# Eastwood Epistle

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#### Family Story Time, Saturday December 14, 9:30-11am

Two Sides of Christmas, Eastwood Church of Christ, 10104 Album, RSVP: Teri Dove, 915-637-0351 or teridove25@gmail.com Story, Craft, Snack, Fun! Crafts: Various Christmas Crafts



#### Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men invited to men's prayer breakfast
December 7, 8am
Eastwood church of Christ
10104 Album, El Paso, TX 79925



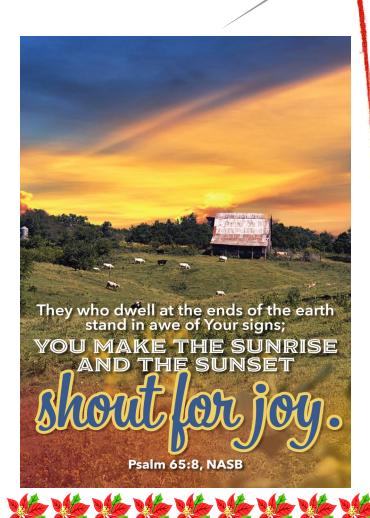
Men to Serve Sunday, December 8

> Song Leader: Lawyer Evans

Opening Prayer: Flaviano Enriquez Spanish Samuel Hooper English

Lord's Supper/Contribution: Ron Lindsey

Scripture Reading: Chuck Buckley



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, Headphones. Call Office 915-593-2772, If you want to

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## 1 ogether

The holiday season stretches from Oct 31 through Jan 1st. The excitement is driven by children and the memories of adults. People in stores and neighborhoods seem a bit more happy and cheerful. It is a time that most of us enjoy and it is not unusual to hear someone express the thought, "Why can't we be like this all year?"

We can! Our happiness is in Christ Jesus and it is eternal. It is not regulated by the calendar. The joy and excitement that we experience during the holidays, is ours all year long. Yes, it is a joy and fun to see a child become excited. We remember the good times of laughter and love. We may even wish to stay in that moment forever. The problem is, it is a physical moment that cannot be continuously created. Everyone gets bored with continuous presents. Adults need to return home and go back to work.

Suicides and prison escapes increase in the holiday season because humankind will focus on the physical moments and the emotions it creates. Yes, we miss our loved ones; yes, we would like to enjoy those times of innocence again. But, disciples are not of this world and those were worldly moments.

Jesus said, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." Jesus wants his followers to be in a joyous state all year long, but that will only happen if we are joyous for the right reason. Our happiness and excitement is not to be based on the number or size of presents we receive or give. Be happy in Christ Jesus. Joy to the World is all year long.

However, we can create special moments in our lives. In fact, as saved beings in the family of God, we can have even more joy and happiness. Let all that we do be in the name of Jesus. Give that special gift, even more important, be appreciative for the smallest of blessings from others. Share the love of Jesus in all that you do.

Our challenge is not to make this holiday better than the last one. It's to have the joy of Jesus in our life and share it with others. Jesus is in us and we are in him. Be happy! Make this a great season because you are happy in Jesus. Put a smile on your face and leave it there all year. Joy to the World!

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** 

**Schedule Services** 

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: Jesus the Man **Scripture: John 1;14;Heb 2:17-18** 

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

#### MICHAEL FARADAY

Michael Faraday was a tremendous British scientist in the 1800s. While lecturing a class at the university, he referred to the resurrection of the dead. One of his students, said how absurd such a belief was and he scoffed at it. The great physicist overheard the student. So, Faraday brought to his class a beautiful silver cup. And he dropped it in the a jar of sulfuric acid and it was completely dissolved; it disappeared, and you could not see it in the fluid. Faraday then took a handful of common salt and dropped it in the jar. It immediately acting as a catalytic agency, the silver fell in a mass, coagulated down to the bottom of the jar. Faraday then took the mass of silver out. The next day he took it to a silversmith and said, "Mold it into a beautiful chalice." He brought it back to his class and showed them the beautiful silver cup. Then he said, "My young friends, if I, a human being, a mortal man—if I can take this beautiful cup and dissolve it away and then bring it back more beautiful than it was, shall I stagger at the power of God to take this human body, and though it dissolves back into the dust, to bring it back more beautiful than ever before?"

Faraday received a basic education at Sunday

Our condolences to Margaret Lee and family for the death of her older brother Robert Avila who passed away Nov 30, no information on arrangements. Send cards to Margaret Lee, 3293 Mike Godwin, El Paso, TX 79936



Our condolences to Loretta Strickland for the death of her cousin Rocky Ricky Rowland who passed away Nov. 27. Funeral details unknown. Prayers to the family. Send cards to Loretta Strickland,

Let us then meditate upon the Nativity just as we see it happening in our own babies. I would not have you contemplate the deity of Christ, the majesty of Christ, but rather his flesh. Look upon the baby Jesus. Divinity may terrify people. Inexpressible majesty will crush them. That is why God took on our human flesh and blood, that God should not terrify us but rather that with love and favor God would console and comfort us. —Martin Luther

was offered a ticket to attend chemical lectures by Humphry Davy. The lectures inspired Faraday to become a scientist. He became Davy's laboratory assistant, enabling him to learn chemistry from one of the greatest practitioners of the day.

In 1820 Michael Faraday produced the first known compounds of carbon and chlorine. In 1825 he isolated and described benzene. In 1821 he invented the first electric motor, and in the early 1830s he discovered a way to convert mechanical energy into electricity on a large scale, creating the first electric generator.

The Faraday cage was invented by Faraday in 1836. He demonstrated its principles by constructing a metal lined room and confirming that it blocked electrical charges from affecting the interior. His experiments contributed greatly to the understanding of electromagnetism.

Michael Faraday, born 1791 and died 1867, is a name few people know, but his discoveries are still benefitting us today.

Your good deeds and Christian actions will last longer and benefit others, even when your name is no longer remembered. Live for Jesus. Do good today.

Charles M Clodfelter

#### Giving your best

Like the Magi (wise men), we can respond with our best gifts — our industry, our devotion, our very lives. We disciples are Christ's tangible presence in the world. That same Child whose light brought such joy to the Magi now, through us, offers his mercy to every person.

Through us, every day, Christ feeds multitudes; he heals, teaches and guides countless people. Through individual volunteers and major institutions, through simple acts of kindness or worldwide coordinated efforts, the world can encounter, through the Christian community, the enduring, tangible presence of Christ.—Michael Simone





#### **Elders**

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Charles Clodfelter - (915) 433-4227

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### **Our Records**

#### **December 1, 2024**

Morning Worship – 87 Wednesday - 18

Regular Offering: \$2080.20 Year to Date

#### Week

#### Year to Date

Baptisms - 0 Identification - 0 Year to Date - 3

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## **In Our Prayers**

#### **OUR FAMILY**

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

**Bob & Irma Pechanec**—Bob & Irma are better .thank you for prayers.

#### **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**

**Robert Avila**- (Margaret Lee's older brother) Condolences to Margaret and family for the death of her brother Robert Nov 30.. Prayers for family

<u>Jeremy Brown</u>—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.

<u>Amanda Buckley</u>- (Chuck Buckley's daughter). Has Covid. Prayers for her oldest son Sintino has Pneumonia..

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

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

<u>Rocky Ricky Rowland</u>—(Loretia Strickland's cousin) Thank you for prayers. Rocky passed away. Nov. 27. Prayers for family.

<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..

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

<u>Maria Salazar</u> - (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.