

# Eastwood Epistle

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Men's Prayer breakfast March 1,  
8am , Eastwood church of Christ  
fellowship hall, 10104 Album.  
All men invited.



**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.

Dove Care Group March 2 , Eastwood church of Christ fellowship hall after service. We are having chili. We need: chips, crackers or cornbread, salsa, sour cream, veggie tray or salad, fruit or dessert.  
Questions: ask Teri Dove or Iretha Banks.

Church Potluck  
March 30 after service at  
Eastwood church of Christ  
Fellowship hall. Bring enough  
For your family and extra to share.



*All-church Potluck*

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**Men to Serve**  
**Sunday, February 23**  
**Song Leader:**  
**Junie Chavez**

**Opening Prayer:**  
**Enrique Carrillo Spanish**  
**David Davis English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:**  
**Jimmy Moore**

**Scripture Reading:**  
**Shawn Mang**

BUT HE WAS PIERCED FOR  
OUR TRANSGRESSIONS,  
HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES;  
THE PUNISHMENT THAT BROUGHT  
US PEACE WAS ON HIM,

&  
by his  
wounds  
we are  
healed.

ISAIAH 53:5, NIV

Family Storytime: Sat.  
March 15, 9:30-11:00am  
Eastwood Church of Christ  
Multipurpose room, Welcome  
Spring & St. Patrick's Day.  
Teri Dove, 915-822-2419



**Story Time**

Please write your offering check payable to  
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# Together

If you have had the experience of teaching someone, you have likely had the frustration of a student not paying attention. Parents, teachers, coaches and employers have thought or said, "if you will pay attention, we will finish sooner."

It is hard to pay attention at times: didn't get a good night's sleep, not interested in the subject being taught, someone is distracting us, all number of reasons.

This can also be a problem when we assemble to worship. Questioned for our reason for attending, we reply "to worship God." But some nod off in sleep because they are exhausted from a big "night on the town." Then others are so glad to see their friends, they constantly talk and pass notes.

Of course, there are some whose purpose in coming is to critique those who are leading. Others are bored because it is the same as the week before and before and before. A denominational preacher once argued that the reason for having the Communion once a quarter, was to keep it from coming commonplace.

We all know that our problem is a failure to focus on God. We reveal what is important to us in worship. Is it God? When we assemble it should be the best part of our week. God, Jesus and Spirit are there with our fellow believers. In this brief period of time we rejoice, give thanks and refuel spiritually and emotionally. Then we go back to face the world and its challenges.

A woman was heard say, "well, I fulfilled my obligation for the week." What a sad statement: obligation or opportunity? Parents tell children to "eat your vegetables" because it is good for them, not because it is an obligation. Hebrews 10:25

*Charles M. Clodfelter*

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Welcome our guests

## 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. More info call Teri Dove Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419 . Gina Walker teaching Song of Solomon



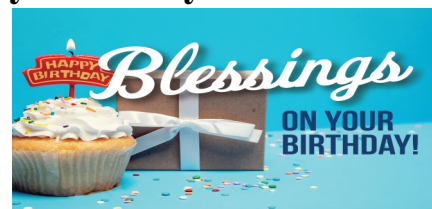
## Attention

Eastwood Members

The 2025 Church of Christ in Eastwood , Inc.  
Operating Budget Report is available for you to view located in the auditorium on the communion table.  
Albert Morales

## Happy Birthday

Feb 13, Marcos Morales  
Feb. 14 Lucille Ochoa  
Feb. 14 Elaine Carrillo  
Feb. 17 Denise Boles  
Feb 18, Lucian Muñoz  
Feb. 24, Gina Walker



## Happy Anniversary!

Feb 7, Bob & Gina Walker



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## Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: When I sin I am saved

Scripture: John 8:51; 1Jo 2:24-25

Ministry priorities

In John 12:1-8, Jesus’ friend Mary used a pound of costly perfume to anoint his feet. Then, in an extravagant act of worship, she wiped them with her hair. Judas was outraged by what he considered a waste of resources. During a meeting at a church I once pastored, a woman vehemently stated that she understood the point Judas was making. Ever thrifty, this council member wanted to pare back spending on worship supplies and instead use the money for our food pantry ministry.

On one hand, her concerns — and Judas’ — were sensible. Indeed, they were in line with God’s Word: “I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ... Take away from me the noise of your songs. ... But let justice roll down like water” (Amos 5:21, 23-24, NRSV). Although John paints Judas in a negative light, I’m confident the woman in my congregation had every good intention as we looked ahead to the next year’s budget.

But then there’s Mary. As she fills the house with fragrant worship, Jesus praises her forethought regarding his burial. I’ll admit this story leaves me puzzled. Perhaps social ministry is worship, and worship can be expressed through social ministry.—Heidi Hyland Mann

Our condolences to Junie Chavez & family for the death of his brother Ruben Chavez passing away Feb 11. Funeral Service, 8817 Dyer, 6pm -9pm.. Send cards to 1469 Sara Danielle, El Paso, TX 79936



**Bible Quiz**

Complete this sentence which introduces a well-known Bible story: “The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of \_\_\_\_.”

A. flowers  
B. sheep  
C. rocks  
D. bones

Answer: D (See Ezekiel 37:1, NIV)

Jesus, the model of salt and light

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus tells his followers, “You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world.” Through his example, our Savior showed us what that means. “The remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person,” writes Bible scholar N.T. Wright in *Matthew for Everyone*. “He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hilltop, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his [F]ather, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest [fulfillment] of the law and the prophets.”

**Puzzle!**

Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalm 78:45 \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
Judges 14:8b \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 12:23 \_\_\_\_\_  
Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
Deuteronomy 7:20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Exodus 16:20 \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Samuel 24:14 \_\_\_\_\_  
Isaiah 50:9 \_\_\_\_\_  
Isaiah 59:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggot, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

**Living water**

In the mountains, my mom and I have a favorite riverside picnic spot. Inevitably, we end up removing our socks and shoes, dunking our feet in the icy water. While seeing who can keep both feet submerged the longest, we distract ourselves by admiring the rushing water. Hundreds of gallons from melting snow cascade over rocks and around fallen trees.

Although we’re in the same spot visit after visit, the water is always fresh. The same is true about God’s presence and his Word. We can revisit the same beloved Scripture and experience the same truths in fresh ways, as “rivers of living water” flow within us (John 7:38).

In *The Attentive Life*, Leighton Ford describes enjoying solitude by a river. “I remembered that the ancient philosopher Heraclitus said it was impossible to step into the same river twice, for a river is always in flux,” he writes.

Ford continues: “Yet Heraclitus left out an important truth. A river is more than a succession of millions of disparate drops of water. I can step into a river in this living moment and know it has *never* changed. For each moment of time, each part of creation, each aspect of my life is also lived under the eye of God and is gathered and held in his eternal hand.” —Janna Firestone



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## Our Records

### February 16, 2025

Morning Worship - 76  
Wednesday - 17

Regular Offering: \$1573.06

### Year to Date

### Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

### Year to Date

Year to Date - 3

Year to Date - 0

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# In Our Prayers

### OUR FAMILY

Mike Breitingner - Mike will be a resident of Rosedale Adult Foster Home, 3111 Edgerock Dr. El Paso TX, 79935. He across from his wife Jill which he enjoys the ease of visiting her. Please keep him and Jill in your prayers..

Leola Deal - Will resume radiation Dec 30....

Virginia Honea - Our condolences to Virginia & Lashel Rich. Hershel passed away Feb. 4 peacefully surrounded by family in Lubbock. Arrangements later to be announced for El Paso Service. Virginia will be staying in Lubbock with granddaughter LaShel. Send cards to 4217 53rd St, Lubbock, TX 79413.

Alberto Morales - Prayers. Sugar level is high causing dizziness & headaches,, chest pressure. & heel spur pain..

Robert Muñoz Jr - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson ) Thank you for prayers, Please continue to pray for successful legal Issues....

Lulu Ochoa - Thank you for prayers. Sending greetings to everyone. Prayers needed. Will be on chemo therapy for a long time. God has been so good to her for cancer treatment....

Tiffany Oliver - (Venson Oliver's wife) Recovering from surgery. Keep her in your prayers. Will have a food train for her.

Toni Porras - (Israel Porras wife) Prayers for swift recovery from surgery Jan 30....

Ray Rivera - Prayers for swift healing. Ray is home recovering...

### SHUT-INS:

Mike Baron - He is on dialysis and back home from hospital .prayers.

Jill Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers. Send cards to 3116 Edgerock, El Paso, TX 79935

Rose Cobb - Will continue to stay home to strengthen legs. Asking for prayers. She would appreciate calls, cards, and visits. Please call before visit. 3630 Evelyn Ave., El Paso, Tx 79904, 928-715-9195. She has her rehab at home. Sending love to everyone.

Teresa Dalke - Teresa Dalke has increased dementia symptoms and is expected to go to an interim facility for about three weeks until she can be moved to a care facility. She has been put on hospice care. [Glenna Bunn](#) and her siblings request prayers for the family during this time and respectfully request no visitors since it will cause Teresa to become more agitated...

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

### Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Lisa Artebury - Our condolences to Lisa & sister Robin Madrid for the loss of their mom Betty Clark.. Send cards to 1504 Robert Wayne, El Paso, TX 79936...

Linda Hernandez - (Carol Baker's neighbor) neighbor Linda passed away Jan 31. Condolences to Linda's husband & daughter...

Beni Krisko - ( Ina Penala's daughter) Is being deployed to Jordan for 6 mths. Starting Nov. 2024. Pray for safety.....

Charlene Looney (COC Truth or Consequences member) - Her sister Nancy Randlett asking for prayers for Charlene. Charlene is in Casa del Sol rehab, Las Cruces, #207. Prayers are needed.....

Alexas Myre ( Jan Myre daughter in law) Has aggressive breast cancer that was caught early. Please pray for her.....

Celia Perez - (COC Montana member) Prayers needed. She was moved to Pebble Creek Nursing Center Room #108. Thank you for prayers her leg pain has decreased, more active & eating better...

Maria Gutierrez - (Rivera/Luna COC) prayers, in Pebble Creek Nursing Center room, she has less pain #414..

Martha Mendoza - ( Cristina Morale's sister) Prayer for swift healing and less pain from knee operation...

Jesus Morales - asking for prayers for young adults Jesse and Emily for a successful job search and other problems...

Vero Morales - Condolences for the death of her niece Consuelo Valenzuela, Consuelo passed on away Feb 2. Send cards to 781 Agua mineral, El Paso, Tx 79928...

Maria Salazar - (Our Community Neighbor) Maria is asking for prayers, She has been diagnosed with cancer..

**Please remember in prayers the military & policeman, fireman in harms way. Please call the office to update our prayer list. Names not updated 4 weeks will be deleted.**