Eastwood Epistle

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Ladies Bible Class Thanksgiving
Potluck is Tuesday Nov 19 , No Class

Ladies Bible Class Devotional

Tuesday Nov. 26



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.

Our bank has informed us that in the future all offering checks must be made out to the legal corporate name of the church. Church of Christ in Eastwood. This has been the rule for some time, but because they are now scanning checks electronically the rule must be enforced. AI is not smart enough to know that checks made to: church of Christ or Eastwood church of Christ or Eastwood church should be accepted. So, please write your offering check payable to Church of Christ in Eastwood.

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Men to Serve Sunday, November 17

> Song Leader: Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer: Flaviano Enriquez Spanish Ron Lindsey English

Lord's Supper/Contribution: Venson Oliver

> Scripture Reading: Robert Muñoz



Together

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — which is your spiritual worship." Rom 12:1

Paul begins this beautiful and powerful section of his letter to the church in Rome, by telling all disciples that every minute of our life is a time of worship. Everything we do is an act of worship. Everything? Yes. When we work or play, we honor God by how we do the things of life: A living sacrifice.

We are no longer shaped by the world, but by the will and mind of God. The disciples' purpose in life is no longer determined by our earthly desires, but by our faith in Jesus. Of course, we still get hungry and have needs, but these are not to control us as they once did. Use your abilities to the glory of God and his kingdom, not just for yourself.

All disciples must be sincere, genuine, real as we deal with others. Our kindness, love and efforts to help, must not be fake or half hearted. We live in an evil world, but we must genuinely want to reach and save those who may hate us. Not every lost soul hates the followers of Jesus, but some do. So, be as Christlike to them as we are to others.

Recently visited a website of a church that wanted the reader to know they were faithful to the word of God. In practically every paragraph, they referred to themselves as True Christians. We don't convince people we are true or genuine or sincere, by telling them we are but by showing we are by our speech and life.

It is a daily challenge to be holy, to fight the temptations which constantly attack and to do good when the opportunity is there. Holiness is a perpetual effort and the best way to achieve it is by making it our lifestyle. Don't try to be holy on occasion, be holy all the time. Every day, every minute.

Being a living sacrifice is not being in a constant state of prayer, it is about doing what Jesus would do if he were living in your body and had your responsibilities. He might not be the most productive member of the team or work place, but you know he would be giving it his best. You can't play every position, but you can do your best at yours. Be a living sacrifice for God .

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: Beatitudes in the book of Revelation Scripture: Rev 1:3

DO NOT QUIT

Every disciple has faced difficult situations in life and probably struggled with whether or not they should quit. There are times when the better part of valor is to retreat, so we can fight again another day. But, there some fights we cannot and must not quit.

The story of those who fought and lost at the battle of the Alamo is about those who believed it was a fight that was necessary. Needed to delay their enemy and give the rest of their army time to organize and be ready. It was not pride or a desire to die, or to be remembered in history, they fought for a cause.

Disciples have answered the call to follow Jesus. At times, it can be a difficult task. But, God did not call you to be a quitter. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Gal 6:9 Serving Jesus is

not for the uncommitted. The uncommitted are quitters. "It's too hard" is the whiney response of a child that does not want to give the effort to accomplish a task.

The problem with quitting is that it becomes a habit when life gets a little difficult. Maybe the first time was a retreat to fight another day, but the next time was just really hard, and the next was just hard and the next was, I don't feel like it. And we have evolved into quitters who are undependable.

Every disciple has a responsibility to the Lord Jesus and to his kingdom. We all face problems, some are personal and some are toward the whole family of God. God called you. Do Not Quit.

Charles M Clodfelter

Be prepared ... to wait

My husband always keeps a book handy. When he picks up our kids or heads to an appointment, a current title is tucked securely under his arm. He expects to wait—and is prepared to do so. What could have been a frustrating delay turns into extra time to delve further into the story.

I, on the other hand, get caught off-guard if a doctor runs late or a meeting runs long. As the minutes tick by, my down time gets wasted — unless I quietly reflect on God's goodness, return an email, take a short walk or chat with the person next to me.

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord," says Psalm 27:14 (NIV). That's an important reminder as Advent nears. Scripture advises us to use our waiting time wisely, preparing for God and drawing closer to him. What will you do while you wait for Jesus? —Janna Firestone





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Our Records

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Morning Worship – 78 Wednesday - 17

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

<u>Margaret Lee</u>— Thank You! For prayers. Back home from ministry. <u>Alberto Morales</u> - 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...

<u>Lulu Ochoa</u> - 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..

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

SHUT-INS:

<u>Mike Baron</u> - He is on dialysis and back home from hospital .prayers. <u>Jill Breitinger</u> - In home care with dementia, prayers,. Send cards to 3116 Edgerock, El Paso, TX 79935

<u>Teresa Dalke</u> - 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. <u>Glenna Bunn</u> 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

<u>Amanda Buckley</u>- (Chuck Buckley's daughter). Amanda asking for prayers for her job issues... .

<u>Hayden Cooper</u> - (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....

<u>Linda Hernandez</u> - (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.

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

<u>Charlene Looney</u> (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...

<u>Celia Perez</u> - (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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