426 Cheyenne Rd, Lewisville, TX 75077-2823

Linda Hernandez - (Carol Baker's neighbor) neighbor) Linda is receiv-
ing palliative care at home. Please continue to pray for her and her fam-
ily, especially her husband of 70+ years and her caregiver daughter...

Beni Krisko- (Ina Penala's daughter) Is being deployed to Jordan for 6
mths. Starting Nov. 2024. 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.....

Rocky Ricky Rowland—(Loretta Strickland's cousin) Thank you for
prayers. Rocky passed away. Nov. 27. Prayers for family. Send cards
to Loretta ,3440 Hollyglen, El Paso, TX 79936..

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.

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

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

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

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