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WHOEVER LOOKS INTENTLY
INTO THE PERFECT LAW THAT
GIVES FREEDOM...
WILL BE BLESSED IN WHAT THEY DO.

JAMES 1:25, NIV

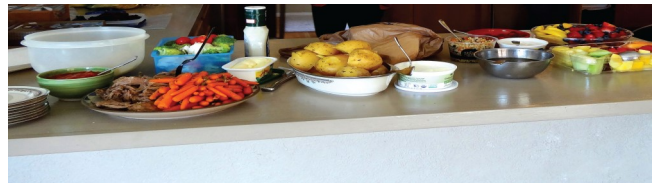
Office Closed July 4 & 5 to observe 4th
of July



Hospitality groups
looking for volunteers to
have Sunday lunch once
a month. Questions
Call 915-593-2772 or
Charles -915-433-4227



Dove Care Group will meet July 7. It will be a
Pot luck Lunch. Please call Teri (915-637-0351)
or Iretha (915-422-1846) To let them know what
you will bring Thank you.



Looking for employment?
Try jobs2careers.com

Men to Serve
Sunday, July 7

Song Leader:
Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:

Enrique Carrillo Spanish
Terence Wade English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Venson Oliver

Scripture Reading:
Justin Thompson

Together

If you have an email account, than like me you probably receive scam emails everyday. In fact, there may be dozens of unsolicited emails everyday. Many are marketing emails from legitimate companies that want to sell a product or service. They can be annoying, just because there so many. The real problem is the crooks, thieves and liars.

The amazing thing to me is, they can be such obvious fakes that no one would believe them. Now, some are very clever and seem to be real, not talking about them. It is the ones that are so fake they are funny. This makes me ask, why do they continue to send this kind of email? Even crooks aren't that dumb. The probable answer is, because they work.

Recently a quote from author Stuart Aken, came to my attention. "Evil people rely on the acquiescence of naïve good people to allow them to continue with their evil." Ouch!

Yes, the devil and his followers will use your strengths against you. You are kind and give others the benefit of doubt. You accept that everyone is honest, even strangers and especially those you know. This is a good thing and no one is asking you to change.

As a young minister, I needed to buy a dining room set in order to have guests into our home. However, I did not have the cash and credit cards were not like they are today. So, one of the elders loaned me the money interest free. He did have a paper prepared for me to sign. (He was an attorney.) I was grateful and did not feel as if he doubted my intent to repay the money.

Jesus warned his disciples about the evil they would face. Granted it is about their taking the gospel into the world, but it also has application to life in general.

Matt 10:16 "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ESV Rom 16:19 For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. ESV

We must not be cynical and hardhearted toward everyone, but neither should we be naïve that we become easy marks for those who are evil.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Look for them.
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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. New Ladies Bible Class books have arrived for our Proverbs. Please See Teri Dove about getting a book.
Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419



Happy Birthday *Blessings*

July 2, Mike Dove
July 4, Mike Baron, July 4, Julio Alcalá
July 8, Christine Muñoz, July 8, Luis,
July 11, Chuck Buckley
July 15, Venson Wm Oliver, July 18, Alice Castillo
July 18, Ron Lindsey, July 23, Yolanda Garcia
July 23, Ronald Gaenzle, July 24, Cristina Morales
July 28, Romelia Ramon



Happy Anniversary

July 4, Mr. & Mrs. Lindsey
July 7, Bob & Irma Pechanec
July 8, Samuel & Christine Hooper
July 13, Fannie & David Shearod
July 28, Venson & Tiffany Oliver



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.



www.facebook.com/groups/ecocmembers/

Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter
Sermon: Joshua The Messiah

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4

Happy America Week!

As we gear up for the 4th of July festivities, it's the perfect time to set the record straight about a little-known fact in our nation's history.

While we celebrate Independence Day on the 4th, did you know that the actual declaration of our independence happened on July 2nd? It's true!

It's an example of something all too common when it comes to Americans and history—they simply don't know the truth!

Why? Because most history books present a superficial version of our past, leaving out the inspiring and human parts that make it truly interesting and meaningful.

On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress officially voted for independence from Great Britain. John Adams was so thrilled about this monumental decision that he wrote to his wife, Abigail, predicting that July 2nd would be celebrated for generations as the great anniversary festival.

However, the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence didn't happen until July 4th. That's the date that made it onto the document itself, which is why we celebrate Independence Day on the 4th instead of the 2nd. Here's what John said to his wife:

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America.

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more" You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. -- I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. -- Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."

We believe that understanding the true stories of our nation's founding can inspire both kids and adults to appreciate the values of freedom, independence, and resilience that once were synonymous with being American.

Conner Boyack

Prepared for a purpose

Timothy Dalrymple, president and CEO of *Christianity Today*, was a successful Stanford gymnast with Olympic dreams. But he broke his neck before the 1996 Olympic Trials and never reached his sport's "promised land." Although the injury led to chronic pain, Dalrymple doesn't regret his pursuit or even the fall.

Even while hospitalized, he experienced "a profound assurance" of God's loving presence. "If I could know the peace of God even when my health and hopes were stripped away from me, then what did I have to fear?" he writes. "It was a liberating revelation. Since God is with us even in the valley of the shadow of death, we need fear no evil, for no evil can take God away."

In the long run, so-called failure can matter more than victory, Dalrymple learned. "The purpose of my gymnastics career was never to purchase a few shining moments of gold-medal glory but to prepare me for the rest of my life. It was never about making me a champion. It was about [shaping me into the image of Christ and] making me an instrument [for the glory of Christ and for the good of the world]."

—from churchart.com

- Our condolences to Junie Chavez for
- the death of his mom Lucy Chavez,
- who passed away June 29. July 9, Viewing
- 5-8, memorial service 6-8. San Jose
- Funeral home, 10950 Pelicano, Chapel A,
- Send Cards to
- Junie & Susie Chavez,
- 1469 Sara Danielle,
- El Paso, TX 79936



Name: _____ Date: _____

SUMMER IS HERE

Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words colors in the grid. Look for them vertically and horizontally.

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W	A	T	E	R	O	Q	E

BEACH

CAMP

FUN

HOT

SUMMER

SUN

SWIM

WATER

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In Our Prayers

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OUR FAMILY

Junior -(Terry Morales's Son) Prayers for his heart problems. Junior has heart monitor....

Alice Bautista - Thank you for prayers, no longer have back pain. Still recovering from surgery, will take a long time to recover fully....

Eva Carrillo - Prayers for Eva's Africa mission school trip.

Alberto Morales - Prayers. Sugar level is high causing dizziness & headaches. Need to go to otolaryngologist and cardiologist.

Robert Muñoz Jr - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson) Thank you for prayers, need prayers for successful legal Issues...

Lulu Ochoa - Still need Prayers. Sending greetings to everyone. Will be on chemo therapy for a long time. God has been so good to her for cancer treatment....

Bob Walker - Brothers and sisters, Here is an update. My doctor has found no sign of the throat cancer. But I am wasting away. So, my doctors have placed me on a regimen of diet, exercise, and occupational therapy for long term cancer recovery. The doctors believe by the way I am healing that I should be back to normal within 6-12 mths. Please continue to pray that I have patience. Bob Walker.....

Lois Wiggins—Thank you for prayers, Lois is home..

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - He is on dialysis and back home from hospital .prayers

Jill Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers

Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Robert Casey - (The Oliver's Brother) Thank you for prayers. Robert is cancer free...

Hayden Cooper - (Chuck Buckley's friend grandson, lives with parents) update: CT shows no cancer in his head or main body but will need biopsy for knee joint, lymphoma. Still need Prayers
Maria Gutierrez- (Rivera/Luna COC) prayers, in Pebble Creek Nursing Center room #414....

Sharleene Looney (COC Truth or Consequences member) - Her sister Nancy Randlett asking for prayers for Sharleene, she is in UMC hospital for broken foot.

Celia Perez - (COC Montana member) Prayers needed. She was moved to Pebble Creek Nursing Center Room #414. Thank you for prayers her leg pain has decreased with new medication....

Jeremy Marshall - (Rose Cobb great nephew) He is on blood dialysis and needs kidney. Prayers for less pain and a kidney...

Maria Salazar - (Our Community Neighbor) Maria is asking for prayers, She has been diagnosed with cancer.. .

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.**

Our Records

June 30,2024

Morning Worship – 100
Wednesday - 13

Regular Offering: \$2750.00

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 1

Year to Date - 0

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