

Eastwood Epistle

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Our condolences to Susie Chavez for the passing of her brother Ruben Avalos Nov 22. Prayers of comfort for her and the family. Send cards to Susie & Junie Chavez, 1469 Sara Danielle, El Paso, TX 79936.



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



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.

Men to Serve
Sunday, December 3

Song Leader:
Ray Rivera

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
David Davis English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Jimmy Moore

Scripture Reading:
Chuck Buckley



On a cold winter morning, Holy Spirit,
enfold me in the warmth of your love.



Together

Take Control
Take a Decision
Take Action

Everyone will have times in their life when they feel stuck. A lot happens in the course of a lifetime. Our loved ones die, those we trusted betray us, careers derail or businesses bankrupt and it is as if life has turned against us. If several of these come in close proximity to one another, we may even want to give up. Well, don't!

When we read the Bible, some of people stand out to us. David is one case in point. When he arrived at the camp of the Israelite army, everyone was depressed and afraid. Goliath would issue his daily call to fight and not one Israelite would accept. All were dejected because they could not see a way to win. Then comes David, a youngster with no experience in battle. The difference in David and the rest was his faith in God and his faith in himself.

Esther is another case of one who faced a big challenge. All of her people were on the brink of being targets for mass murder and she could have a hand in saving them. Unlike David, she was hesitant, until she was reminded by her uncle with these words. "Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Let us not forget Job. He lost his wealth, his children, his wife didn't believe in him, nor his friends and he was in constant pain. He had every excuse to throw out his faith and turn his back on YHWH, but he did not. He endured, determined to make it through everything that happened to him without losing his faith in God.

Do any of these remind you of you? You have faith even if it sometimes wavers. You can handle difficult situations because you have done it before. You are prepared for the fight because God has helped you in life and he will be with you again. Don't quit because you have great things ahead.

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, 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



Positive Things to say to your Child

17. I understand you.
18. You can say no.
19. This family would not be the same without you.
20. We can try it your way.
21. I appreciate you.
22. I know you did your best.
23. I forgive you.
24. I am so glad you're here.
25. That was really brave what you did.
26. I admire you.



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter
Sermon: Paul's Mission

Scripture: Mk 16:15; Acts 1:8

LIVING IN A MISSION FIELD

Imagine what it would be like to live in a different country with a different culture and you are there to be engaged in teaching the Gospel. One reason we admire missionaries is their willingness to leave their home country for a different country and frequently have to learn a different language as well as culture. It seems to be such a difficult thing to do. You may even ask or say, "I couldn't do that."

Interestingly enough it has happened to you. No, you were not science fictionally transported to a nation across the ocean. Our nation has changed, right before our eyes. Secularism, anti-god worldliness, is growing at an astronomical rate. Our own nation has become a mission field.

We were never a totally Christian nation, but even those who lived in sin, would usually be discreet about their sin. Fifty years ago, there were still Blue Laws that required most businesses to close on Sunday or at

least sell only items deemed necessary. There were no school meetings or games on Wednesday night because many would be in attendance at church prayer meeting. Today, Little League games are played on Sunday mornings. You live in a Mission Field.

It is reported that one million young people who were believers in Christ, are leaving their faith. Sixty years ago, our Christian colleges urged parents to send your children to us because so many loose their faith when they attend state universities. Today, the same is true about public education, K-12. Secularists are more evangelistic than Christians. Those who deny god are not willing to just let people believe, they aggressively target the youth to destroy their faith.

You live in a Mission Field and we always have, but we need to take it more seriously. Invite someone to join you in worship this Sunday and lunch afterwards.

Charles M Clodfelter

Celebrate the Light

Bursting through December nights
that could be long and cold,
our Christmas lights bring warmth and joy
with colors soft or bold.

Cascading from the rooftops,
and from trees both small and tall,
the lights cry out, "We have good news!
We want to shout to all.

"You've seen the darkness earth can hold,
the sorrow, war and fear;
but God has sent his Son for all,
to show his Love is here.

"The darkness can't put out God's Light.
Christ's with us day by day,
illuminating paths so we
can follow in his way."

Light homes and streets and candles.
Make your world shine clear and bright.
God's love surrounds and blesses us.
Come, celebrate God's Light!

2023 Blue Ribbon Christmas Gift Campaign
Giving the gift of Christmas to Children at Child
Protective Services. BE A SANTA TO A CHILD
IN NEED.

Pick up/ Drop off is December 13. Decide which
age you want. Ages are from days old to youth to
age out of foster care at 18. List will be sent out
the first week of November if you would like to
participate. **Call Cristina 915-593-2772 so I can
make arrangements** with Maritza 915-309-3595
email: maritz.hernandez@dfps.texas.gov.
More info or to adopt a child Call: 915-201-7974
Amber Hansen,
email: amber.hansen@dfps.texas.gov



Holiday Humor by Chruchart.com

- One pastor was sharing the Nativity story when he bumped the button on his singing Christmas tie, which didn't have a mute button. So congregants had to listen to the entire verse and chorus of "Jingle Bells."
- A child discovered a live mouse in his chocolate-filled gift bag on Christmas Eve. Although the creature jumped out and scurried out the door, worshipers saw it return for the next service.
- After flames were distributed for the candlelight service, a pastor said, "Now that we're all good and lit ...," causing laughter throughout the pews.
- Children tend to go off-script during Christmas plays, as evidenced by all the bloopers available online. (Check out the YouTube clip titled "Sheep, Mary tussle over baby Jesus in children's pageant gone hilariously awry.")



Elders

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Abel Hernandez - (915) 449-1546
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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Teri Dove - Physical therapist came by and Teri was able to walk a short distance with a walker. It appears that the fix to her leg worked. It will be along road to full recovery but she has taken the first steps. Prayers for swift healing from operation Nov 6. Teri can be contacted on her cell phone at 915-637-0351. Will enjoy visits and call....

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 Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers

Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Luis - Prayers for procedure and results....

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

Bertha Morales - (Cristina Morales sister) Our sincere condolences to Bertha for the passing of her husband Monce Morales, Nov 4. send cards to Bertha Morales, PO Box 2304, Los Lunas, NM 87031635...

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

Fred Sierra—Prayers for good results from MRI..

Mario Venegas - Prayers, was sent to Houston hospital for more than 3 months 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

November 26,2023

Morning Worship – 67
Wednesday - 13

Regular Offering: \$3173.00

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0
Identification - 0

Year to Date

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