

Eastwood Epistle

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**IF YOU DO NOT
STAND FIRM
IN YOUR FAITH,
YOU WILL NOT
STAND AT ALL.**

ISAIAH 7:9, NIV

Please contact the Care Group leaders and indicate your participation.

1st Sun Teri and Mike Dove,
915-822-2419

2nd Sun Jan and Ray Rivera,
915-915-592-8930

3rd Sun Susie and Junie Chavez,
915-274-3098

4th Sun Bob & Gina Walker,
915-231-6316

5th Sun Congregational Potluck

Church Potluck April 30, after service at our fellowship hall. All invited, bring enough for your family and a little more for your guest.



VBS this year is scheduled for mid-July. Our theme is "But Wait, God Had a Plan": The Story of Joseph. We will be making Sharing Bags again as one of our crafts. We will need 100 each of the following items: color books, puzzles, craft kits, bubbles, etc. If you can help, please start bringing these items to the building. Thank you for your help last year and in advance for this year. Teri Dove



Men to Serve
Sunday, April 23
Song Leader:

Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:

Alberto Morales Spanish
Shawn Mang English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
David Davis

Scripture Reading:
Mike Breitinger

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Together

The book of Joshua is filled with challenges and encouragement for those who believe. The last two chapters are especially poignant when Joshua writes, "Now I am about to go the way of all the earth." He understood that he had lived a long and faithful life which would soon come to an end. He had things to say before his life ended and he is saying them.

The many admonitions he has previously given in this book are in many ways summed up when he writes, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." He pledges that his descendants will serve the Lord. This is likely because he knew of their faith in God and his faith that they would share with generations to come.

It can be a hard thing to continue our faith in Jesus to the next generation. It is not a blood line that is inherited. We teach and try to be an example, but we are flawed and some see only the flaws. And what of the generations to come? It doesn't take many generations and we don't even know the names of our ancestors, much less about their faith in Jesus. Will our family have faith in one hundred years from now?

May the following suggestion be useful to you in continuing the growth of faith in your family.

Create and leave your own letter for your family. In this day and age of technology you could even make a video that could be copied and given to each grand child. First, identify yourself: name, birth date, parents. One hundred years from now, they won't know who you are unless you tell them.

Then tell them why you are a Christian: you believe in Jesus Christ and are a part of churches of Christ because they seek to do just what the New Testaments teaches, no more, no less. Explain the plan of salvation and how you were born again. Tell how it is your great desire for them to do the same and follow Jesus.

Jesus Christ is the greatest treasure we can pass down, but it cannot be inherited.

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

Thank you Teri Dove 915-822-2419

Care Group

April 30, Congregational Potluck

Happy Birthday

April 17, Margaret Lee
April 18, Irma Pechanec
April 22, Kayleigh Torres
April 24, Hershel Honea
April 25, Terence Wade



Happy Anniversary

April 17, Javier & Yolie Hernandez
April 21, Ray & Jan Rivera
April 22, Mike & Teri Dove



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



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Leadership is a worthy ambition
Scripture : 1 Tim 3:1

PORNOGRAPHY

Pornography is the sexually explicit writings and visual stimulation whose primary purpose is to cause sexual arousal. Porn has been around for centuries, most likely from the beginning. Pompeii in Italy was destroyed by a volcanic eruption in 79 AD and buried under ash and pumice. This preserved the city for later archaeological efforts that discovered it was a sexual playground with porn on many walls.

Our nation was founded on what is called Judeo-Christian principles. Porn has been limited through law, but not excluded. Freedom of speech is the issue for those who want to have porn. One case was taken to the Supreme Court in 1964 during which Justice Potter Stewart said “I can’t define pornography, but I know it when I see it.”

Pornography is harmful to society. First it is hurtful to men, the largest users. It destroys the sense of relationship with wives, daughters, women in general. They become objects to be used and controlled, the idea of connection with the individual is not real. When another human being begins to be just a thing and not a person, their world is out of shape.

The same could be said of women who use porn,

but a greater harm may be toward those who find themselves the objects of porn with no personal worth or relationship. Many in the “Sex Industry” are there against their will.

A study conducted by Samuel Perry of the University of Oklahoma found that divorce rates double when people start watching porn. So, even if a married couple agree to watch porn together, it is harmful to their relationship. They have made each other objects.

Yes, a married couple can be playful and attractive to one another. God created man and woman to be with one another and enjoy their relationship. God wants us to have pleasure in one another.

Do not destroy what God has given you with porn. The www. has made it easier than ever to have access to porn. Porn is the most searched subject on the web. It is addictive to many people in such a way that it not only destroys marriages, it puts an entire life into a tailspin.


The answer is to avoid it. Seek help.

Charles M Clodfelter

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

What does God compare to rain “watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater”?

- A. The justice of the nations
- B. The work of God’s people
- C. The message of Isaiah the prophet
- D. God’s word



Answer: D (See Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV)

God remembers

It is not difficult for me to remember that the little ones need breakfast in the morning, dinner at midday and something before they go to bed at night. Indeed I could not forget it. And I find it impossible to suppose that our heavenly Father is less tender or mindful than I. ... I do not believe that our heavenly Father will ever forget his children. I am a very poor father, but it is not my habit to forget my children. God is a very, very good Father. It is not his habit to forget his children.



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



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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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Angelina Gomez - prayers for health problems....
Alberto Morales - Prayers for no dizziness & better sugar level...
Lulu Ochoa - Prayers for March 28 surgery for malignant Cancer kidney tumor at UMC....
Mary Porras - Prayers, Mary was in hospital April 16 but is now recuperating at home for high blood pressure.
Bob & Gina Walker - Prayers, cancerous tumor was found in the back of his throat.
Louis Wiggins - Prayers for grandson James Arce on his training in the Marines Camp Pendleton starting April 17. Louis is missing James already.

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

Hope- (Carol Baker's friend) Is in severe pain and may need surgery. She has had a rough couple of years and overdoes it...
Maria Alarcon - (post office clerk) Will have surgery April 24, prayers for her to recuperate swiftly..
Ruben Avalos - (Susie Chavez brother) Recovering from foot amputated March 22, prayers for swift healing...
Paula Brown - keep her in your prayers Husband swift healing from surgery and some control with his dementia due to Parkinson...
Mary Cordero - Prayers still needed, the weather has been hard for her lungs..
Baby Luca M. Fino- (Cristina Morales nephew) 1 month old baby is in Hospital, having trouble retaining food with feeding tube, may have surgery. Prayers needed...
Luis Juarez - (Tracy Denis Dad, Maria De La Rosa friend) Prayers for Luis health. Not doing very well...
Lupe Muñoz - (Robert Muñoz's Sr. mom) Our condolences for the death of Robert's brother, and Lupe's son, Mark Muñoz who passed away early March 20.send cards to Robert Muñoz, 14554 Berrel, El Paso TX 79928...
Maria Montanez - (ESL student) Prayers for breast cancer procedure April 24.
Shawn - (Angelina Gomez's brother) prayers for spiritual guidance and patience...
Luna de Reyes de Ramos- (visitor) Need prayers. Luna has hard times, struggling to find a home find work. If you know someone who has home cleaning job call office.
Maria Salazar - (Our Community Neighbor) Maria is asking for prayers. She has been diagnosed with cancer...
Komi Abeko Setodji - (community neighbor)- Prayers for spiritual help and guidance.
Barbara Tucker - (Jan Rivera sister) fell in her home, had surgery April 19 in Abilene, TX, prayers for swift healing.

**Please remember in prayers the military in harms way.
Please call the office to update our prayer list. Names not updated 4 weeks will be dropped.**

Our Records

April 16, 2023

Morning Worship – 86
Wednesday - 26

Regular Offering: \$2960.20

Year to Date

<u>Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Baptisms - 0	Year to Date - 2
Identification - 0	Year to Date - 0

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