

Eastwood Epistle

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**THESE DAYS SHOULD BE
REMEMBERED AND OBSERVED**
in every generation by every
family, and in every province
and in every city.

Esther 9:28, NIV



Office Closed to
observe
Memorial Day.
May 29



LOOKING FOR WORK

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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, 915-822-2419



You are invited to the Potluck banquet honoring our High School graduates this year on Sunday, June 11, 2023, immediately after Sunday Service in the Fellowship Hall. Bring side dish, 915-593-2772, call Teri Dove for info. 915-822-2419

Men to Serve
Sunday, May 28
Song Leader:
Ray Rivera

Opening Prayer:
Alberto Morales Spanish
Ron Lindsey English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
David Davis

Scripture Reading:
Bob Pechanec

Together

Memorial Day will be Monday, May 29. It is when we remember those who gave their lives in defense of our nation. Those who we knew personally, family and friends, but also those who we did not know. Those who lived in a different time and perhaps even a different century. Even if we do not know the names, we can appreciate the sacrifice they made.

This Memorial Day, if you have the day off or do something special, don't think of it as just a day off. Remember that someone gave their life to defend our nation. Family and friends grieved and we did not know it. Mothers, father, spouses, children, aunts, uncles and extended family all felt the loss.

Memorial Day is a time to remember the price that was paid by those who gave their lives for their nation.

We have a Christian memorial every Sunday. It is the Lord's supper or communion that we eat on the first day of every week. We assemble to remember the price paid by Jesus and to remember the resurrection that demonstrated he was and is the Christ. Every Sunday is a time to show appreciation and respect for the love and commitment of Jesus. It is a time to experience the same joy as we had on the day we were immersed, born again and had our sins washed away.

The word eucharist, from the Greek, means thanksgiving. When we eat the bread and drink the fruit of the vine, we are reminding ourselves of the price paid and the path we follow. Jesus is the Christ and we are his disciples, his followers in a spiritual fight.

In the words of an old hymn, "Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before!" ... "Like a mighty army, moves the church of God; Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod"

Memorials are to remind us of the price that was paid and that we should not allow that price to have been paid in vain.

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

May 28, Need Volunteer

Happy Birthday

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



Happy Anniversary

May 21, Abel & Sharlette Hernandez



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: Meaning of Memorials

Scripture: Josh 4:3-4

SHOULD CHRISTIANS VOTE

There have been and still are some Christians who hold to the idea that Christians should not participate in government in any way, including voting in elections. Space will not be used to address the issue, other than to say, it is not accepted.

Our nation was unique in its founding, in that it is based on biblical principles, recognizing God and granting opposing views. Christians have the responsibility to support biblical principles at every opportunity. Sadly, many do not vote. A survey reveals some of the reasons that citizens do not vote.

- 25% Didn't like candidates or campaign issues.
- 15% Felt their vote wouldn't make a difference.
- 14% Too busy or conflicting schedule.
- 12% Illness or disability.

- 11% Other.
- 8% Out of town or away from home.
- 4% Registration problems.
- 3% Forgot to vote.
- 3% Transportation problems.
- 2% Inconvenient hours or polling places.

There 154.4 million votes cast that were almost equally divided. Sadly, one researcher says that 80 million citizens did not vote and 30 million Christians (in the broad term) are not even registered to vote. 30 million not participating in elections that are sometimes decided by a few thousand votes. Imagine what would happen in our country, if Christians used their vote to influence the path of the nation. Evil is working hard to dominate our land. We should fight back and Vote!

Charles Clodfelter

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 Need Volunteer
- 5th Sun Congregational Potluck

God's got you

In Roman 4 Paul writes: "If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ... For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace" (v. 14, 16, NRSV). Here and elsewhere, Paul firmly explains that we are saved through God's grace, or unconditional love, made known most profoundly in Jesus Christ. But this passage raises a question: If belief (trust, faith) reckons us as righteous before God, what if we don't trust, can't believe, have lost all faith?

Pastor Martin Luther (1483-1546) assures us that even this is a gift of God: "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead *the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith*" (*The Small Catechism*; emphasis added). Later in Romans, Paul declares that when we feel so lost (unbelieving, lacking in faith) that we don't even know how to pray, the "Spirit himself intercedes for us" (8:26, NIV). Rest assured, dear one: God's got you.—Heidi Hyland Mann

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.

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



Bible Quiz

In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Answer: C (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7.)

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Chuck Buckley - is having tests because of a lesion on his liver. Prayers...
Alberto Morales - Prayers for no dizziness & better sugar level...
Angelina Grant,-(James Grant’s wife) had surgery in Las Vegas, then had to have triple bypass surgery. All has gone well from both surgeries. James will be returning to Ft Bliss soon....
Sharlette Hernandez - Prayers needed for healing, is home recuperating from skin infection around her eye...
Bob & Gina Walker - Prayers, cancerous tumor was found in the back of his throat, radiation planned 5/11,outlook positive, Thanks for prayers...
Lois Wiggins- Prayers for grandson James Arce on his 3 more weeks training in the Marines Camp Pendleton...

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

Family of Jean Aimes - Condolences and prayers to the family. Jean passed away May 14..
Ruben Avalos - (Susie Chavez's brother) May 8, is back in ICU for a infection. Please pray for complete healing..
Paula Brown - Please pray for Paula’s husband who broke his femur, healing at home...
Abe Favila - Prayers for issues...
Baby Luca M. Fino- (Cristina Morales nephew) 3 month old baby is home recuperating from surgery, had trouble retaining food with feeding tube, Prayers needed...
Luis Juarez - (Tracy Denis Dad, Maria De La Rosa friend) Is on dialysis please have him in your Prayers....
Lin McCorquadle - Prayers for issues..
Maria Montanez - (ESL student) Her breast cancer operation was a success she is resting at home. Prayers for swift healing. procedure April 24....
Luna de Reyes de Ramos- (visitor)Still Need prayers. Luna has hard times, struggling to find a home find work. If you know someone who has home cleaning job call office....
John Riechlen - Prayer for issues.
Maria Salazar - (Our Community Neighbor) Maria is asking for prayers. She has been diagnosed with cancer....
Susan Solem - Prayers for issues.
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 & policeman in harms way. Please call the office to update our prayer list. Names not updated 4 weeks will be dropped.

Our Records

May 21, 2023

Morning Worship – 84
Wednesday - 21

Regular Offering: \$2406.50

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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