

Eastwood Epistle

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Just as a father has compassion

on his children,

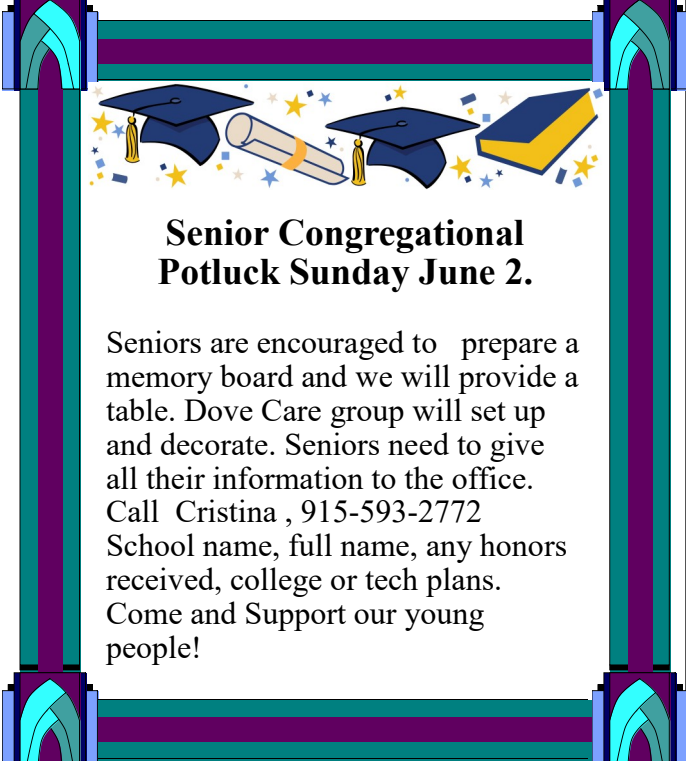
so the LORD has compassion on

those who

fear

him.

Psalm 103:13
NASB



**Senior Congregational
Potluck Sunday June 2.**

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, May 19**

**Song Leader:
Junie Chavez**

Opening Prayer:

**Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
David Davis English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Jimmy Moore**

**Scripture Reading:
Daniel Reeks**

Together

The world is changing, but that is nothing new. The world has always been changing. Some times for the better, sometimes not. But it is changing. Consider some landmarks in the history of time: 1440 the printing press was invented, 1492 Columbus accidentally bumped into the other half of the world, 1908 the automobile became affordable for the masses, not just the wealthy. The list could go on, but the point is made — the world is changing.

The question for every generation is how do we adjust or accept the changes? Some changes are physical as those listed above, others are cultural, social, even pressing the common standards of morality. The majority of the world does not follow Jesus Christ, as a result their standard of morality is different and often opposite of righteousness. We are then pressured by our culture to conform to the majority, so we will fit in. If that does not work, the effort is made to legalize the sin and outlaw those who oppose it.

How does the Christian adjust when the world criminalizes Christianity? It happened in the First Century after Jesus Christ. You could be punished for being a follower of Christ. As we close our study of the book of Revelation, the message still applies to us in our day as it did when the book was given. Jesus Christ will win, be faithful to the end.

Sadly, some cannot be faithful to Jesus even if there is no hardship. Satan will be the roaring lion of destruction, when he gains the power in our world. But, he is successful as a cunning trickster also. Prosperity, indulgence and pleasure become an unending appetite which cannot be satisfied. We want more.

When the world becomes evil, we must remain faithful to Jesus. When we are told to accept evil as good, we must remain faithful. When we are personally deluged with pain or selfish pleasure, remain faithful.

No one is suggesting it is easy, it is not. The disciple must constantly be on alert to avoid being drawn into the snare of Satan. We associate with one another, so we will be encouraged. The assembly for worship and Bible study is an antidote against the wiles of the world. We are in the world, but we are not to be of the world. Stay faithful.

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 Break

Ladies Bible Class. Will have a break May 14, May 21 and May 28



Happy Birthday Blessings on your birthday

May 10, Irene Rice
May 11, Gwendolyn Gale
May 12, Esmeralda Flores
May 14, Leola Deal
May 17, Maria Alvarado,, Mary 20, Christine Hooper
May 20, Vanessa Melendez, May 25, Tiffany Oliver
May 26, Virginia Honea



Happy Anniversary

May 21, Abel & Sharlette Hernandez



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: Judgment

Scripture: Acts 17:30-31

BOGART

Some of you may be thinking of an actor who starred in movies up until 1956. No, this article is about those who greedily consume without sharing. An example sentence would be: "Nelson advised his friends not to *bogart* all the snacks before the rest of the party guests arrived." You know the type. They have no consideration for others, neither the other guests nor the host that is trying to provide something for every person.

The bogart person is often whiney about their "needs." They make claims about their struggles and how hard life is for them. While insistent that they are not paupers, they persistently take more from greed than need.

The apostle Paul speaks to this in 1 Cor 11. Some well meaning folk have misunderstood this to be a restriction on eating inside the building. This is not the point Paul is addressing. Paul is telling us not to be a bogart: a selfish, greedy, hoggish pig. One who

takes because it is there or because they can. It carries a sense of privilege. Do you know that when a person is arrested for shoplifting, they almost always have enough money on them to pay for the item they stole. They took it because they felt they deserved it and could get away with it.

The bogart is typically a bully. Not necessarily a physical bully, but one who blusters and browbeats to get their way. Pressuring the good heart in others to make them feel they are bad for not allowing you to take what you truly don't deserve.

Bogarts are all over the place: at work, at home, at school. They seek to intimidate and make us fearful, to keep us from doing our best.

Sadly, the bogart sees no error in their conduct. They feel as if they are a good Christian, a good employee, a good family member. They are only taking advantage of the opportunities that come their way.

Charles M Clodfelter

Gratitude galore

If you've ever kept a gratitude journal, you know they're fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list: "I will thank God ... for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children. ... for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love ... for the leaves on the trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, oh Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!"

King concludes: "And yet how much more I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body enabling me to work, for the refreshment of sleep, for my daily bread, for the days of painless health, for the gift of my mind and the gift of my conscience, for his loving guidance of my mind ever since it first began to think, and of my heart ever since it first began to love."



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



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

Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!

In Our Prayers

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OUR FAMILY

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 - Thank you for Prayers. Sending greetings to everyone. Will be on chemo therapy for a long time. She has some cancer pain lately. 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 fell April 26 and is recovering from hip operation. She is now at Las Palmas Rehabilitation Hospital, 300 Waymore Dr, El Paso, TX 79902, Rm#202.

SHUT-INS

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

Jill Breitingar - 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....

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....

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.

Our Records

May 12,2024

Morning Worship – 74
Wednesday - 16

Regular Offering: \$1502.00

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

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