

Eastwood Epistle

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No Ladies Bible Class on Dec 24, or Jan 7
Class begins again Jan 14. Gina Walker will be
teaching Song of Solomon.



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, December 15

Song Leader:
Mike Dove

Opening Prayer:
Enrique Carrillo Spanish
David Davis English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Jimmy Moore

Scripture Reading:
Chuck Buckley



On a cold
winter
morning,
Holy Spirit,
enfold me in the
warmth of your love.



Be A Santa To A Child In Need

Gifts For Children Needed,: Art Supplies/
Sketchbooks/Coloring Books, Arts &
Crafts kits, Sports Balls-All Types, Re-
mote Control Cars/Trucks/Helicopters,
Board Games, Lego Sets, Action Figures/
Barbies, Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, etc.)
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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
donate or drop off In marked box for
Children Protective Service

Together

Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws. -- Plato.

Christians understand this. It is evil people that need to be restrained from doing the evil they plan. It is a similar that is expressed in Robert Frost's poem Mending Wall, when he says, "Good fences make good neighbors." Fences keep us from intruding on others and set a limit on others intruding on us.

The best fences are those that are in the mind. They are the code by which we live. John Wayne in the Shootist "I won't be wronged. I won't be insulted. I won't be laid a-hand on. I don't do these things to other people, and I require the same from them." Mark Harmon as Gibbs in NCIS has fifty-one rules that he reveals cryptically and one at a time. "Rule 51, sometimes your wrong."

The Christian code is not a secret nor a formula to start a fight. It is more than a list of wisdom gained. The New Testament tells us not only how to live in this world, but how to live with our God in the next life.

Human beings do make mistakes, we cross boundaries and offend other people. Our duty is not to rise up in anger toward others because we made a mistake. Our duty is to help heal the injury. Sometimes that is not possible. We offended too much and they will not forgive.

Perhaps you have been offended more than you can forgive. You can try. None of us have been hurt as much as God has been hurt. God forgave and even paid the price. Can we forgive one another?

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday?
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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. 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

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 Alcalá



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

**Sermon: Jesus Makes a Difference
Scripture: Mt 1:18-24; Lk 1:26-56**

Unrealistic Expectations

—James 2:13

In the big leagues, a .350 batting average is a big deal. If a player can hit at that level for a few seasons, he's a good bet for the Hall of Fame.

But wait! That impressive statistic means that the athlete who hits .350 strikes out six times out of ten when he steps into the batter's box. Just thirty-five percent success marks him as a champion. It causes me to wonder if our expectations of those around us are realistic.

Expecting a spouse, a child—or anyone else—to bat a thousand is unrealistic. Never make a mistake? Never stumble? Never say or do the wrong thing? Never strike out? C'mon, coach! Lighten up! Go easy in judging others.

The post Unrealistic Expectations appeared first on Pathway Evangelism, Inc.

Joe Barnett



Our condolences to Holly Easton for the death of her mom, Former member Mari Thigpen who passed away Dec 9. Send cards to Holly Easton, 1426 Cheyenne Rd, Lewisville, TX 75077-2823.



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Bible Quiz

Who was governor of Syria when Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem for a mandated registration, or census?

- A. Theophilus
- B. Herod Antipas
- C. Pontius Pilate
- D. Quirinius



Answer: D (See Luke 2:1-7.)

A hobby turned ministry

The internet has transformed shopping, whether for Christmas, major purchases or even groceries. I've spent hours scrolling Facebook Marketplace for just the right new-to-me items. Hunting for a great deal or a unique piece is part of the appeal.

But after reading Philippians 2:4, I also began paying attention to the people I encountered along the way. "Don't look out only for your own interests," that verse says, "but take an interest in others, too" (NLT).

A retired couple all but invited me to dinner when I bought a lamp from them. I remember the woman's delight as she described her recipe. A young man with developmental challenges who sold me a video game communicated its quality much better than anyone I've encountered.

When a mom purchased some chairs from us, she shared her excitement while loading her van. Her family now had a "real home" after living in an RV during a tough time. Once I bought furniture from a woman who was visibly stressed, exhausted from helping her mother-in-law move out of state.

As my transactions turned into interactions, my heart was changing — for the better. My hobby became more enjoyable and meaningful as I took time to listen and care.—
Janna Firestone



Love in DEED

In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Hershel & Virginia Honea— Hershel has Covid Dec 6. Dec 10 Virginia also has Covid. Prayers

Alberto Morales - 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...

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 .

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

Robert Avila- (Margaret Lee's older brother) Condolences to Margaret and family for the death of her brother Robert Nov 30.. Prayers for family. Send cards to Margaret, 3293 Mike Godwin, El Paso, TX 79936

Jeremy Brown— 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..

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

Don Cooper - (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.....

Linda Hernandez - (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..

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.....

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.

Gabriel Ramon - Prayers for full recovery from foot injury....

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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Wednesday - 15

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