

Eastwood Epistle

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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

Dove Care Group will meet July 4. It will be a Pot luck Lunch. Please call Teri (915-637-0351) or Iretha (915-422-1846) To let them know what you will bring Thank you.



ATTENTION

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Men to Serve
Sunday, June 23

Song Leader:
Mike Dove

Opening Prayer:

Kiki Carrillo Spanish
Ron Lindsey English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Venson Oliver

Scripture Reading:
Jimmy Moore



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



Together

Understanding the love God for yourself, is important. A thought may be, "yes, I know that 'God so loved the world,' but not me personally." Immediately, we know this is a rhetorical statement. Of course, God loves each of us personally. But, even when we know it, it is often difficult to understand it. Why is that?

Who knows you better than anyone? Each one is their own worst critic. We know every flaw, every evil act, every bad thought we have ever had! But, you don't hate yourself for it. Usually, we seek a way to improve and do better the next time. We don't give up.

Failure is evidence that you made an effort and tried to improve. An old saying that is credited to Thomas Edison on failing to be successful in making a light bulb is: "I have not failed 1,000 times, I have discovered 1,000 ways it will not work." You tried, now try again. Do not quit!

Set high goals for yourself, but do not be unreasonable in your expectations. Focus on goals that will be beneficial to the Lord's kingdom and those closest to you.

Why not set a goal for yourself right now? In fact, let's make it two goals, one for Jesus and one for yourself. Just for today, what can you do for Jesus and what can you do for you? They do not have to be super big, just something you can do before you go to sleep.

On occasion we think God does not love us because we don't love ourselves. We have expectations beyond our ability and feel we are failures because we failed to be the superstar in our narrative. God still loves you. God loves you, even if you never reach the super success you want.

Goals need to be expanded as we progress in life. For instance, education is not about completing the next grade, it is about learning. At what point do we know all the Bible we need to know? Progression in life is about moving forward.

God rejoices in your personal progression as a spiritual person. You and He may want to see your advances happen more quickly, but he loves every baby step you take.

God is rejoicing like a parent at a Little League game for every attempt you make and every success you achieve. God loves you!

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 10am Ladies Bible Class. Rm #63 . All ladies are cordially invited to join us for a study in scripture, coffee, conversation. New Ladies Bible Class books have arrived for our Proverbs. Please See Teri Dove about getting a book.
Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419



Happy Birthday *Blessings*

June 1, Debbie Shepherd
June 5, Anay Carrillo
June 6, Miguel Castro
June 10, Alberto Morales, June 12, Junie Chavez,
June 13, Susie Chavez, June 21, Marisol Alvarado,
June 27, Theresa Dalke, June 27, David Shearod,
June 29, Amanda Thomas, June 30, Rosie Guerra



Happy Anniversary

June 13, Robert & Lulu Ochoa



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 Vine and Branches

Scripture: John 15:1-5

THE IMITATION OF CHRIST

Contempt of Worldly Vanities

He that followeth me, walketh not in darkness," saith the Lord. These are the words of Christ, by which we are taught to imitate His life and manners, if we would be truly enlightened, and be delivered from all blindness of heart. Let therefore our chief endeavor be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ.

Whosoever then would fully and feelingly understand the words of Christ, must endeavor to conform his life wholly to the life of Christ.

Surely great words do not make a man holy and just; but a virtuous life maketh him dear to God.

If thou knewest the whole Bible by heart, and the sayings of all the philosophers, what would it profit thee without the love of God and without grace?

It is therefore vanity to seek after perishing riches, and to trust in them.... It is vanity to follow after the desires of the flesh, and to labor for that for which thou must afterwards suffer grievous punishment. It is vanity to desire to live long, and not to care to live well. It is vanity to mind only this present life, and not to make provision for those things which are to come.

Gerhard Groote

Lessons from hiking

Whether I'm hiking an easier stroll or a 20-mile trek, I've noticed parallels to my journey with Christ.

- This is my journey. Too often I waste time comparing my stride, pace or equipment to that of fellow hikers.
- I don't know what's around each bend, but God does. I can't let anxiety steal my joy.
- It's best to balance hiking in silence with sharing the trail with friends.
- I'll be sore tomorrow, and that's okay. Engaging new muscles leaves a reminder that growth is uncomfortable.
- Being prepared is good; being *too* prepared makes for a heavy backpack. I need to do my due diligence and let God handle the rest.
- It's not a race, so finishing quickly offers no reward. When I'm not in a hurry, I tend to notice more of God's blessings.

I need to look up, enjoying God's creation as I let him determine my steps.

Marriage advice across the ages

June is the beginning of a popular wedding season. So here's some marriage advice from across the centuries. Clearly, sometimes it depends on context.

- "It is impossible to keep peace between man and woman in family life if they do not condone and overlook each other's faults but watch everything to the smallest point. For who does not at times offend?" (Martin Luther, 16th century)
- "Watch yourself, be the first to ask pardon if you both err, and guard against the little piques, misunderstandings, and hasty words that often pave the way for bitter sorrow and regret." (Louisa May Alcott, 19th century)
- "The ear is the center of all relationships. It's not the heart, it's not the mind, it's the ear. Listening is the beginning and the end." (Henry Winkler, 21st century)
On the other hand ...
- "In every good marriage, it helps sometimes to be a little deaf." (Evelyn Ginsburg, mother-in-law of a Supreme Court justice, 20th century)
And above all:

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (St. Paul, 1st century, in 1 Corinthians 13:4-6, ESV)

Our condolences to Yolie Hernandez for the death of her sister Bertha N. Gomez who passed away June 14.
Funeral services June 22 .Perches Funeral Home East, 2280 Joe Battle Blvd, El Paso, Tx 79938, Visitation 9-1pm, Celebration of life 10:30 a.m. Please send cards to Yolie Hernandez, 2229 Villa Plata, El Paso, TX 79935.



Bible Quiz

King Ahab, assisted by his conniving wife Jezebel, appropriated for himself something belonging to a man named Naboth. What did he take?

- A. Naboth's oxen
- B. Naboth's farm
- C. Naboth's vineyard
- D. Naboth's house



Answer: C (See 1 Kings 21:1-16)

In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Junior -(Terry Morales's Son) Prayers for his heart problems. Junior has heart monitor....
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....
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 in hospital recovering from hernia operation on June 14.

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - He is on dialysis and back home from hospital .prayers
Jill Breitingner - 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, lives with parents) update: CT shows no cancer in his head or main body but will need biopsy for knee joint, lymphoma. Still need Prayers
Maria Martinez- (Rivera/Luna COC) prayers, in Pebble Hills Nursing....
Jeremy Marshall - (Rose Cobb great nephew) He is on blood 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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 Wednesday - 22

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