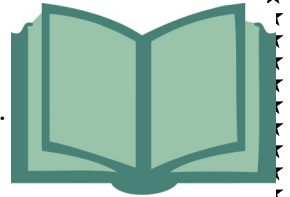


# Eastwood Epistle

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★ Family Story time:  
★ Sat. April 19, Eastwood  
★ church of Christ fellowship  
★ hall, 10104 Alum, 9:30-11am.  
★ Two sides to Easter,  
★ RSVP Is very Important  
★ Call Teri Dove: 915-637-0351  
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**Story Time**

Palm Sunday. The crowds answered, “ This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.” Mat. 21:11

**Ladies Bible Class** will take a summer break. Last class will be a devotional & Pot luck on May 27. Class will resume Sept 2. Teri will teach “Fruit of the Spirit.”

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**Men to Serve  
Sunday, April 13  
Song Leader:  
Mike Dove**

**Opening Prayer:  
Enrique Carrillo Spanish  
Terence Wade English**

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

**Scripture Reading:  
Ron Lindsey**



**“Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord!”**

Luke 19:38, NIV

**Dove Care Group—May 4,**  
Make Your own Taco Salad-Meat-greens will be supplied. We need tomatoes, beans, cheese, salsa, chips, sour cream, desserts. We will celebrate Mothers.

# Together

Most disciples enjoy the fellowship with their Christian family. In some cases, we have known a few brethren for years. We are connected in a spiritual, friendship and in a familial way. It just makes us smile to see one another at Sunday worship. I love it.

When various members are asked if the church they attend is friendly, everyone says yes. Sadly, this real friendliness is directed toward the members and guests are ignored. It doesn't mean there is hostility, they are just not warmly welcomed. Wasn't it announced from the podium, "all guests are welcome?" There was even a slide projected that said, Welcome. Everyone knows those things pale in comparison to a warm smile, friendly handshake and sincere questions.

Guests are looking for the same sense of belonging that you experience when you come to an assembly. Guests want to build a relationship with other believers that will get to the point of knowing who to call when there is a problem in life. Guests want to be a part of the family, accepted and loved because of Jesus Christ. If they don't find it, they leave. They must be accepted.

The same can be said for the new born believers. It is not enough to give a big smile and handshake and then walk away. We must find a way to connect. "Let's go for coffee" or "Come to my house for dessert." How can the new disciple feel welcome, if ignored?

More people go to church on what is called Easter, than any other Sunday of the year. Now is the time to invite friends and neighbors to worship with you. Seek out the ones who don't go the church except on one of the special days. They probably don't have a place they call home or think of themselves as members. Invitations were shared last Sunday for your use, but a printed card is not necessary. Your smile and sincere invite is all you need, it just needs to be done. So, this is the time to Just Do It!

If you invite 100 people and not one comes, you can still give a warm welcome to every guest that does attend. Christians are sales people of a different kind. We are not after their money, we are selling a Gift, the Grace of God. Yes, there is a small price to be paid, but it is the best bargain ever!

*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

April 3, Linda Ripley  
April 17, Margaret Lee  
April 18, Irma Pechanec  
April 22, Kayleigh Torres  
April 25, Terence Wade



## Happy Anniversary!

April 17, Javier & Yolie Hernandez  
April 21, Ray & Jan Rivera  
April 22, Mike & Teri Dove



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## Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Tell Me About Jesus

Scripture: Acts 8:34-35,17:18

# Doctrinal Issue 1

Why are there so many denominations? It is safe to say that most were created with good intentions. Good intentions are not sufficient. Man's changes may seem wise or best, but do they harmonize or agree with scripture. No earthly organization is talked about in the New Testament except the local congregation. Even if there are some Positives in a national or world wide organization, there are Negatives also. There are thousands of denominations, some of which are simply a preacher or a congregation that are still basically the same as before, but they wanted to be free from the control of their denomination. So they basically became a denomination of one congregation. At a minimum, there at least 22 different Baptist denominations, 80 Methodist, 242 Catholic.

Some denominations were looked on in a somewhat negative view by the community, so they dropped their denominational name, often call themselves non-denominational and now have some of the largest congregations in the nation.

Others, recognized the younger generation was not impressed by what they perceived as bickering by the denominations, so congregations dropped the name of their denomination from their name.

It has never been the intention of churches of Christ to be a denomination. Denomination in meaning is to

be a part of the whole. Our plea is to return to the true teaching of the New Testament and be just what Jesus wants us to be. The goal of unity is based on getting back to the Bible.

There was a story published in a magazine, several years ago, on why a woman did not share her recipes, that went like this. Mae was an excellent cook, but would never share her recipes. She had one friend who would not stop pestering her about a particular recipe. Finally, she broke down because of the continued pleading and imploring, "if you were really my friend."

At the next social event, the woman proudly presented her dish, but instead of fresh scrimp and lobster, she used canned tuna and salmon. Also, she substituted margarine for butter, used half and half rather than whole cream and as she sat the dish on the table, she stated: "if you don't like it, blame Mae, its her recipe."

Let's be honest, those who create denominations are generally of the opinion that they are getting closer to what God wants the church to be. While giving them the benefit of the doubt on motivation, the comparison of doctrine must be with the New Testament. Let us Get Back to the Bible in doctrine.

Charles M. Clodfelter

## Hope for Holy Week

As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what he has to offer because of his humble attitude and his devotion to his mission.

When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

—Peter Sulzle



## Loving my "enemies"

In polarized times, when people view huge concepts such as justice, government policy and care for neighbors differently, how do we follow Jesus' command to love our enemies? I prefer the word *opponents*, but our Lord's instructions still stand.

In the Bible, "love" doesn't mean liking someone; it means caring for them, treating them kindly. I find *The Message* paraphrase of Luke 6:27-36 helpful: "Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst," Jesus says about one's enemies. So, when I contact government leaders to express my opinions, I address them with respect, whether I agree with them or not. When I encounter a neighbor whose views oppose mine, I ask myself what I would want them to do for me, whether help with an errand or be friendly. Then, as *The Message* puts it, I "grab the initiative and do it for *them*."

And this, which might be the hardest: Amid tough times, Jesus says, "Respond with the supple moves of prayer." It's human nature to pray that God change our enemies' or opponents' minds. But it's more Christlike to pray for their health, their families and whatever *God* desires for them, not what *I* want. Can I do this? With God's help, yes.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

# In Our Prayers

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# Our Records

April 6, 2025

Morning Worship – 68  
 Wednesday - 12

Regular Offering: \$2248.00

Year to Date

## Week

Baptisms - 0  
 Identification - 0

## Year to Date

Year to Date - 3  
 Year to Date - 0

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## OUR FAMILY

Mike Breitinger - 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 - Is having a check up this month...

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

M. Terry Morales & Son Jr Dominguez - Prayers Jr has high insulin count. There has fatty liver & a cyst in liver, receiving medication for both..

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

Ray Rivera will be bedridden for at least another 4-5 weeks. He has two fractured ribs and two fractured vertebrae. There is a possibility of surgery if the vertebrae do not heal....

Gracie Wade - Thank you for prayers Gracie is back home from working in Kentucky.

## SHUT-INS:

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

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

Rose Cobb - Has been feeling dizzy and legs weak. Will have a cat scan March 14. Will be home with rehab. Asking for prayers. She would appreciate calls, cards, and visits. Please call before visit. 3630 Evelyn Ave., El Paso, Tx 79904, 928-715-9195. 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 & her siblings request prayers for the family during this time & respectfully request no visitors since it will cause Teresa to become more agitated...

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

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.....

## OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Tanya Dawkins - Prayers for successful shoulder surgery at Beaumont May13....

Toni De La Cruz - (Eneida de la Cruz sister) Need prayers. Has stomach cancer.

Ernestina De La Cruz - (Eneida de la Cruz mom) Need prayers. Has high blood pressure & knee pain.

Family of Adam Hernandez (Carol Baker's neighbor) Adam passed away March 8. Prayers for grieving family....

Norma Hernandez (Carol Baker neighbor's daughter) has cancer. Need prayer..

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

Josue Licon - (Cristina Morales's nephew) Prayer for tumor surgery removal April 10 in Houston hospital.

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.....

Jeremy Marshall - (Rose Cobb great nephew) Thank you for prayers. Should be going home April 11 because he is doing remarkably well. He is going from Phoenix to Hawaii...

Dan Martinez - (Bel Air church of Christ minister) Had a stroke. Need prayer...

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....

Luna Reves De Ramos - Asking prayers for a friend who may need neck operation and Mike, Kat for liberation.

Keith Russell - Prayers. Keith has been diagnosed with cancer.

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

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

Ministro Rocky Whiteman (Rose Cobb friend in Brian, Texas). Thank you for prayers. His tumor is not benign. It's a muscle problem. Prayers needed...

**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.**

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