

# Eastwood ★ Epistle

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Hospitality groups  
looking for volunteers to  
have Sunday lunch once  
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Charles -915-433-4227



Eastwood Church of Christ kids workshop  
10104 Album, July 25-27  
10am-12pm  
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**Men to Serve  
Sunday, July 14**

**Song Leader:  
Mike Dove**

**Opening Prayer:  
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish  
Jimmy Moore English**

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

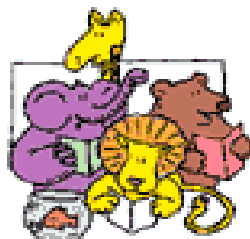
**Scripture Reading:  
Justin Thompson**

And now, little children,  
abide in him;  
that, when he shall appear,  
we may have  
**CONFIDENCE,**  
and not be ashamed before him  
at his coming.

1 John 2:28, KJV

Your Invited To Family Story Time  
Things That Go  
Saturday, July 27, 2024  
9:30 am to 11:00 am  
Eastwood Church of Christ  
10104 Album

Story, Craft, Snack, Fun!  
Come join the fun! We hope  
To see everyone! Crafts:  
Vehicle Stamping,  
Hot Air Balloon, Car  
tracks RSVP 915-637-0351



**Children's  
Story Time**

# Together

Church attendance has long been a hard practice for some Disciples. Having been reared in a family that attended every time the doors were opened, I did not understand the challenge until I began serving as a minister. The term, summer slump, came into my vocabulary for the first time.

It is partly understandable because of the vacation schedule of companies. Children were out of school, companies gave a week or perhaps two, of paid time off, weekends were also times when families would visit friends and relatives or take mini vacations.

Some congregations are concerned about a drop in offerings, because many only give when they are present. If they aren't at the worship period, they don't give. When that happens the support drops.

There is also the problem of those who "get out of the habit" and stop attending even when the summer is over.

Did you know there is not a command to attend the assemblies of the believers? Yes, some preachers try to make one out of the verse in Hebrews 10:25. "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another- and all the more as you see the day approaching." To recognize this is not to say we can stop attending, it is a recognition of why we meet.

If we have dedicated ourselves to Jesus, love him so much, believe in eternal destiny with him, then what are we going to do? Does a young man need to be commanded to be with his sweetheart? Does a mother need to be ordered to care for her child? Does the season ticket holder need urging to attend the events? "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matt 6:21

We don't join the military to fight for a just cause and then go AWOL. "So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Rom 12:5 We support one another in our effort to serve Jesus and live our best lives as we seek to teach others about Jesus. We are in this cause of Christ — *Together*.

When Jesus said, "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them," he was not speaking of church attendance, he was talking about the discipline of our life *Together*.

*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  
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. New Ladies Bible Class books have arrived for our Proverbs. Please See Teri Dove about getting a book.  
Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419



## Happy Birthday *Blessings*

July 2, Mike Dove  
July 4, Mike Baron, July 4, Julio Alcalá  
July 8, Christine Muñoz, July 8, Luis,  
July 11, Chuck Buckley  
July 15, Venson Wm Oliver, July 18, Alice Castillo  
July 18, Ron Lindsey, July 23, Yolanda Garcia  
July 23, Ronald Gaenzle,  
July 24, Cristina Morales, July 28, Romelia Ramon



## Happy Anniversary

July 4, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Lindsey  
July 7, Bob & Irma Pechanec  
July 8, Samuel & Christine Hooper  
July 13, Fannie & David Shearod  
July 28, Venson & Tiffany Oliver



**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.



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## Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter  
Sermon: Cup of Water

Scripture: Mt 10:40-42

# ABORTION

January 22, 1973, the US Supreme Court ruled the Constitution generally protected a right to have an abortion. This set off a battle between opposite sides, labeled as ProLife and ProAbortion. Neither wanted to be labeled as anti or against. It was a political fight and a moral issue.

When the ruling was overturned in 2022, Justice Thomas wrote: “grievously wrong for many reasons, but the most fundamental is that its core holding — that the Constitution protects a woman's right to abort her unborn child — finds no support in the text of the Fourteenth Amendment.”

Following the first decision, many religious leaders, including some in our own fellowship, were pro-abortion and wrote publicly, arguing in its support. One such article, stated the fetus at that moment in its development, it was comparable to the appendix. No :

one objects to the removal of the appendix for it is simply an unneeded organ.

Think about it... the caterpillar will transform into a butterfly, it needs to develop and shed the cocoon. But, the caterpillar was ALWAYS a butterfly waiting to be unleashed.

This issue will continue to be part of the American debate for sometime. It is not just ProLife, it is the respect for life which is foundational to our pledge to follow and serve the divine. The Creator not only formed mankind's first couple, the very process for the continuation of humanity was a part of that creation.

When the Decalogue was given, the first commandment was to respect God and there was also the rule to respect life.

Charles M Clodfelter

Right after God granted Solomon his request for wisdom to govern, the wise king faced a dilemma about a baby. King Solomon ingeniously solved a dispute between two women who both claimed to be the child's mother (see 1 Kings 3:16-28).

But who was the mother of Solomon?

- A. Zipporah
- B. Abigail
- C. Queen of Sheba
- D. Bathsheba

The answer is in 2 Samuel 12:24



The Imitation of Christ  
by Gerhard Groote

## Of Wisdom and Forethought

We Must not trust every saying or suggestion but warily and patiently ponder things according to the will of God.

Yet alas: such is our weakness, that we often rather believe and speak evil of others than good.

Consult with him that is wise and of sound judgment, and seek to be instructed by one better than thyself, rather than to follow thine own inventions.

A good life maketh a man wise according to God, and giveth him experience in many things.

The more humble a man is in himself, and the more subject unto God, the more wise and peaceful shall he be in all things.

Psalm 119:105  
The word of God



## Lessons from hiking

- Whether I'm hiking an easier stroll or a 20-mile trek, I've noticed parallels to my journey with Christ.
- This is my journey. Too often I waste time comparing my stride, pace or equipment to that of fellow hikers.
- I don't know what's around each bend, but God does. I can't let anxiety steal my joy.
- It's best to balance hiking in silence with sharing the trail with friends.
- I'll be sore tomorrow, and that's okay. Engaging new muscles leaves a reminder that growth is uncomfortable.
- Being prepared is good; being *too* prepared makes for a heavy backpack. I need to do my due diligence and let God handle the rest.
- It's not a race, so finishing quickly offers no reward. When I'm not in a hurry, I tend to notice more of God's blessings.
- I need to look up, enjoying God's creation as I let him determine my steps.



—Janna Firestone



# In Our Prayers

## Elders

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Venson Oliver, Lorenzo Porras, Bob Walker

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## OUR FAMILY

Alice Bautista - Thank you for prayers, no longer have back pain. Still recovering from surgery, will take a long time to recover fully....

Eva Carrillo - Thank you for prayers Eva is back from Africa mission school trip.

Susie Chavez - Our condolences to Susie for the death of her sister Margarita Eye who passed away recently in Louisville, Kentucky. Send cards to Susie & Junie Chavez, 1469 Sara Danielle, El Paso, TX 79936...

Junie Chavez - Our condolences to Junie for the death of his mom Lucy Chavez, who passed away June 29..Send cards to Susie & Junie Chavez, 1469 Sara Danielle, El Paso, TX 79936...

Alberto Morales - Prayers. Sugar level is high causing dizziness & headaches. 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 - Still need Prayers. Sending greetings to everyone. Will be on chemo therapy for a long time. God has been so good to her for cancer treatment....

Bob Walker - Brothers and sisters, Here is an update. My doctor has found no sign of the throat cancer. But I am wasting away.

So, my doctors have placed me on a regimen of diet, exercise, and occupational therapy for long term cancer recovery. The doctors believe by the way I am healing that I should be back to normal within 6-12 mths. Please continue to pray that I have patience. Bob Walker.....

Lois Wiggins—Thank you for prayers, Lois is home...

## SHUT-INS

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

Jill Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers

Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

## Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Robert Casey - (The Oliver's Brother) Thank you for prayers. Robert is cancer free....

Hayden Cooper - (Chuck Buckley's friend grandson, lives with parents) update: CT shows no cancer in his head or main body but will need biopsy for knee joint, lymphoma. Still need Prayers

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

Sharleene Looney (COC Truth or Consequences member) - Her sister Nancy Randlett asking for prayers for Sharleene, she is in UMC hospital for broken foot..

Celia Perez - (COC Montana member) Prayers needed. She was moved to Pebble Creek Nursing Center Room #414. Thank you for prayers her leg pain has decreased with new medication..

Jeremy Marshall - (Rose Cobb great nephew) He is on blood dialysis and needs kidney. Prayers for less pain and a kidney....

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

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

## July 7, 2024

Morning Worship – 73  
Wednesday - 12

Regular Offering: \$2078.75

## Year to Date

### Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

### Year to Date

Year to Date - 1

Year to Date - 0

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