

Eastwood Epistle

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El Paso Career Fair, Dec 3,
9:30 am to 12:00pm, Marriott El Paso,
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***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



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.

**Men to Serve
Sunday, December 1**

**Song Leader:
Phillip Apotchie**

**Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Venson Oliver English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Junie Chavez**

**Scripture Reading:
Chuck Buckley**



Together

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.” Colossians 2:13

God has made his followers alive in Christ and as a result we are not only saved but we are given a new purpose in life. Paul goes on in verse 20 to state: “Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules.”

The question for today’s disciple is: what are you holding onto that you should release? Early Jewish converts found it difficult to not follow the rules in the Law through Moses. A disciple that is saved from sin, may find it difficult to give up the practice of some sins. The angry person may still act angrily toward others. The sad, grumpy person says they are happy in Christ, but it is hard to see the love and light of Christ due to the fact they are still sad and grumpy.

If a Christian returns to drunkenness or is again promiscuous, all would say, “you need to stop living that way, you are born again in Christ.” But, when a Christian is angry, holds grudges and does not forgive, we say nothing because they deny and make excuses.

Jesus said in Luke 11:24ff that it is not enough to clean out the trash in our lives, we must fill our lives with righteous actions. Take the decision to fill your life with the opposite of what you are leaving behind. If you tend to be sad and grumpy, fill your mind with gratitude and joy for the blessings that you have in life. Be the person, who forgives and forgets. Seek to bring joy to others, rather than wanting others to make us happy.

We will not improve as disciples if we do not put forth the effort. If we want to make the world a better place, it begins with us, me, you.

It is easy to look at the Jewish Christians in the first century and be critical of them for holding on to the Old Law. But, what are we holding onto? What bad habit? What crazy idea? Mind you, we are never wrong, it is the other person—no sadly, it’s me.

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

Dec 1, Israel Alvarado
Dec. 8, Joe Shepherd
Dec. 8, Israel Alvarado Jr
Dec 10, Howel 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



Christian Schools of El Paso 915-593-5011

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!



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Why shouldn't I be baptized?

Scripture: Acts 8:26-39

HEAVEN

Heaven is described in scripture as being with YHWH and therefore being a wonderful place. It has been said that humans cannot think beyond their vocabulary or their visual experience. Therefore, scripture describes heaven by saying it is “like.” Mankind cannot understand the greatness of God or the joy of heaven. Some have even said they weren’t interested in going to heaven, if it meant sitting in church for eternity.

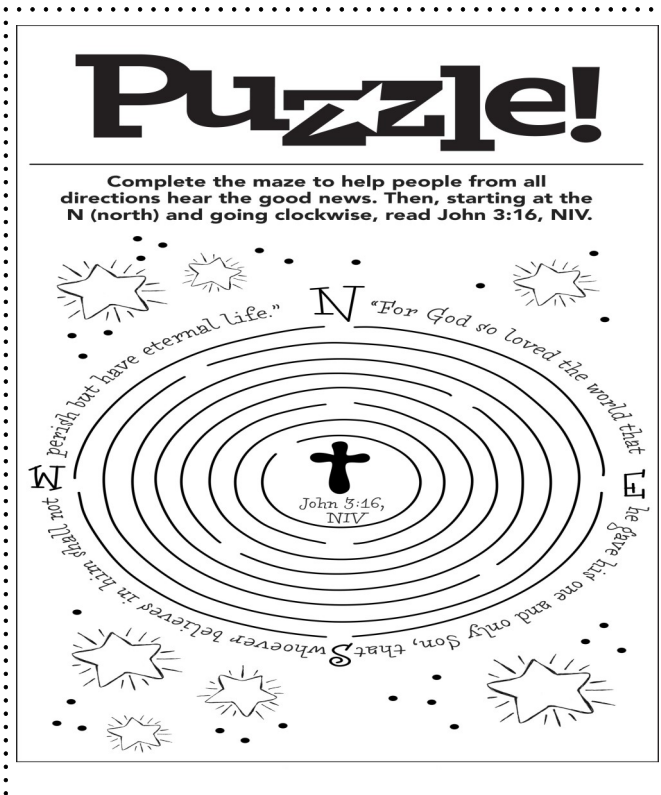
In Revelation 21-22, Jesus reveals to John some wonderful concepts, of what is waiting for disciples. The river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, its source is God himself. It is in the middle of the street, available to all. Fruit trees that are repeatedly in bloom and providing delicious food for the taking. And nations are healed, brought together in unity by the leaves. There will be no troubles from persecu-

tion, earthly hardship, failures, or repercussion from sin. They will truly see and understand for the first time, the Glory of God and the joy of heaven.

Can you imagine for a moment, in almost a science fiction way, being able to see like the most powerful telescope and like the most powerful microscope? Can you imagine being able to taste as never before? I knew a man who quit smoking and could not stop raving at every meal how much better the food was tasting. You can imagine, not enough to contain God. But, you can go there!

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.” Rev 22:17

Charles M Clodfelter



With gladness and thanksgiving

... The long day of the year is almost done, and nature in the sunset musing stands, gray-robed, and violet-hooded like a nun, looking abroad o'er yellow harvest lands: ...

Empty and folded are her busy hands; her corn and wine and oil are safely stored, as in the twilight of the year she stands, and with her gladness seems to thank the Lord.

Thus let us rest awhile from toil and care, in the sweet sabbath of this autumn calm, and lift our hearts to heaven in grateful prayer, and sing with nature our thanksgiving psalm.

—Kate Seymour Maclean (1829-1916)

Simple but lifesaving

In early 2024, Beatrice Johnson became deathly ill in hours. An upset stomach became dangerously low blood pressure; it turned out flesh-eating bacteria had attacked her entire body. When Johnson’s kidneys started failing, she was put on life support. In a last-ditch effort, doctors added sodium bicarbonate — baking soda — to her IV.

Within hours Johnson was noticeably improved, and she left the hospital a month later. “I never thought something so simple would save my life,” she said.

Another lifesaver many people find too simple is God’s grace. We quip, “If something seems too good to be true, it probably is,” and “Nothing in life is free.” We’re used to payments or paybacks. We balk if a friend offers to buy our lunch. When a neighbor brings us homemade cookies, we don’t dare return the plate empty.

So how can something as huge and *holy* as salvation be a free gift from God? Don’t we need to *do* something to earn it: follow the 10 Commandments? go to church? live a “godly” life?

All those things are good to do, but the key is to do them as *thanks* for God’s gift of salvation, not to earn it. Jesus loves you and assures you of eternal life. Just accept the gift! If that seems simple, it’s because it is — but it will

Love never fails.
1 Corinthians 13:8

In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

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 had low blood pressure Nov.11 and had to go to hospital this past Saturday, He & Irma has Covid. Prayers for swift recover y.
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

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). Has Covid. Prayers for her oldest son Sintino has Pneumonia.
Don Cooper - (Chuck Buckley's friend Will have procedure on 12/9 to check for bladder cancer hasn't come back.
Aaron Enriquez— Prayers for swift leg infection..
Mark Enriquez— Prayers for swollen leg..
Linda Hernandez - (Carol Baker's neighbor) neighbor Linda is receiving palliative care at home. Please continue to pray for her and her family, especially her husband of 70+ years and her caregiver daughter.
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....
Rocky Ricky Rowland—(Loretia Strickland's cousin) His health is failing but he is giving it a good fight through prayers. Prayers.
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.

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