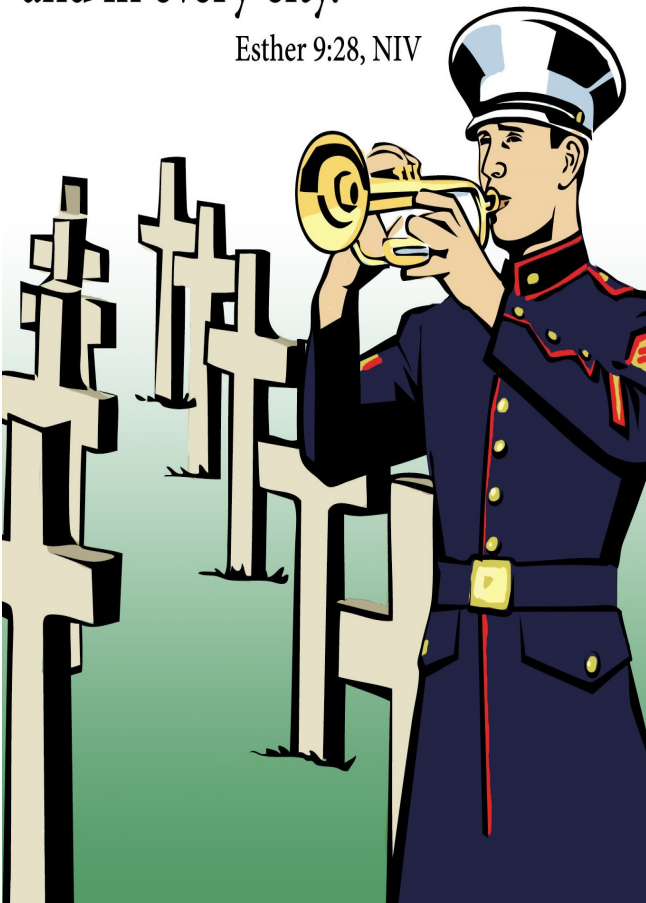


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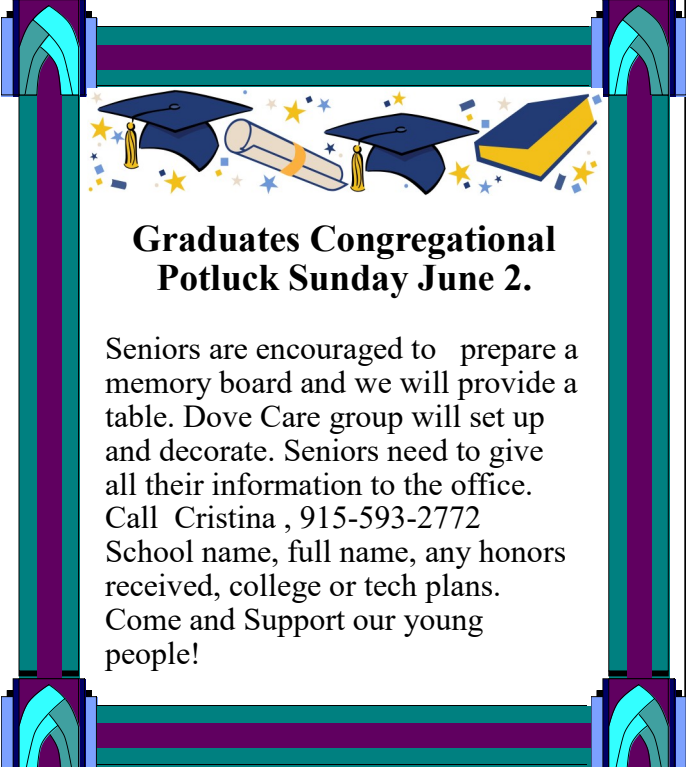
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**THESE DAYS SHOULD BE
REMEMBERED AND OBSERVED**
in every generation by every
family, and in every province
and in every city.

Esther 9:28, NIV



Office Closed May 27 to
observe Memorial day.



**Graduates Congregational
Potluck Sunday June 2.**

Seniors are encouraged to prepare a memory board and we will provide a table. Dove Care group will set up and decorate. Seniors need to give all their information to the office. Call Cristina , 915-593-2772 School name, full name, any honors received, college or tech plans. Come and Support our young people!

Looking for employment?
Try jobs2careers.com

**Men to Serve
Sunday, May 26**

**Song Leader:
Lawyer Evans**

Opening Prayer:

**Kiki Carrillo Spanish
Venson Oliver English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Samuel Hooper**

**Scripture Reading:
Daniel Reeks**

Together

Life is a challenge that commences at our birth and continues until we leave this mortal body. Many challenges are fun and we seek them, such as improving in a hobby or skill we deem as worthy. Some are not fun and we wish we did not have them, like disease or disability or any calamity in the world. The challenge of following Jesus Christ is unique and as challenging as anything mankind has ever attempted.

A person may work hard for years in an effort to be the best in a skill. They may win awards, medals and recognition, even wealth. They worked hard, but it does not compare to the challenge of living the Christian life. Give the effort to grow spiritually and serve in the kingdom and you will have done more than those who receive accolades for meeting the worldly challenges of life.

CONGRATULATIONS on your decision to serve Jesus! It is a challenge you will not regret completing. It will be hard at times, but it is also rewarding in this life and even more so in the life to come.

Sadly, there are some who begin a life of service to Jesus and then fall away. It may be the difficulty of living a pure life, it may be that it is a marathon instead of a sprint. We must remain faithful, continue the fight, do the righteousness that Jesus intends us to do. If you want the win, you stay in the game. The book of Revelation has two messages: God wins and be faithful. Victory! Victory in Jesus!

We know that in life we have to show up, do our best and finish. It doesn't matter if it is a sport or career or relationship: show up, do your best and complete the task. One hour a week is not enough, it is just an interruption to our regular life. Serving Jesus is full time in godliness and in sharing the Good News to others.

Coaches in all sports have long said, you will play like you practice. Those who give their best in practice, will give their best in the real game. Well, practice is over. We are in the game of real life. Do your best to serve the Lord Jesus in every way. Whatever stage of life we are in, it is our challenge to do our best and remain faithful. Those who begin the race must complete the race to win.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Look for them.
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Schedule Services

Sunday

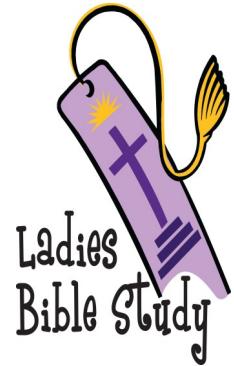
Bible Class - 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 10:00 A.M.
Children's Class 9:00A.M.

Wednesday

Bible study 7:00pm
Children's hour
after communion

Our Ladies Tuesday Class Break

Ladies Bible Class. Will have a break May 14, May 21 and May 28



Happy Birthday

May 10, Irene Rice
May 11, Gwendolyn Gale
May 12, Esmeralda Flores
May 14, Leola Deal
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



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.



www.facebook.com/groups/ecocmembers/

Sunday Morning Sermon
Speaker - Charles Clodfelter
Sermon: Sow The Seed of Christ

Scripture: Luke 8:5-8

NUMBER ONE KILLER

Parents are always concerned about the safety of their children. As children mature, they are given more freedom, but parents still worry. The Teen years are especially trying with the additional freedom. When they take longer bike rides, then start to drive a car, the plea is “be careful.” No parent wants to hear the dreaded message, “there was an accident.”

There are others dangers in the world of which all children should be warned. Even before they reach the teen years— drugs. Part of the maturing process is for the immature to test their limits. That is how they learn to walk, ride bikes, etc. They want to imitate the people they see as mature or to keep up with their peers. Drugs seem like a logical step to many teens.

Educate children regarding the danger of drugs. If some drugs seem harmless and you even experimented a bit when you were a teen, do not be mislead. In an effort to increase profits, drug dealers have made

up artificial drugs that are less expensive and often give a greater high. They add this new ingredient to whatever they are selling. The unsuspecting buyer may not know the drug they are buying has been laced with another ingredient.

Frequently, the added synthetic opioid is fentanyl. It is so powerful that the tiniest amount can kill. The unsuspecting and trusting person will not even know they are in harms way.

Fentanyl is the number one killer of Americans 18 to 45. Nearly 112,000 confirmed deaths in 2023. It is so deadly, that dealers may be charged with homicide. Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine.

Fentanyl is used in extremely small doses by a doctor in surgery, but the drug on the street is mixed by a school dropout, who was probably high.

Charles M Clodfelter

ATTENTION

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email, please clearly print your email address on the Connection or Alleluia card

Belair church of Christ
7958 Esther Rd
El Paso, TX
Is having a Gospel Meeting
May 31- June 2
Ram Rodriguez, evangelist
Saturday lunch at 12:00
Call 915-491-5176 to eat
Preaching at 1:00 pm
Everyone welcome

Our condolences to Jan Rivera and family on the passing of her brother, Jerry McLeod on May 16. Funeral services will be in Merkel, Texas this week.

Send cards to Jan & Ray Rivera,
1832 Octubre, El Paso, TX 79935



Running slowly

At a track meet, we sat in the stands, cheering for our son. I chuckled as a young sibling of an athlete asked, “Why are they running so slow, Mommy?”

These athletes had been training for years, and many were setting personal best times and even state records. Most spectators would provide little competition for the runners. But the child was comparing how he’d felt while running at the park, sprinting to a soccer game.

Along the track, dozens of teammates and coaches cheered. Each time an athlete passed, she heard strong, pointed encouragement. “You’ve got this!” “Someone’s approaching; time to pick up the pace!” “Great stride — keep going!” The coaches and runners knew what was helpful and understood how hard the athletes were working.

My point: Consider who you allow to speak truth into your life. Do you listen to loved ones who “train” alongside you? Or do you give sideline critics too much space in your thoughts? Heed Proverbs 2:2 (NLT), which advises, “Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding.”

—Janna Firestone

Hospitality groups
looking for volunteers to
have Sunday lunch once
a month. Questions
Call 915-593-2772 or
Charles -915-433-4227



In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Junior -(Terry Morales's Son) Prayers for his heart problems. Junior has heart monitor
Sharon Armendariz - is having a hard time because of her auto immune disease.
Alice Bautista - Thank you for prayers, no longer have back pain. Still recovering from surgery, will take a long time to recover fully..
Alberto Morales - Prayers. Sugar level is high causing dizziness & headaches. Need to go to otolaryngologist and cardiologist.
Robert Muñoz Jr - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson) Thank you for prayers, need prayers for successful legal Issues..
Lulu Ochoa - Still need Prayers. Sending greetings to everyone. Will be on chemo therapy for a long time. God has been so good to her for cancer treatment.
Romelia Ramon - Is back home. prayers for swift healing from broken pelvic and good therapy..
Bob Walker - Brothers and sisters, Here is an update. My doctor has found no sign of the throat cancer. But I am wasting away. So, my doctors have placed me on a regimen of diet, exercise, and occupational therapy for long term cancer recovery. The doctors believe by the way I am healing that I should be back to normal within 6-12 mths. Please continue to pray that I have patience. Bob Walker.....
Lois Wiggins—prayers, Lois is home recovering from hip operation.

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - He is on dialysis and back home from hospital .prayers
Jill Bretinger - In home care with dementia, prayers
Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system
Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Robert Casey - (The Oliver's Brother) has been diagnosed with conjunctival malignant melanoma and has started chemo....
Lucy Chavez -(Junie Chavez's mom) Is at home under hospice. Prayers
Hayden Cooper - (Chuck Buckley's friend grandson) Jr High student has brain cancer. Improving with cancer treatments. Need Prayers.....
Bertha N Gomez- (Yolie Hernandez's sister) Prayers, needs Dialysis, has stage 5 kidney Diagnosis....
Maria Martinez- (Rivera/Luna COC) prayers, in Pebble Hills Nursing...
Jeremy Marshall- (Rose Cobb great nephew) He is on dialysis and needs kidney. Prayers for less pain and a kidney.
Celia Perez - (COC Montana member) Prayers needed. She was moved to Pebble Creek Nursing home. Thank you for prayers her leg pain has decreased with new medication..
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 deleted.

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