

Eastwood Epistle

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

Church Potluck
Dec.29 at our
fellowship hall
after service



All-Church Potluck

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.



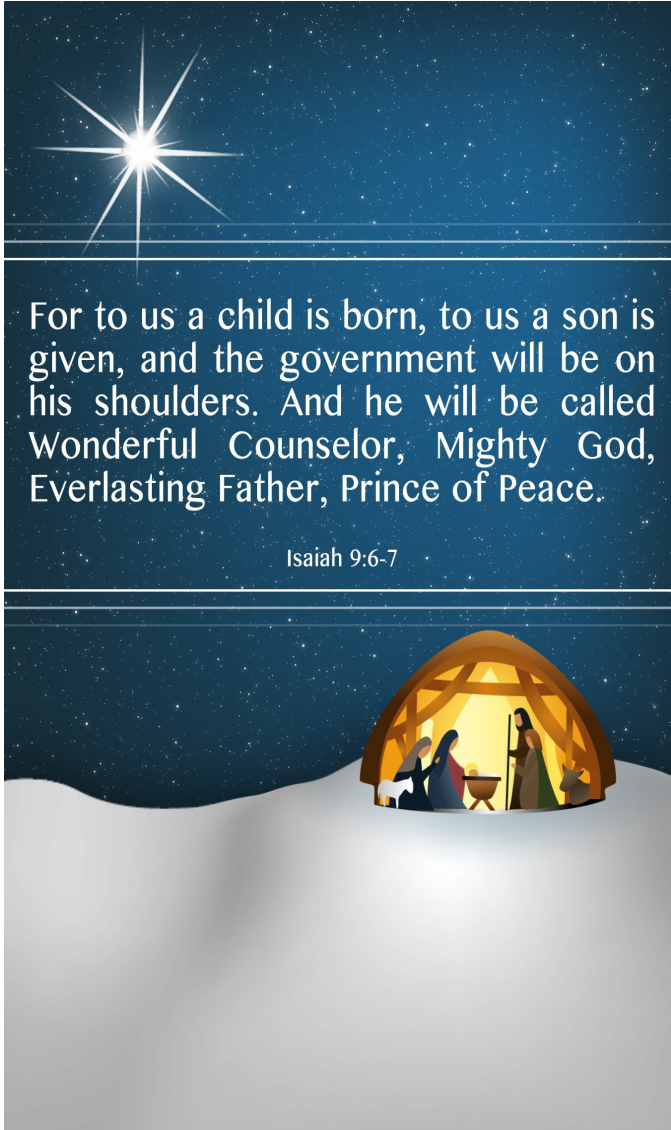
Men to Serve
Sunday, December 29

Song Leader:
Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:
Enrique Carrillo Spanish
Samuel Hooper English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Venson Oliver

Scripture Reading:
Chuck Buckley



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6-7

**No Wednesday Service
this week Dec 25**

Sunday
Jan. 19
after worship.
Lunch will be
provided.

**Congregational
Meeting**



Together

There is little doubt that the origin of the date for this holiday is connected to the length of daylight. Today we enjoy modern technology and all that it implies. If we so choose, we can light up our home and even our yard all night long.

Imagine what it would be like a couple of millennial ago. We would lay a home made string for a wick in a small vessel and light it. It would provide a small amount of light, perhaps almost as much as a modern lighter.

The nights were long. Over time we would learn when the nights would become shorter and daylight would begin to be longer. Great day!

Someone has said that if we did not have a holiday for the darkest time of the year, we would make one up. Perhaps, this is right, we like to rejoice and be cheerful in the darkest times. It is a sign of hope.

That said, holidays can be a difficult time for many. We remember those who have gone before us and with whom we shared the happy times. We remember the love of our parents, siblings, spouse, children, friends and fellow disciples. We miss them. Rightly so, remember them, but don't be sadden by the memories. Be happy you have them to remember. Remember with joy that you have them. Remember, remember.

Then enjoy the present and those in your life, because you have the responsibility to create good memories for them. Give them good memories that they will remember in the days to come. Provide them the memory to look back on and think: those were good times, those were fun times. Share your love, kindness and laughter. Demonstrate the love that Jesus tells us to share.

Jesus teaches us to love one another and to love others as ourselves, even love those who are your enemies. While we recognize there are no Bible commands to celebrate holidays, we can still appreciate the moment and what it means to others and even ourselves. Let us Be Happy!

“Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help, the sword of your triumph! ESV Deuteronomy 33:29. This applies even to us: saved, protected, victorious — Happy!

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. Jan 14 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



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.

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: Starting Over
Scripture: Lk 13:1-8

"Beautiful Cover-Up"

In India, women like to stain their feet and hands with a light, reddish-brown color. They call it Mehendi. It's beautiful. But there's a reason for this fashion—the daily grime of living in poverty.

It's a beautiful cover-up.

Spiritually, I beautifully cover-up my selfishness and pride under the color of the good that I do or the evil I avoid.

But Jesus prefers that I see myself as He sees me: In the words of the old hymn: "Just as I Am".

And then, He doesn't merely cover my sins. He forgives them.

1 John 1:7-10

Dave "Tud" Nance



When life gets out of control

In September 2024, a North Dakota teen's car malfunctioned, becoming unstoppable and reaching 113 miles per hour. For 40 minutes, 18-year-old Sam navigated a bridge into Minnesota, intersections with train tracks and highways, small towns and — almost — the road's dead end.

But after Sam called his mom and 911, multiple first responders gathered. Police drove near him, staying on the phone and calmly asking about the accelerator, emergency brake and remaining gas. Ambulance crews were ready. The highway patrol laid speed sticks to puncture the tires (it didn't work) and cleared intersections ahead of the runaway vehicle. All the while, Sam's mom prayed. Finally, an officer sped ahead so Sam could run into his squad car, bringing his own to a halt.

Not making light of what could have turned tragic, sometimes our lives get out of control too. We speed through work, school, relationships, parenting — trying to accomplish, achieve and gain faster than others. We cram as much in each day as possible, seemingly unable to slow down. The harried pace can endanger our physical, mental and spiritual health.

Often, we're "saved" only as people who care come alongside us to help. Perhaps family members express concern, professionals suggest remedies, loved ones pray for us. Finally, when all we can do is crash into the loving care of God, we come to rest. It may take time to recover emotionally, to dare get back "behind the wheel," to trust life to carry us at a safe speed again. But thanks be to God for placing support systems around us when we need them most. —Heidi Hyland Mann

The light of life

Most sand comes from coral and rocks that get ground into tiny grains. But in a few places, like some beaches of Japan, the bits of sand are shells or skeletons that once housed single-celled organisms. A magnifying glass reveals their star shape: a rounded middle and five or more spines, like a sea star.



These unique creatures live on undersea reefs and share their interior with algae called diatoms, which convert light into carbohydrates and oxygen through photosynthesis. The star points let light into the exoskeleton; in turn, diatoms produce energy to feed them both. When these organisms die, the star skeletons wash onto beaches, protecting the islands even after their own lives end. Our amazing God designed astounding creatures!

This same Creator made us able to take in light from Christ. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me ... will have the light of life" (John 8:12). When we receive his light, it becomes in us the "energy" we need to do good: to love others, care for people in need, appreciate nature — including star sand! — and give glory to the Artist of this entire incredible world. —Heidi Hyland Mann

In Our Prayers

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. & heel spur pain.

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. Prayers for swift healing. Greetings to all and blessings...

Gracie Wade - thank you for prayers. Hysterectomy Surgery Dec 21 went well. Prayers needed for swift healing .. Having meal train Dec 24-Jan3.

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..

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 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. 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.....

Alexas Myre (Jan Myre daughter in law) Has aggressive breast cancer that was caught early. Please pray for her.

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.

Maria Salazar - (Our Community Neighbor) Maria is asking for prayers, 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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