

Eastwood Epistle

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Family Story Time, Under the Sea & Rainbow Fish, Join us May 20, 2023, 9:30 am -11:00 am 10104 Album, El Paso, TX 79925, Story, Craft, Snack, Fun!. Come join the fun! RSVP: Teri Dove 915-637-0351, teridove25@gmail.com



Story Time

Donation for Building Maintenance

Our building was built in three or four stages, the latest being in 1976, so the newest part is 47 years old and the oldest is 60 years old. This means maintenance must be done. Presently we are seeking to do needed roof repair and to some doors. A Donor is making some of this needed up keep possible. If others would like to contribute to the needed maintenance, it would be appreciated. Contributions whether large or small would be appreciated. Please write on your check in the memo section, for cash use an envelope from the back table and mark it for Repair.

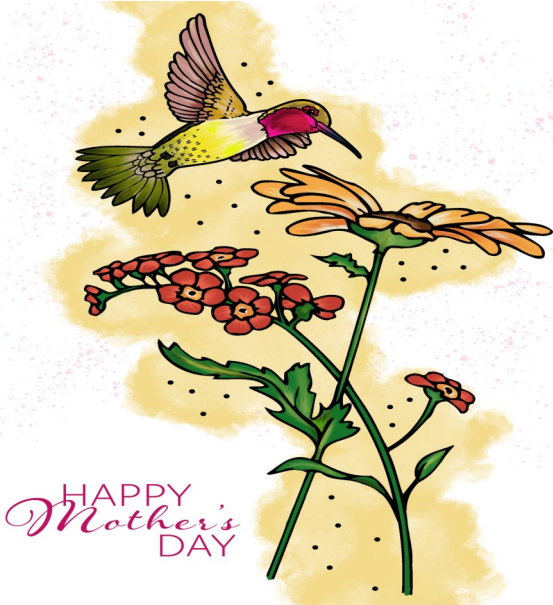


Men to Serve
Sunday, May 14
Song Leader:
Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:
Alberto Morales Spanish
Shawn Mang English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Ron Lindsey

Scripture Reading:
Bob Pechanec



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)

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

LOOKING FOR WORK

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



Together

“The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down.” Prov 14:1

There have been a lot of good mothers that I have known. My own mother, my two grandmothers, my two sisters, the mother of my own children, plus the many, many others in my circle of church, friends and family. NONE of whom were perfect.

Sadly, I have known a few, I repeat a few, who were bad mothers. They were few and far between. A rarity. Our tendency is to focus on the few.

Just look at the news coverage by news outlets. From the common use of the word - News, it is always bad. However, it is not true that everything is bad. Many good things happen everyday, they are so common that they are not news. An event must be bad to be news, because most of what happens is good. It is news because it is unusual, out of place with the ordinary.

The vast majority of Mothers are exceptional, even if they don't feel that way. A sister in Christ stated that she did not like sermons on Proverbs 31 because it made her feel guilty. The response, that is how your children see you. Outstanding in every way.

Yes, it can be an admonition to be a better wife and mother, but it is a guide to help a son to find a good wife. It concludes “Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.” In our vernacular, “don't be fooled by a pretty face.”

Once a mother hesitated to take the flower that was given on Mother's Day because her only child died at birth. Reply, absolutely because she knew the love and pain that every mother experiences in rearing a child.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to every mother. Enjoy that attention and love from your family and friends. You are respected for every loving effort you made

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: Mother's Day

Scripture: Eph 6:2-3

GRIEF

“As far as I can see, grief will never truly end. It may become softer over time, more gentle, and some days will feel sharp. But grief will last as long as love does — forever. It’s simply the way the absence of your loved one manifests in your heart. A deep longing, accompanied by the deepest love. Some days, the heavy fog may return, and the next day, it may recede, once again. It’s all the ebb and flow, a constant dance of sorrow and joy, pain and sweet love.” — unknown

Grief from the loss of a loved one is not to be regretted. Grief for different loved ones is not to be compared. Grief comes from the love you had, the sense of loss you feel and the memories we have. Grief should lead us to a sense of joy because we had that person in our life for a time.

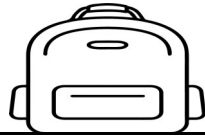
Grief is because of the joy they brought into our lives. We are happy to have had a relationship, to have known them, to have memories we cherish. How bad life would be, if we did not have people like that in our life. They gave us joy and companionship and we were glad to have them in life.

Joy comes in knowing that they felt about us in the same way we felt about them. We were connected. And you can know that they would not want us to spend the rest of our lives in sadness. Most likely they would say something in an attempt to make us smile. Perhaps, even make a little fun with us or even tell us to get on with our lives.

It is good to grieve for a time. It is a must, but in their memory and because of the love, we carry on.

Charles 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



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



Honor your mother– housetohouse

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom’s favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother’s Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they “symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying.

Jokes only a mother could love– House to House

Why is a computer so smart?
It listens to its motherboard.

Why did you chop the joke book in half?
Mom said to cut the comedy.

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?
Because their kids have to play inside!

What did the mother rope say to her child?
“Don’t be knotty.

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...

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..

Lulu Ochoa - Prayers, for swift healing for malignant kidney tumor surgery. Lulu is home recuperating well...

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, radiation planned 5/11,outlook positive, Thanks for prayers.

Lois 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

Maria Alarcon - (post office clerk) Will have surgery April 24, prayers for her to recuperate swiftly....

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 May 6,operation is May 7 morning.

Mary Cordero - Prayers still needed, the weather has been hard for her lungs....

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..

Robert Muñoz - Our condolences for the death of Robert's brother Mark Muñoz who passed away early March 20.send cards to Robert & Christine Muñoz, (mom) Lupe Muñoz, 14554 Berrel, El Paso TX 79928...

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) 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....

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 7, 2023

Morning Worship - 94
Wednesday - 23

Regular Offering: \$3377.00

Year to Date

Week

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