

Eastwood Epistle

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OH, THE DEPTH OF
the riches
OF THE
wisdom
AND KNOWLEDGE OF
GOD!
ROMANS 11:33, NIV

El Paso Cooling centers M-Thursdays
9-9pm, Friday-Sat 9-8pm, Sunday 11-8pm,

- Galatzen Recreation ctr ,
650 Wallenberg,
 - Marty Robbins, 11620 Vista del Sol,
 - Chalio 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

Family Story time is suspended
until January at the earliest.
Call Teri if you have
questions 915-637-0351.

Please contact the Care Group leaders
and indicate your participation.

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

**1st Sun will meet January at the earliest, call
Mike if you have questions.**

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

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.



**Men to Serve
Sunday, August 27**

**Song Leader:
Phillip Apotchie**

**Opening Prayer:
Enrique Carrillo Spanish
Sam Hooper English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:
David Davis**

**Scripture Reading:
Venson Oliver Jr**

Together

Leprosy is a disease where nerve ending fail to feel pain which means the patient will unknowing injure themselves and fail to clean and treat the wound. This causes infection and flesh is destroyed. This was before antibiotics, so the gradual loss of toes, fingers, ears, nose and even face created a horrible sight to behold.

In Jesus' time, those with the disease were kept apart from others. If near another person, they would call out - "Unclean." As a result, it was a lonely life. Separated from family, friends and society, it is natural that those with the disease would be drawn to others who suffered as they did.

The Gospel of Luke records in chapter 17 and beginning with verse 11 the story of ten such men. They were basically a support group, helping one another as they anticipated a long debilitating and hard life. They had heard of Jesus, so when they heard he would be in their area they traveled to be near the road. They called out from a safe and respectful distance. Lev 13:45f "Jesus, master, have pity on us!"

There is no indication from the text what they desired, perhaps some food or money, maybe to be healed. Jesus said in an almost off handed way, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." Again the text does not reveal their expectation, but they start the journey. When they realize they have been healed of the malady, one returned to thank Jesus, but only one. And, he was a Samaritan. Those who were thought of as dogs for they did not worship at the temple and married those who were not Jews.

Jesus raised the question, "Where are the nine?" Only this foreigner, indicating the others were Jewish.

Gratitude is the obvious lesson. Some today act as if God owes them. When praying, it is give me this and give me that. Some even threaten to stop worshipping, if they don't get what they want.

Thank God for everything. God doesn't need us, we need Him!

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

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



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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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: The Kingdom's Fall

Scripture: Lam 3:21-23

DANGER AHEAD

The Founders of our nation were fully aware of how the king of England had made himself the head of the Church of England. Seeking to avoid the dangers and abuse that had been brought upon England, the First Amendment was written. It reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The obvious purpose was to keep the government from exercising any control over these things. When Thomas Jefferson was asked by the Danbury Baptist Association in 1802 about a push by some to make the Anglican church the national religion, he replied with the metaphor "wall of separation between the church and state." Meaning the government would not control the church.

Unfortunately, in the last century, anti God people want it to mean the church should not have any say in government policies. Therefore, a religious group can

not take a stance on a candidate for political office or express an opinion on a ballot item without risking the loss of their tax exempt status. The vast majority of churches would be unable to pay the property tax and thus lose their building.

Jefferson's metaphor is not in the Bill of Rights and does not mean the church is to be limited is taking a stance on political issues. In the present political atmosphere things of faith and morality are being encroached upon at every turn.

Recently, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/nutrition/emergencies-infant-feeding/health-equity.html> has issued information in support of the "WOKE" idea of men chest feeding babies. Also, Librarians are placing material that promotes homosexuality in children's book sections. Schools are using Woke lessons and recruiting children to change their sexual identity.

The anti-god sentiment is strong in this present day and it is up to God believing people to avert danger.

Charles M Clodfelter

What is lament?

The spiritual discipline of lament may not come naturally, and churches rarely teach it. Because we're raised to stay silent if we can't say something nice, passionately pouring out our sorrow just doesn't seem right.

My opinion changed when I heard author Sharon Garlough Brown explain this spiritual practice from God's perspective. As parents can attest, toddlers have an innate ability to find foreign objects and put them in their mouths. Concerned parents bend down and coax the child to remove the toy, bottle top, coin or rock. "Spit it out." "Let me have it." "It's not good for you to swallow that."

As a concerned parent, God sees and knows what's troubling us. He knows that this world's woes and trials will hurt us if we keep them all inside. God, our good and gracious Father, wants us to passionately pour out our grief, so he bends down, looks us in the eyes, and says, "Spit it out." "Let me have it." "It's not good for you to swallow that."

Spend time with God, sharing your laments. God loves you and is faithful to listen well.

—Janna Firestone

Lament is (a passionate expression of grief or sorrow)

Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

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I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

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Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

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My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

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I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

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Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

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I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

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My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

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PROPHETS ARE _ _ _ _ _ .

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Messengers

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

John Abbott - Keep him in your prayers for his deployment.

Enrique Carrillo - Prayers for tooth and jaw bone surgery...

Teri Dove - Prayers will have knee surgery Aug 17..

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

Lulu Ochoa - Prayers for cancer treatment..

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

Robert Pechanec - Went to hospital Sierra Providence Aug 21, CT scan found brain bleeding. He is in intensive care.

Romelia Ramon - Our condolences to Romelia for the death of her beloved husband Rudy. Send cards to Romelia Ramon & family, 7529 Yuma, El Paso, TX 79915

Bob Walker - Bob no longer has pneumonia. Recovering from chemo and radiation and is able to eat a little bit. Gaining some weight. Prayers for swift recovery. Gina sends her love and thanks everyone for prayers and good things sent out.

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - Is on dialysis, prayers

Jill Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers

Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Angelina - (James Grant wife) prayers for Angelina as she goes thru dialysis, prayers for better health.

Ruben Avalos - (Susi Chavez brother) prayers for health.

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

August 20, 2023

Morning Worship – 69

Wednesday - 19

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Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

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