

Eastwood Epistle

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God
demonstrates
his own
love for us...

ROMANS 5:8



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Men's Prayer breakfast March 1,
8am , Eastwood church of Christ
fellowship hall, 10104 Alum.
All men invited.



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.

Dove Care Group March 2
at Eastwood church of Christ
fellowship hall after service.

Love makes us worthy—Unlike God, who loves un-
conditionally, humans often make choices and set limits
when doling out affection. But Thomas Merton reminds
us, “Our job is to love others without stopping to in-
quire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our
business and, in fact, it is nobody’s business. What we
are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render
both ourselves and our neighbors worthy.”
As for how to develop and maintain that type of love?
Merton shares, “It is in deep solitude that I find the
gentleness with which I can truly love my neighbors].”

Men to Serve
Sunday, February 16

Song Leader:

Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:

Enrique Carrillo Spanish

Ron Lindsey English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:

Samuel Hooper

Scripture Reading:

Shawn Mang

Together

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort? Galatians 3:1:1-3

Paul is half way through his letter to the church in Galatia as he turns up the heat for their going back to their old ideology: Jews dragging in the commands from Moses and the Gentiles inserting the concepts from the Greek gods. You can feel his frustration as he calls them “foolish” and “bewitched.” He cannot believe what they had done.

These two issues may not be a problem for us today, the concept is still here. When we go back into the world, it is usually a small step at a time. We stop attending and worshipping. We return to an old habit that we gave up because it was sinful. Maybe we even convince ourselves that it acceptable to do this “little” sin as long as we don’t step over the line by doing something else.

You foolish Disciple! Why have you deceived yourself? Have you ever read in the Word of God that He wants anything less than total commitment? Do you honestly think you can lead your family to Jesus by being a half-hearted Christian? How can we reach our friends and community if we are not committed to Jesus and His church?

Research has revealed what is called the 80/20 rule. Twenty percent of the people in a company, social organization, church do 80% of the work! Rather than considering this as acceptable in the church, it would be better to change it. Don’t be one of the 80 that does 20%. In fact, the research says that in the 80 only 20% are doing that part of the work. In the next group it is the same, until we get to the last group that is basically doing nothing.

It makes one wonder why the 80% even bother? Are we just fooling ourselves? Do we think we should be promoted at work, when we aren’t doing the job? How do we expect our social organization to get anything done when we don’t participate. Its a worthy cause, you say. —So, you do nothing. And what about the greatest cause on earth?

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



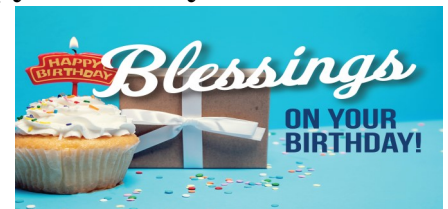
Attention

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

Feb 13, Marcos Morales
Feb. 14 Lucille Ochoa
Feb. 14 Elaine Carrillo
Feb. 17 Denise Boles
Feb 18, Lucian Muñoz
Feb. 24, Gina Walker



Happy Anniversary!

Feb 7, Bob & Gina Walker



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: The church of the New Testament
Scripture: 1 Cor 12:12-20

10 Ways To Tell You are Getting Old

1. You and your teeth don't sleep together.
2. You straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover you aren't wearing any.
3. At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop and you're not eating cereal.
4. Your back goes out, but you stay home.
5. When you wake up looking like your driver's license picture.
6. It takes two tries to get up from the couch.
7. When your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio.
8. When your idea of fun is an afternoon nap.
9. When you're on vacation and your energy runs out before your money does.

You say something to your kids that your mother said to you and you always hated it.

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine. – Proverbs 17:22

The Shredder oops...

A young engineer who graduated with distinction was leaving the office at 3:45 p.m. when he found the acting CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

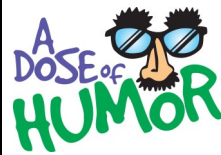
"Listen," said the CEO, "this is a very sensitive and important document, and my secretary is not here. Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly," said the young engineer. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button. "Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine, "I just need one copy."

Lesson: Never, ever assume that your boss knows what he's doing.

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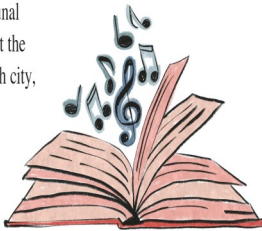
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Bible Quiz

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.)

Kindness kickbacks by chartart.com

Random Acts of Kindness Day, observed each year on February 17, is a reminder of the power of altruism. Followers of Jesus express kindness selflessly, out of love for God and our neighbors. Yet in return, we reap emotional — and even physical — benefits.

Researchers have identified a "helper's high" that can ease anxiety and depression. Spontaneous or planned acts of "pro-social spending" have been shown to reduce blood pressure, improve heart health, reduce pain and even extend longevity.

For maximum impact, experts recommend getting creative with random acts of kindness and mixing them up. But no matter how you spread kindness, you're bound to experience blessings in return!

The work of racial reconciliation

Racial reconciliation isn't a new concept. Some 2,000 years ago, the apostle Philip recognized that a man from Ethiopia was just as worthy of baptism into the body of Christ as were the natives of Judea and Galilee.

In *Color-Courageous Discipleship*, Michelle T. Sanchez views racial reconciliation as a personal journey for the greater good. "Jesus seeks to bring about the kind of inner transformation we need to transform our world God's way," she writes. That echoes Martin Luther King Jr.'s statement: "Only through an inner spiritual transformation do we gain the strength to fight vigorously the evils of the world in a humble and loving spirit" (*Strength to Love*).

On Racial Reconciliation Sunday, observed the second Sunday of February, consider how you can address racial issues. Sanchez suggests simple steps such as starting a conversation with someone of another ethnicity or advocating for a friend. Consider how other people's lives and challenges are different from yours. Pray for people of different races and cultures. Ponder how you can come alongside and walk with them — and they with you.

In God's creative and thorough plan, he might transform your own life as you try to transform the world.
—Janna Firestone

In Our Prayers

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Our Records

February 9, 2025

Morning Worship – 64
Wednesday - 17

Regular Offering: \$1638.05

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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.

Rose Cobb - Will continue to stay home for 1 month to strengthen legs. Asking for prayers to adjust high blood pressure & sugars. Sending love to everyone. She has her rehab at home thank you for prayers..

Leola Deal - Will resume radiation Dec 30....

Virginia Honea - Our condolences to Virginia & Lashel Rich. Hershel passed away Feb. 4 peacefully surrounded by family in Lubbock. Arrangements later to be announced for El Paso Service. Virginia will be staying in Lubbock with granddaughter LaShel. Send cards to 4217 53rd St, Lubbock, TX 79413

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, Please continue to pray 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....

Toni Porras - (Israel Porras wife) Prayers for swift recovery from surgery Jan 30...

Ray Rivera - Prayers for swift healing. Ray is home recovering..

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 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 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

Lisa Artebury - Our condolences to Lisa & sister Robin Madrid for the loss of their mom Betty Clark.. Send cards to 1504 Robert Wayne, El Paso, TX 79936..

Tanya Dawkins- (neighborhood guest) Prayers for Tanya's health. Prayers for Tanya's family for strength & unity....

Linda Hernandez - (Carol Baker's neighbor) neighbor Linda passed away Jan 31. Condolences to Linda's husband & 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..

Martha Mendoza- (Cristina Morale's sister) Prayer for swift healing and less pain from knee operation..

Jesus Morales - asking for prayers for young adults Jesse and Emily for a successful job search and other problems..

Vero Morales-Condolences for the death of her niece Consuelo Valenzuela, Consuelo passed on away Feb 2. Send cards to 781 Agua mineral, El Paso, Tx 79928..

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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