

# Eastwood Epistle

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...the wisdom that  
comes from heaven  
is first of all pure; then  
peace-loving, considerate,  
submissive, full of mercy  
and good fruit, impartial  
and sincere.

James 3:17



**Congratulations High School** graduates for your accomplishment. Esteban Andres Corral, Joselyn Hernandez, Shelby Oliver, Robert Muñoz, Kaleigh Torres. Here's to a bright future of happiness and achievement -never give up on your dreams, and keep being an inspiration to us all. God Bless you all in what you decide for your future.

A decorative border with a purple and teal color scheme, featuring illustrations of graduation caps and diplomas.

**Graduates Congregational Potluck Sunday June 2.**  
Bring to share and extra for guest. Seniors are encouraged to prepare a memory board and we will provide a table. Dove Care group will set up and decorate. Seniors need to give all their information to the office. Call Cristina , 915-593-2772 School name, full name, any honors received, college or tech plans. Come and Support our young people!

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**Men to Serve  
Sunday, June 2**

**Song Leader:  
Mike Dove**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Flaviano Enriquez Spanish  
Samuel Hooper English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:  
Ron Lindsey**

**Scripture Reading:  
Jimmy Moore**

# Together

Everyone has pivotal moments in their life. Something or someone that changed the direction of one's life. There are major ones and lesser. The major ones stand out in our minds and we may even talk about them.

Taking the decision to follow Jesus Christ is a Major moment in life. It changes how we view everything in our world. Our grasp of the spiritual and eternal is life changing from the material and immediate. There is a God to which we are accountable, but who has made a way for us to be forgiven of our sin. If your life path was not altered by being born again, you need to repent.

There will be other moments which will be remembered that made a difference in the path we follow. Recently a man was heard to say, "that changed my life." Not being a part of the conversation at another dining table, the "that" is not known, but he knew it.

Some pivotal moments are small, so small we may not even realize our life has been changed. If asked for a why, we don't know.

A pivotal moment may be the result of our own effort and hard work, it may be a person who entered our life and made a difference, it may be a world event or an act of nature.

When we experience these moments, it is a good thing to share with someone. Let us rejoice with one another and be glad. Let us encourage those who have worked hard and those who have experienced a proverbial earthquake in life.

If you are a millionaire and financially set for life, you can encourage the young person that just got their first job—way to go. If you have several college degrees, you can lift the spirit of someone who just graduated from High School. In fact, the response of others can make a pivotal moment out of what may have been considered as inconsequential. Why? Because you considered them to be important enough to encourage them and tell of your support during that moment.

Remember, you don't tell a child he is strong because he knows that compared to you he is not. Tell him, that box is heavy and he will understand he did something that took strength. You have then created a pivotal moment. Maybe small, maybe not so small.

*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*

June 1, Debbie Shepherd  
June 5, Anay Carrillo  
June 6, Miguel Castro  
June 10, Alberto Morales, June 12, Junie Chavez,  
June 13, Susie Chavez, June 21, Marisol Alvarado,  
June 27, Theresa Dalke, June 27, David Shearod,  
June 29, Amanda Thomas, June 30, Rosie Guerra



## Happy Anniversary

June 13, Robert & Lulu Ochoa



**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.



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## Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter  
Sermon: Onward and Upward

Scripture: Heb 6:1

# PUBLIC PRAYER

Public speaking is terrifying to many people. In fact it is said to be the number one fear, ahead of dying. When you add prayer to that it becomes more fearful. Prayer is a part of our worship, so thanks to all the men who are willing to lead prayer during the time we assemble together for worship. Thank you.

This note is not intended as a criticism of any who are leading us in worship through prayer. Rather it is hoped to be an encouragement for others who may be hesitant to lead prayer publicly.

Once a recent convert was asked if he would lead a prayer for an evening service. He replied, "Oh, no, I haven't memorized all the phrases yet." My response was, you don't memorize words, you talk to God."

In my youth, written prayers were frowned upon. Mostly because of the religious groups who had printed prayers in hymnals and other books that they just turned to and read. The idea being that if a brother

used notes to pray, it was not "from the heart."

While appreciating the idea of praying from the heart, we do not denigrate our hymns which are in the songbooks. Nor do we say the preacher is not sincere if he uses notes when he preaches. So, notes are okay.

Preparation for public prayer is a good idea. It is a good idea to have two or three starter thoughts in your wallet for the occasions when you are unexpectedly asked to lead a public prayer. Turn to the book of Psalms and read the first couple of verses in several psalms to see how they begin. Find three that would be suitable to begin a prayer, copy them and tuck in your wallet.

Think about the things that are important for which you would want to ask God's help or to thank Him, make notes for them, so you don't forget. Don't fall in the habit of rote prayer, but you can prepare ahead.

Charles M Clodfelter

## ATTENTION

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Belair church of Christ  
7958 Esther Rd  
El Paso, TX  
Is having a Gospel Meeting  
May 31- June 2  
Ram Rodriguez, evangelist  
Saturday lunch at 12:00  
Call 915-491-5176 to eat  
Preaching at 1:00 pm  
Everyone welcome

"A fellow once fell in love with a girl who lived in a distant city. He bought 365 post cards and wrote her a love note every day in the year. What happened? She married the postman who delivered the cards. This shows the power of personal contact. If people are to be taught to love Christ, personal contact is necessary. Are you a personal worker for the Lord?" unknow author

## Christian Schools of El Paso

Please don't forget to bring your unneeded clothes, shoes, blankets and coats to the Big Blue Donation box in the CSEP parking lot. The clothes go to those in need. CSEP benefits from your generosity! 915-593-5011

## Need fast relief? Slow down!

Actor Lily Tomlin reportedly said, "For fast-acting relief, try slowing down." Summer doesn't seem to be the "slow season" it once was — if indeed it ever truly was. But perhaps we can use it as incentive to take some "downtime" around the plethora of activities, travel and always-busy work schedules. Pause and accept Jesus' invitation: "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31, NIV).

It may be a refreshing spot at a lake, a hike in the woods, an early-morning fishing trip. Maybe, around your work schedule, you can reserve time for a few days of church camp, a picnic at the city park, a nap on a blanket in the backyard sun. Help the kids in your life discover what it's like to *not* be on the go and to take a screen-time sabbath — even to experience boredom and see what creativity blossoms. Do art projects together, ride bikes, paint with water or chalk on the sidewalk, pick berries, bake cookies, solve puzzles, sing songs!

Try slowing down, as Lily Tomlin — and even Jesus — advised. In summer, and any time, it's good for the soul!



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



# In Our Prayers

## OUR FAMILY

Junior -(Terry Morales's Son) Prayers for his heart problems. Junior has heart monitor..  
Sharon Armendariz - is having a hard time because of her auto immune disease...  
Alice Bautista - Thank you for prayers, no longer have back pain. Still recovering from surgery, will take a long time to recover fully...  
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..  
Romelia Ramon - Is back home. prayers for swift healing from broken pelvic and good therapy...  
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—prayers, Lois is home recovering from hip operation..

## 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) has been diagnosed with conjunctival malignant melanoma and has started chemo....  
Lucy Chavez -(Junie Chavez's mom) Is at home under hospice. Prayers..  
Hayden Cooper - (Chuck Buckley's friend grandson) Jr High student has brain cancer. Improving with cancer treatments. Need Prayers.....  
Bertha N Gomez- (Yolie Hernandez's sister) Prayers, needs Dialysis, has stage 5 kidney Diagnosis....  
Maria Martinez- (Rivera/Luna COC) prayers, in Pebble Hills Nursing...  
Jeremy Marshall - (Rose Cobb great nephew) He is on dialysis and needs kidney. Prayers for less pain and a kidney..  
Celia Perez - (COC Montana member) Prayers needed. She was moved to Pebble Creek Nursing home. Thank you for prayers her leg pain has decreased with new medication..  
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.**

## Elders

Mike Dove - (915) 822-2419  
 Abel Hernandez - (915) 449-1546  
 Ray Rivera - (915) 592-8930

## Deacons

Enrique Carrillo, Samuel Hooper, Alberto Morales,  
 Venson Oliver, Lorenzo Porras, Bob Walker

## Minister

Charles Clodfelter - (915) 433-4227

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# Our Records

## May 26, 2024

Morning Worship – 67  
 Wednesday - 18

Regular Offering: \$1472.00

## Year to Date

### Week

Baptisms - 0  
 Identification - 0

### Year to Date

Year to Date - 1  
 Year to Date - 0

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