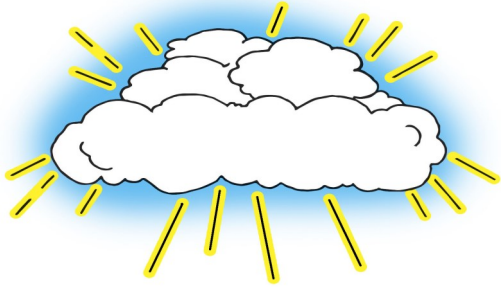


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Each of you should use
whatever "GIFT" you
have received to serve
others, as faithful
stewards of God's grace
in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10, NIV

Congregational Meeting

The elders have planned a meeting for all Eastwood members on Sunday, **September 10**. Lunch will be provided at the morning assemble and all members are encouraged to attend. We will discuss our future as a congregation and how we can reach our community with Good News. Mark your calendar and Start thinking of ideas to share and discuss in this important meeting.

LOOKING FOR WORK

Try <https://www.careeronestop.org/>



Please contact the Care Group leaders
and indicate your participation.
1st Sun Teri and Mike Dove, 915-822-2419
1st Sun No Care Group until further notice
2nd Sun Jan and Ray Rivera, 915-915-592-8930
3rd Sun Susie and Junie Chavez, 915-274-3098
4th Sun Need Volunteer
5th Sun Congregational Potluck

August 6, Congregational Potluck after
service, at our fellowship hall .Please join us
in honoring our students during a back-to –
school potluck Sunday. Meat will be provided
but please let Iretha Banks know if you will be
bringing bread, salad, or dessert.

El Paso Cooling centers M-Thursdays
9-9pm, Friday-Sat 9-8pm, Sunday 11-8pm,
• Galatzan Recreation ctr ,
650 Wallenberg,
• Marty Robbins, 11620 Vista del Sol,
• Chelio Acosta Sports Center,
4321 Delta,
• Valle Bajo Community Center,
7380 Alameda,
• Agua Dulce Community Ctr,
15371 Kentwood Ave, Horizon City, Tx
79928 , 9-6pm M-Sunday
Libraries 10-6pm, Sat ,T-Thus 10-7pm,
Fri 1-7pm

Men to Serve
Sunday, August 6
Song Leader:
Mike Dove

Opening Prayer:
Enrique Carrillo Spanish
Terence Wade English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Ron Lindsey
Scripture Reading:
Venson Oliver Jr

Together

The parable of the Sower is a powerful allegory and an illustration of the Great Commission. A farmer went out to sow. The job of a farmer is to create a harvest and in order to do that he must sow. If the church does not sow, there will not be a harvest. We would chastize a farmer who complained of not having a harvest, when he had not planted any seed.

Sowing, in the first century, meant grabbing a handful of seed and slinging it over the soil. The result of this haphazard distribution of seed, meant some seed fell on less than ready soil: hard paths, mostly rocky and weedy sections. This resulted in no growth or growth that did not last. In effect that seed and effort were wasted.

Today, machinations are used to not waste seed and place seeds in straight rows for easy of development and harvest. We have tried to use the same modern proficiency in reaching the lost. It fails because unlike farmland we cannot see which soil is bad or good. We assume all soil is good and then we generously sow the seed.

This does not mean we limit our invitation to advertising that hopefully reaches the good soil. The farmer's soil does not care if it gets the seed from the farmer's hand or from a mechanical device. The soil of the heart does care. Sowing the seed of the Word of God must be personal.

Don't tell your friend they are going to Hell if they don't change their ways. Tell them how Jesus has made your life better. Speak of the peace, hope and joy you have because you are forgiven. Tell how life has improved because you are able to see the good in other people because of Jesus. Tell of the positives of being a disciple.

People came to Jesus because they were hurting. Yes, he healed which we cannot, but he gave them hope and peace when they turned (repent) to serve God.

The world is searching for hope and peace, they are trying earthly solutions which fail. Point the way to Jesus.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Look for them.
www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

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 Lesson, 10am will be about "Joy In the Morning."

Thank you Teri Dove 915-822-2419

Care Group

Aug 27 Need Volunteer

Happy Birthday

Aug 4, Fannie Shearod,
Aug 10, Juan Najera,
Aug 10, Gricelda Wade,
Aug 21, Ashley Williams,
Aug 24, Tonie Porras,
Aug 27, Virginia Najera, Aug 31, Betty Lewis



Happy Anniversary

Aug 8, James & Julie Conyers
Aug 22, Israel & Tonie Porras
Aug 27, Junie & Susie Chavez
Aug 30, Vic & Sharon Armendariz



"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."
Deuteronomy 6:5



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: The King Who Had It All

Scripture: 1 Kgs 11:9-11

CHURCH DIRECTORY

There was a time when every city and town had a phone directory published by the telephone company. The larger cities would have a book that was 1.5 to 2 inches thick. Major cities would have two books, one for the list of names and numbers and a second for the business or yellow pages. Today, there are so many phone companies that if you receive a directory, it is probably relegated to out of the way storage or even tossed away.

When mimeograph became available most churches made a directory of their membership. It may have a special name as in TV directory which was an acronym for Telephone and Visitation. Then the offset press allowed for photos to be used. The church directory was smaller, easier to find those you wanted to call or find an address.

Some developed the idea that the church directory was

equal to those who are in good standing with Jesus. If a person was known to have participated in an unseemly activity, a member might ask in an accusatory way, "why is their name in the directory?" News Flash! The church directory is not the Lamb's book of Life.

The church directory is intended to make it easier for us to connect with one another and encourage one another. Instead of checking who should not be in the directory, why not send a note or make a phone call to let them know you care and are missing them.

Occasionally, it is known that one is no longer interested in serving the Lord or have moved away and they are removed from the directory. Keep your old directory. So you can contact or pray for those who need your love.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Ladies Bible Class is adopting the Child Crisis Center for a service project for 2023. We are collecting gently used small luggage, backpacks, carry-ons, or large tote bags. Why, you ask. When children leave the Child Crisis Center or move from one foster home to another, they must take their meager possessions in a trash bag if nothing else is available. We hope to put an end to this demoralizing circumstance for as many children as possible. If you can help, we will appreciate it. If you have questions please contact Teri Dove. 915-822-2419



Being NICER as Christians at work

"As working Christians, we are deeply aware of the gap that exists between Sunday and Monday," writes Roland Heersink, founder of the God & Work Initiative. "Although the two days are next to each other on the calendar, they seem miles apart. On Sunday we hear that we are children of God, saved by grace in Jesus Christ. On Monday, there are endless emails to be answered, spreadsheets to be completed, people to be hired and fired, meetings to attend, and important decisions to be made."

For a stronger relationship between our roles as faith-filled Christians and employees, Heersink uses the acronym NICER. How well do you live out these five essentials in your work life?

No Compromise (See Daniel 1:8-14.)

Integrity (See Daniel 6:1-5.)

Compassionate in Relationships (Follow Jesus' example.)

Excellence ("Do your best, and let Jesus do the rest.")

Responsible to Others (Be a good Samaritan.)

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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



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

Elders

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Alberto Morales - Prayers for no dizziness & better sugar Level. Need to go to otolaryngologist and cardiologist..

Venson Oliver - Keep Venson in your prayers for his deployment.

Bob Pechanec - Thank you for prayers. Bob Is home from hospital. Prayers for good recovery...

Bob & Gina Walker - Thank you for Prayers, tumor is gone....Continue to have Bob in your prayers...

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - Is on dialysis, prayers

Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

Rudy Ramon--prayers for health issues..

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Baby Alexandra Fierro- (Maria & Flaviano Enriquez's great granddaughter) Thank you for prayers. Baby is out of hospital and back home and running and jumping. Has a fellow up appointment later.

Sylvia Enriquez - Thank you for prayers. Jacob is back to work.

Luis Juarez - (Tracy Denis Dad, Maria De La Rosa friend) Is on dialysis, not doing well. please have him in your Prayers....

Maria Montanez - (ESL student) Her breast cancer operation was a success she is resting at home. Prayers for swift healing..

Emily Morales- (Alberto & Cristina Morales niece) Prayers for swift healing from gallbladder operation July14....

Richard Ortega—(James Grant Uncle) recently diagnosed with cancer...

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 dropped.

Our Records

July 30, 2023

Morning Worship – 68

Wednesday - 18

Regular Offering: \$2632.00

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 2

Year to Date - 0

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