

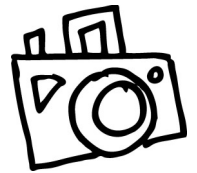
Eastwood Epistle

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Church Potluck, December 31
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to share. All invited after service
at our fellowship hall.



Directory Pictures December 31.
We will set up at church foyer for
those who would like to update
your picture in the membership
Directory



AS WE BID FAREWELL TO THIS YEAR
AND WELCOME THE NEW YEAR,
LET'S JOIN OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER
FOR OUR BELOVED CHILDREN AND
THEIR FAMILIES. MAY THE COMING YEAR
BRING ABUNDANT BLESSINGS, HEALTH
AND JOY TO EACH ONE OF THEM.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Office closed , January 1 to observe
New Year Day, Bulletin will be emailed this
week only.

JOIN US

For
The wedding of
Michelle Martinez
And
Tyler Jet Sander



Saturday, January 6, 2024
2' O'clock in the afternoon
Eastwood Church of Christ
El Paso, TX 79925
Reception to Follow

Men to Serve
Sunday, December 31
Song Leader:
Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:
Enrique Carrillo Spanish
David Davis English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Sam Hooper

Scripture Reading:
Chuck Buckley

Together

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” **Isaiah 7:14**

“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’ – which means, ‘God with us’” **Mt 1:22-23**

The promise by YaHWeH to Abraham was well known by the Jews and they were looking forward to the anointed or chosen one to arrive and deliver Israel.

While we are not told to celebrate the birth of the Christ or Messiah, personally I am glad so many recognize the coming of the Christ. Rather than chastise friends for celebrating, use the Apostle Paul’s tactic in Acts 17:23, you might say: let’s talk about this Jesus and what he teaches.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come is a fitting song and attitude all year long. Live Life with JOY. Yes, bad things happen and we have disappointments and sorrows, but Jesus lifts us above this physical world and promises a home with the DIVINE. What joy we should have all year long.

If the richest person in the world, told you they were adopting you and putting your name on all their accounts, stocks, real estate and every asset they owned, would you be excited? –That’s rhetorical.

The excitement and anticipation of a child should be a reflection of the disciple who is looking forward to the Coming of Jesus. It is great to see the joy in a child’s face when the decorations go up and they realize Christmas is getting near. They know there will be presents and family and food treats. As the day draws nearer, some even have difficulty getting to sleep. They can’t wait for Santa to come.

Let your anticipation for Jesus brighten every day of your life. Joy to the world, the Lord has come and is coming again. Think of the best Christmas you ever had, either as a child or adult. Multiply by a zillion.

God loves you beyond belief, Trust 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
**No Children’s hour
after communion**

Our Ladies Tuesday Class 10am
Questions call Teri Dove 915-822-2419

Happy Birthday

Dec 1, Israel Alvarado, Dec 8, Joe Shepherd
Dec 8, Israel Alvarado Jr, Dec 10, Howell Ramsey
Dec 11, Robert Muñoz Jr
Dec. 12, Christy Gutierrez
Dec 12, Venson Oliver Sr
Dec 19, Carol Baker
Dec 31, Sharlette Hernandez



Happy Anniversary

Dec 4, Hershel & Virginia Honea
Dec 4, Howell & Kim Ramsey
Dec 10, Juan & Virginia Najera
Dec 12, Terence & Gricelda Wade
Dec 26, Joe & Debbie Shepherd
Dec 31, Julio & Brenda Alcala



Christian Schools of El Paso
CSEP is having a Papa Eric’s
Burgers fundraiser, \$8.00 per
ticket. Tickets expires at the end
of December. call Diana Williams
for Info. 915-593-5011



www.facebook.com/groups/ecocmembers/

Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Church: Our Mission Statement

Scripture: MT 28:18-20

CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS

“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.” 1 Peter 3:8

How well do you get along with others? Not as well as you would like? How can that be improved?

The Apostle Peter gives direction that applies to all of us throughout our lives.

First, is the concept of harmony. This is the idea of working together is a supportive way. In music, we do not all sing the same note, but the different notes we sing sound good together. The many parts of the human body works in syncopated rhythm. Members of the church should be in harmony.

Sympathetic is related to harmony and suggests we should be aware and seek to understand the problems and needs of our brothers and sisters. Life is not easy for any, we all struggle with hardship and temptation. Take the beam out of your own eye, before

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.

Resolve to go micro

Most New Year's resolutions are so major they seem made to be broken. Maybe that's why "micro-resolution" is the latest January buzzword. Setting smaller goals is more realistic and helps ensure follow-through, according to experts. People who try setting micro-resolutions say that approach is more positive and leads to longer-lasting change. For example, instead of attempting to lose 30 pounds this year, make a micro-resolution to walk 10 minutes twice per day and to snack on fresh fruit at least once a day.

Micro-resolutions can also be helpful in matters of faith. If aiming to read the entire Bible in one year feels overwhelming, take five minutes each morning and evening to read a brief devotional or pray. If joining your church's missions committee isn't possible, try to talk to one new person each week about your faith or church. May God bless you as you take small steps that add up to big impact this year!



Love as brothers. There is an expression, "blood is thicker than water." Brothers may fight, but if a third party attacks one, the other comes to his rescue. Family is first and God's family is our family.

Compassionate is merciful and tender. Feel what another is feeling, or at least try to understand. Critics may feel good about themselves, but they are not really helpful to the one who is struggling.

Humble not arrogant. The KJV says courteous. We treat others with respect and honor without demanding we be treated that way first. Treat others as you want to be treated.

Are you having difficulty connecting with your brethren, perhaps you should look first to self.

Charles M Clodfelter

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Ladies Bible Class will begin again on Jan 9. We will be studying the Psalms. See Teri Dove about getting a book.
915-637-0351



Bible Quiz

In the book of Judges, the warrior Barak would go to battle only if a certain female leader went with him. Who was she?

- A. Rebekah
- B. Jael
- C. Michal
- D. Deborah



Answer: D (See Judges 4:1-10)

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Anay Carrillo - Prayers of healing . She had a stroke and is recovering at home slowly. She having trouble with a leg but she is getting therapy at home. Your welcome to stop by . Send your donations or cards to help her recover at 3323 Donegal Rd, El Paso, TX 79925...

Teri Dove - Prayers for continued healing .Teri can be contacted on her cell phone at 915-637-0351. .

Alberto Morales - Prayers for no dizziness & better sugar Level. 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 - Thank you for Prayers and thanks to the Ladies Bible Class for cards. Just started chemo therapy. Lulu has had no cancer pain lately. God has been so good to her for cancer treatment....

Venson Oliver - Keep Venson in your prayers for his Deployment. Send cards to SFC Oliver, Venson, B Co, 47th BSB 2-1 AD, Fos DPTA Konotop, Apo, AE 09754...

Bob Walker - Thank you for prayers. Thank you for cards. Waiting for results on radiation, chemo tests if needing more radiation.....

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - Is on dialysis, prayers

Jill Breitinger - In home care with dementia, prayers

Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Maria Montanez - (ESL student) Prayers. Swift healing from cancer procedure..

River Russell - Keep him in your Prayers (Ida Russell's son) for his deployment ...

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

Fred Sierra—Prayers for good results from MRI....

Javier Trevino(Rosa Trevino's brother)— prayers, recovering from cancer removal in liver. Prayers for swift healing..

Cesar Venegas - Prayers, he is back home from Houston hospital after his car accident, prayers for healing, prayers for his mom Lupe. (Cristina Morales's friend Rosa Trevino)....

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.**

Our Records

December 24,2023

Morning Worship – 86
Wednesday - 10

Regular Offering: \$2326.23

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0
Identification - 0

Year to Date

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