

Eastwood Epistle

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Sunday Jan. 19. Every member of the church is encouraged to be present for this important meeting on the third Sunday of January. Lunch will be provided, followed by discussion time. The presence of every member is very important. Please make plans to be here.

Congregational Meeting



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, January 5

Song Leader:
Evans Lawyer

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
David Davis English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Jimmy Moore

Scripture Reading:
Bob Pechanec



AS WE BID FAREWELL TO THIS YEAR
AND WELCOME THE NEW YEAR,
LET'S JOIN OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER
FOR OUR BELOVED CHILDREN AND
THEIR FAMILIES. MAY THE COMING YEAR
BRING ABUNDANT BLESSINGS, HEALTH
AND JOY TO EACH ONE OF THEM.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Together

Thank you God, for all the people of faith who are following Jesus. It is such a blessing to know those who love you and seek to live as you have directed us to live. Friendship with these loving individuals helps us to be strong and continue walking in faith.

The directive to observe the memorial meal together not only makes the sacrifice of Jesus contemporary to each of us, it brings us closer as a family. We understand we are all flawed. Our family is flawed, our friends are flawed, but we are washed in the blood of Jesus and one in His body.

Lord God, we are grateful for the acts of kindness that are done to one another and even to those outside the family. Acts of love that we may not see, but you know of them and will remember the faithfulness of those who serve you.

Thank you for the strength you give that we might face the challenges of life. There are temptations to sin which come every day. It is our faith in you that gives us the strength to overcome the temptations. Help all of us to know that temptations are not a sin and are common to all of us.

Lord, some of your children are in a deep struggle against sin. They have yielded to the temptation and are engulfed. Their sin is like an addiction they are fighting. It seems it does not matter what they try, they fail and cannot escape. Your blessings are asked for them. Help them to know you are with them and want them in the safety of the fold. Help them understand they are wanted and welcomed in the family. We pray for their return.

Lord, some are fighting the challenges of poor health: life threatening issues that do not go away. Bless all those who fight this battle and give the strength to face it and not give up. We know this world is not our home and we look forward to being with you in all of eternity, but while in this life we would like be able to serve you with strength and free from pain.

Lord, everyday is a new day and a time to give ourselves to your service. Help each of us to do our best and to also encourage others of faith to serve you faithfully. We love one another in the love of the Lord and are grateful to have fellow disciples close to us, so we may help one another and be *Together*.

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

Jan. 4, Sharon Armendariz
Jan. 5, James Conyers
Jan. 5, Carlos Alvarado
Jan. 12, Julyet Carrillo
Jan. 15, Lillie Wayne
Jan. 19, Julie Conyers
Jan. 22, Johnnie Roberson
Jan 24, Samuel Hooper, Jan 28, Mike Fernandez



Happy Anniversary!

Jan. 8, Alberto & Cristina Morales
Jan. 14, Richard & Denis Boles
Jan. 26, Israel & Maria Alvarado



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Venson Oliver
Sermon: New Beginnings: Embracing God's Purpose for the Year ahead
Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-19

God Made Life Interesting

by House to House Heart to Heart

Beans grow up a pole from left to right, while the morning glory grows up a pole from right to left. Seeds may be dropped into the ground upside down or sideways, and yet the plants come up to the surface. One grain of corn will produce a stalk on which there may be two ears, with perhaps 742 grains on each ear. A light crop of wheat will produce approximately thirty grains on each stalk, a good crop of wheat will produce approximately sixty grains on each stalk. There will always be an even number of grains.

The ordinary watermelon will have ten stripes on it. Larger ones may have twelve to sixteen stripes, but always an even number. (Isaiah 40:28:Psalm 104:24:Ephesians 3:10; Genesis 1:11-12: Genesis 1:21-25

Water will travel from the roots of a tree to the top-most leaf of a tree 265 feet high and no one understands how. Every form of life in the vegetable and animal kingdom has a predetermined set of characteristics, a master plan perfect in every detail...God's plan. The dandelion will grow above its surroundings whether the grass be two inches, ten inches or twenty inches, for it must get up into the sunlight. The potato bug hatches in fourteen days, the hen in twenty-one days, the duck in twenty-eight days, the eagle egg in thirty-five days, the parrot egg in forth-two days and the snake egg in forty-nine days. Notice that each one hatches in a multiple of seven days.

God has a perfect plan for my life and yours which supplies all our needs ... HIS WORD ([2 Peter 1:3](#)) ... and by


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Bible Quiz

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When 12-year-old Jesus stayed at the Jerusalem temple as Joseph and Mary started traveling home, after how many days did his parents find him?

A. 1 day
B. 2 days
C. 3 days
D. 7 days



Answer: C (See Luke 2:46)

All about attitude

“The way you say ‘representative’ to an automated system reflects the real you,” a friend told me. After we laughed at that truth, I realized *everything* I say matters. Someone is always listening, whether the words and tone are positive or negative.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) says our language shouldn't be “foul or abusive” but good, helpful and encouraging. Whether I'm peaceful, hurried, joyful, empathetic, frustrated, celebrating or hurting, I can carefully choose my words (and the attitude behind them). When I'm not ready to speak wholesomely, may God shut my mouth. When a friend needs encouragement, may I listen to God's prompting. When I need to confront, may I do so lovingly.

Changing how we think — that is, how we speak to ourselves — can be tough. But God wants to transform our reactions and motives, dispelling pride, a lack of confidence and anxiety. In this new year:

- *I'm alone* can become *God is with me*.
- *I can't do this* can become *Anything is possible with God*.
- *I'm failing* can become *Just because I'm struggling, it doesn't mean I'm failing*.
- *I'm not enough* can become *I'm God's beloved child*.
- *I'm tired* can become *God will give me rest*. Don't stop there. Consider the concerns in your heart and let God give you new words and attitudes.

—Janna Firestone

New Year's blessing

The eighth day of Christmas,
the eighth day of Creation,
the Next New Day,
New Year's Day.

May every day be a new year's day for you:
a chance to forgive and be forgiven,
to start again.

May you take courage to begin anew. ...

As you let go of the year past,
may you ... in your free fall find yourself held
by an eternal love that has come ages to be with you,
and will carry you all the way to the end. ...

Every day may you trust your belovedness,
your freedom from having to prove yourself,
and receive the grace that is given to you.

May this year be a year of grace and hope.

—Steve Garnaas-Holmes, [unfoldinglight.net](#)

In Our Prayers

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Our Records

December 29 2024

Morning Worship – 74
Wednesday - 11

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Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0
Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 3
Year to Date - 0

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OUR FAMILY

Mike Breitingner– Dec 31 update: Mike discharged & transferred to PAM health rehab, 1600 E. Cliff Dr, El Paso, TX 79902. He will receive 2 weeks care. Thank you for prayers. He is slowly improving.

Eva, Juliette, Elaine, Kiki Carrillo- traveling Dec 28 to Chiapas to take gifts & supplies our brothers and sisters there.

Leola Deal– Will resume chemo Dec 30

Sharlette Hernandez - Dec 29. Prayers for recovery from broken rib & kneecap

Hershel & Virginia Honea— Hershel had hip surgery, Dec 28 recovering at Del sol Hospital. 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

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 Thipgen who passed away Dec 9. Send cards to Holly Easton, 1426 Cheyenne Rd, Lewisville, TX 75077-2823...

Linda Hernandez - (Carol Baker's 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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