

Eastwood Epistle

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To my church family, words cannot express
My gratitude for the visits, cards, phone
Calls, prayers and especially the delicious food
That was brought. Thanks to all
and everything.

In Christian love,
Fannie Shearod



Church Pot luck March 31,
Easter at our fellowship hall
after service.
Bring to share



Christian Schools of El Paso

Please don't forget to bring your unneeded
clothes, shoes, blankets and coats to the Big
Blue Donation box in the CSEP parking lot.
The clothes go to those in need. CSEP bene-
fits from your
generosity! 915-593-5011

Men to Serve
Sunday, March 10
Song Leader:
Lawyer Evans

Opening Prayer:

Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Sam Hooper English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Ron Lindsey

Scripture Reading:
David Davis



"The reason
my Father
loves me
is that i lay down my life —
only to take it up again. ...
I lay it down of
my own accord. ...
This command I received
from my Father."

John 10:17-18, NIV

Together

Most unchurched people have little concept of their need for salvation. They think they know all about Christianity: be nice and attend church occasionally. What they are seeking is a place where they will be accepted. Our Hospitality Groups are very important and you should be involved. You cannot imagine the impact on guests, when they are invited to join you for lunch. Just a handful of members visiting in a more personal setting will make all the difference.

Most of us are going to eat lunch every Sunday, so why not make it a part of your ministry? Your warm smile and invitation may be the deciding factor in a guest being led to Jesus. You might say, I didn't do much and someone else did the teaching. The new disciple may reply, it was your acceptance that made me decide to stay. Please decide to have a role a Hospitality Group, one Sunday a month will make a great difference.

Spring is a time of year with people begin to get outside. They have been kept inside by the inclement weather and they want to get out and do things. One thing they often want to do is go to church. Therefore, this is a good time of the year to invite your friends to church.

Our motivation can be in two parts: first, we want the world to come to Jesus and be saved from their sin; second, we want our church family to grow also. Due to a decline in faith among young people, every Christian religious group is struggling with decline. In 2019, 4,500 churches closed. The average membership has dropped from 137 to 67.

Some of this decline may be attributed to the recent virus shut down, but it is more than that. Education system that once supported belief now does the opposite. In addition, the churches are not reaching new people, nor are they keeping their own children.

Certainly, the pulpit must accept some of the responsibility, but so must the family. We must allow our example to be seen in everyday life, also in our drive to bring others to Jesus. It must be seen by the lost to be vital to us or they will think it is not important.

Recognized your personal ability to meet people and make friends, you do it all the time. Now, do it for Jesus.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Look for them.
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Schedule Services

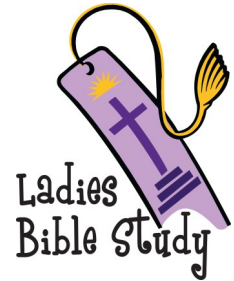
Sunday

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. We will be studying the Psalms. See Teri Dove about getting a book. Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419



Happy Birthday

March 4, Violet Muñoz
March 6, Alberto Dominguez Jr.
March 9, Clayton Hamilton
March 9, Shelby Oliver
March 10, Janet Hill
March 15, Lorenzo Porras
March 27, Eva Carrillo



Happy Anniversary

March 26, Enrique & Anay Carrillo



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.



www.facebook.com/groups/ecocmembers/

Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter
Sermon: Church of the NT today

Scripture: Romans 16:16-18, Rev 2-3

Questions People Ask

What can I do when I get discouraged? Most of us will have times of discouragement. Occasions such as these should be an opportunity for introspection. Are we setting goals that are beyond our ability? Can we work on our abilities to reach the goal? Is our discouragement about things spiritual or earthly?

Physically, we are limited. There are some things we will not be able to do and if we obsess over it, we will be discouraged. Yes, I know about high goals and actually doing more than we thought we could by setting goals. That's fine. However, there are things that fall in the area of impossible. You will never be able to weight lift 1,000 pounds. We can't both be the number one player at tennis. The point is we must be realistic, while striving to be our personal best.

Spiritually, there can be the same challenges. We cannot save everyone. Jesus is often recognized as having failed with Judas. But, what about the rest of Israel? Most did not accept him as the Messiah. It was sad for Jesus when he was rejected, but he maintained

his purpose to the end.

When we fail spiritually, it hurts. It does not matter if we give in to temptation or if we don't have the success we desired in some ministry project we tried. It hurts. We fail in relationships that are earthly and spiritual. We fail and it hurts. Part of life is learning that we will fail. How many times did you fall before you learned to roller skate or ride a bicycle? When we are determined, we try again.

Discouragement comes mostly from inside us. Yes, there are some who will disparage our effort, but when we are determined, we ignore them. The quote credited to Thomas Edison searching for a light bulb filament: "I haven't failed a thousand times, I've found a thousand ways it wouldn't work," speaks to the determination or commitment we have to Jesus.

Yes, continue to pray and continue to work to the best of your ability. Don't give up, don't quit even when you can't win. Shout Hallelujah and be faithful!

Charles M Clodfelter

A new perspective

I have a knack for making most tasks bigger than they need to be. Whether it's my go-getting nature or overcompensating "just in case," I often complicate the simplest of activities. When asked to bring a potluck side dish, I bring two. What if someone has an allergy? Or I join two Bible studies because I don't want to offend either facilitator.

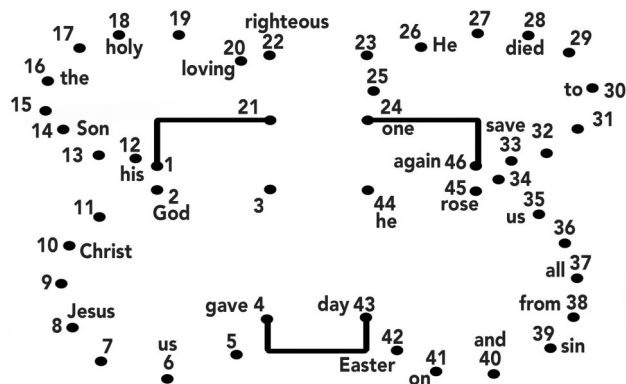
Jesus understands people like me. "For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light," he says in Matthew 11:30 (NLT). In *The Soul's Slow Ripening*, Christine Valters Paintner explores various Bible-based and spiritual practices. While reading it, I began adopting her insights into the rhythm of my own life. But without a filter or prayerful consideration of what God wanted me to discern, I just kept adding — creating an unnecessary burden.

"Your call may not be to change anything in your life other than your perspective," Paintner concludes. That provided newfound freedom. Of course, our good Savior — whose burden is light — will help us navigate decisions and commitments. The only take-away may be a much-needed shift in our perspective.

—Janna Firestone

Puzzle!

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.



2	4	6	8	10	12	14
16	18	20	22	24		
26	28	30	33	35	37	38
40	41	42	43	44	45	46

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day he rose again.

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Alice Bautista - Please have Alice in your prayers. She is having trouble with her lower disk with a lot of pain and may have surgery. Thank you for cards from Ladies Bible Class....

Ernie Bautista - Prayers to get well from his esophagus, check up on Feb 1 and will have heart monitor next Thursday....

Anay Carrillo—Prayers, healing slowly....

Virginia Honea - need prayers. Virginia still seeing Doctors and making temporary visits to hospitals, she had an EEG , no results yet. Hershel.

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 - Thank you for Prayers. Sending greetings to everyone. Will be on chemo therapy for a long time. She has some 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...

Fannie Shearod - Prayers for swift healing, ankle surgery Feb14....

Gracie Wade - Prayers for good results on biopsy Feb 20 also for new job at Fema, prayers for smooth transition....

Bob Walker - Brothers and sisters, Her is an update. My doctor have 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...

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

Hayden Cooper - (Chuck Buckley's friend grandson) Jr High student has brain cancer. Improving with cancer treatments. Need Prayers...

Aaron Enriquez - -prayers for check up on back pain. Prayers for spiritual help....

Carla Field - (Glenna Bunn's cousin & Anita Vickers' daughter) Carla had liver transplant surgery and has been in ICU 6 weeks so far with body going through the ups and downs associated with a transplant...

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

Lorena Parra—Prayers for health and spiritual guidance..

Celia Perez - (COC Montana member) Prayers needed. She was moved to Pebble Creek Nursing home. Thank you for prayers and sending love

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.. 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

March 3, 2024

Morning Worship – 84

Wednesday - 14

Regular Offering: \$3833.09

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

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