

Eastwood Epistle

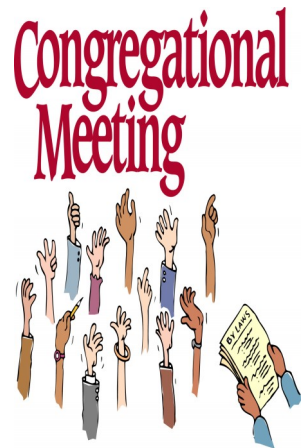
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Dove Group will meet Jan 12 at Eastwood fellowship hall. Party Subs will be provided. Please let Teri 915-637-0351 or Iretha 915-422-7846 know if you are coming and what you will bring, chips, dip, fruit, dessert, etc.



Sunday Jan. 19. Every member of the church is encouraged to be present for this important meeting on the third Sunday of January. Lunch will be provided, followed by discussion time. The presence of every member is very important. Please make plans to be here.



**Men to Serve
Sunday, January 12**

**Song Leader:
Mike Dove**

**Opening Prayer:
Enrique Carrillo Spanish
Ron Lindsey English**

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

**Scripture Reading:
Bob Pechanec**

A vertical rectangular graphic with a light blue, frost-like background. A white box with a black border and small star decorations contains the text of Psalm 147:16. The text is written in a mix of black serif and cursive fonts.

He spreads
the snow
like wool and
scatters
the frost
like ashes.
Psalm 147:16, NV

Ladies Bible Class begins again Jan 14. Gina Walker will be teaching Song of Solomon.

Together

The holiday season is an enjoyable time for most of us. Disciples appreciate the focus on the birth of Jesus Christ, even though we know the date is not exact. Our challenge now is to continue to proclaim the coming of the chosen one and our need to follow him.

Now is the time to invite your friends to join you in worship on Sunday. Help them to live for Jesus every day by letting them see your faith in action. There is a friend that is not going to church and this is a good time to invite them to join you on Sunday. So, do it!

After at least two months of disruption of routine, we are returning to a schedule. The traveling is over, guests have left, gifts are almost put away, school has resumed, and new resolutions were made. Many resolved to be closer to Jesus and stop bad habits. Help them follow through by inviting them to join you on Sunday for worship. It is about being closer to God and fellow disciples.

It has been noted that most of us have a circle of 70 friends. Look at your circle and make a list of those who do not attend church anywhere. Then invite them to join you on Sunday. If possible, invite them to lunch at your home, or to go out together. Even a fast food is good. "Let's grab a burger or taco." Also, introduce them to others and ask them to go to lunch also. The more people your guest interacts with, the more likely they will want to return. Jesus interacted with the lost, he ate with them and listened to them.

Everyone would like more friends and all of us want the best for our friends. Invite the friends you have to have the opportunity to make more friends. Give your friends the chance to meet Jesus in a more personal way and become Jesus' disciple. Evangelism must begin at home. If we all went to a foreign country to carry out the Great Commission, who would share the Gospel at home? We begin at home. Invite your friends. Make new friends and invite them.

People move away, people die, people cease to be friends, so we must make new friends. Don't be a person who waits for someone to come to you for friendship, be the one who is always making new friends. You can do it: to make a friend be a friend.

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. Jan 14
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



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.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 4, Sharon Armendariz
Jan. 5, James Conyers
Jan. 5, Carlos Alvarado
Jan. 12, Julyet Carrillo
Jan. 15, Lillie Wayne
Jan. 19, Julie Conyers
Jan. 22, Johnnie Roberson
Jan. 24, Samuel Hooper, Jan. 28, Mike Fernandez



Happy Anniversary!

Jan. 8, Alberto & Cristina Morales
Jan. 14, Richard & Denise Boles
Jan. 26, Israel & Maria Alvarado



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Hospitality

Scripture: Heb:1-2

The Master's Hand

One of the most beautiful and meaningful poems I know is entitled "The Touch of the Master's Hand." It begins with an auctioneer selling an old violin. He holds it up and says, "What am I bid for this violin? One dollar? Two dollars? Who will make it three?"

Just before the old violin was to be sold for three dollars, from the back of the room an old, gray-haired man came forward. He took the violin and the bow, and wiped off the dust. He tightened the bow, tuned the strings, and began to play angelic music. When the auctioneer held it up again, he said, "What am I bid for it? A thousand dollars? Two thousand dollars? Who will make it three?" The concluding stanzas of the poem read:

*The people cheered, but some of them cried,
"We do not quite understand
What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply:*

"The touch of a master's hand."

*And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and scarred with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,
Much like the old violin.*

*A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine;
A game—and he travels on.
He is "going" once, and "going" twice,
He's "going" and almost "gone."*

*But the Master comes and the foolish crowd
Never can quite understand
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought
By the touch of the Master's hand.*

[from "Touch of the Master's Hand," Myra Brooks Welch]

Eastwood Congregation & Ladies Bible Class. Tiffany Oliver and family would like to Thank You for being a living example of God's word: your friendship strengthens our faith. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for the prayers, support and taking care of Tiffany and family during this time. It was very much appreciated. Please continue to pray for Tiffany's recovery and on-going treatment. She will see Oncology for on-gong treatment of abnormal cells. Thank you ,The Olivers



God's constant new work

From the beginning of time, God's pattern has been to continually do new things and make things new. Though we can celebrate this every day, the New Year's season is especially fitting to pause and recognize God's work of renewal. Consider the following scriptures (all NIV) and how God is making them real in your own life right now.

- [God] has granted us new life to rebuild ... and repair (Ezra 9:9)
- If [a tree] is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. (Job 14:7)
- He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:3)
- See, I am doing a new thing! ... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)
- You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. (Isaiah 62:2)
- [God's] compassions ... are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. (Ezekiel 36:26)
- [Jesus] took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:20)
- Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Bible Quiz

The short Old Testament book of Lamentations is a set of communal laments (sorrowful songs) about the destruction in 587 B.C. of which city, by which people?

- A. Babylon; the Assyrians
- B. Jerusalem; the Babylonians
- C. Rome; the Greeks
- D. Caesarea Philippi; the Romans



Answer: B (See Bible commentaries.)

In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Mike Breitinger– Dec 31 update: Mike discharged & transferred to PAM health rehab, 1600 E. Cliff Dr, El Paso, TX 79902. He will receive 2 weeks care. Thank you for prayers. He is slowly improving..

Eva, Juliette, Elaine, Kiki Carrillo- traveling Dec 28 to Chiapas to take gifts & supplies our brothers and sisters there..

Rose Cobb– Will continue to stay home for 1 month to strengthen legs. Asking for prayers to adjust high blood pressure & sugars and for insurance to cover rehab.

Leola Deal– Will resume radiation Dec 30.

Sharlette Hernandez - Dec 29. Prayers for recovery from broken rib & kneecap..

Hershel & Virginia Honea— Hershel had hip surgery, Dec 28 recovering at Del sol Hospital. Dec 10 Virginia also has Covid. Prayers...

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, need prayers 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) Tiffany is recovering at home. Prayers for swift recovery and on-going treatment of abnormal cells..

Johnnie Roberson - Prayers. Johnnie had left shoulder operation. Prayers for swift healing. Greetings to all and blessings....

Gracie Wade - thank you for prayers. Hysterectomy Surgery Dec 21 went well. Prayers needed for swift healing .. Having meal train Dec 24-Jan3..

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

Teresa Dalke - Teresa Dalke has been admitted to a hospital for evaluation of increased dementia symptoms and should be there about three days. From there she 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

Linda Hernandez - (Carol Baker's neighbor) neighbor) Linda is receiving palliative care at home. Please continue to pray for her and her family, especially her husband of 70+ years and her caregiver 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..

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.

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