

Eastwood Epistle

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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.

Congregational Meeting



Our bank has informed us that in the future all offering checks must be made out to the legal corporate name of the church. **Church of Christ in Eastwood**. This has been the rule for some time, but because they are now scanning checks electronically the rule must be enforced. AI is not smart enough to know that checks made to: church of Christ or Eastwood church of Christ or Eastwood church should be accepted. So, please write your offering check payable to **Church of Christ in Eastwood**


Men to Serve
Sunday, January 19

Song Leader:
Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Jimmy Moore English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Ron Lindsey

Scripture Reading:
Bob Pechanec



"I BELIEVE
that unarmed
TRUTH
and unconditional
LOVE
will have the final word."
—Martin Luther King Jr.

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and Do not submit again to a yoke of slavery"
Galatians 5:1



Honoring MLK

Office Closed
January 20 to
Observe Martin
Luther
King Jr. Day

I have a
Dream...

Together

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” John 14:1

Near the end of his ministry on the earth, Jesus ensures his followers that he and God are to be trusted in the days ahead. Days that will bring doubt and temptation which will be almost overwhelming if they do not trust in him. He reminds them of their destiny and the importance of following him — the Way.

These are comforting words for Christians in every time in history. They are comforting for the present time and the future.

Christians will always have hardship as they follow Jesus. When we give into sin, it is harmful to our relationship God and to our relationships with family and friends. These are the self created hardships — its my fault.

Other hardships are caused by the enemies of faith, who seek to destroy Christians. They do not like Christians because it interferes with their effort to politically control others. If these enemies can destroy the high moral standards of Christ, they gain control.

The hardships that are often described as acts of God can also challenge our faith and weaken our trust in Jesus. An earthquake or hurricane or tornado destroy indiscriminately weather you are a Christian or not. However, believers may find themselves asking “why did God let this happen?” That is Satan seeking to plant the seed of doubt in an effort to destroy your faith.

Satan always seeks to destroy the faith of Christians. This is his way to destroying the church. Like a tire on an automobile, we do not want a blowout, but a slow leak is also deadly to our wellbeing.

The best way individual disciples can keep their faith strong is to share that faith with others. The act of sharing our faith is a reminder of the importance of the message of salvation. When we talk to others about our Lord Jesus, we ourselves are made stronger.

Perhaps you know someone who is facing a difficult time in their life. Pray for them and tell them you are praying for them. Let them know you trust in the Lord to give strength and courage for them to face the hardship they are enduring.

Make a prayer list of 3 or 5 and pray for them everyday. Trust in the Lord.

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 .Song of Solomon



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

“Dyeing” with Christ

The Greek word *baptizo*, which means to immerse, became associated with the dyeing trade. When a cloth is immersed in dye, the union leads to an altered condition. The cloth’s previous color no longer exists; it has a permanent new identity.

Baptizo, which has no English equivalent, is a spot-on description of what happens in the sacrament of baptism. When we’re merged with Christ through water and the Word, we leave behind our original sinful condition. Through that union, Jesus gives us a new identity in him — so “we too may live a new life” (Romans 6:4, NIV).

Bible scholar James Montgomery Boice offered another great example of *baptizo* from, of all places, a 200 B.C. pickle recipe. Nicander, a Greek poet and physician, explained that a vegetable must first be “dipped” (*bapto*) into boiling water and then “baptized” (*baptizo*) in a vinegar solution. “Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution, but the first is temporary,” Boice writes. “The second, the act of baptizing the vegetable, produces a permanent change.”

In the New Testament, *baptizo* “more often refers to our union and identification with Christ than to our water baptism,” according to Boice. “Christ is saying that mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be a union with him, a real change, like the vegetable to the pickle!” And like the cloth to the dye. By chartart.com

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God in church or nature? Yes.

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Church isn’t designed to be an alternative to the real world. Worship is a time and space apart from the world in order for us to find our way out into the world. Worship isn’t a man-made place distinct from the beauty of the natural world; at its best, church is a place where we realize God’s glory in the world we find ourselves in. ... Do I find God in a church? or out in nature? Yes. ... In church I hope to sharpen my senses so I can discover the house of God everywhere.

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—James C. Howell, *Everywhere Is Jerusalem*
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MLK on what really matters

Exactly two months before his assassination, Martin Luther King Jr. preached his final sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. On February 4, 1968, the civil-rights icon spoke about how he wanted to be remembered at his funeral. He preferred that people recall not his education or achievements but that he “tried to give his life serving others” and “tried to love somebody.”

Adapting a 1952 homily by J. Wallace Hamilton, King decried the “drum major instinct — a desire to be out front, a desire to lead the parade.” Humans often want to be great and first, as evidenced by the disciples James and John requesting prime seats in paradise. But King urged listeners to focus on the “reordered priorities” of Jesus, who wants us to “be first in love.”

As Jesus showed, “everybody can serve,” King said. Your background or status doesn’t matter, as long as you have “a heart full of grace” and “a soul generated by love.” by churchart.com



I’ll give thanks in the morning When I get out of bed.
It gives me strength and also puts Good thoughts in
my head. Psalm 92:2

Bible Quiz

When 12-year-old Jesus stayed at the Jerusalem temple as Joseph and Mary started traveling home, after how many days did his parents find him?

- A. 1 day
- B. 2 days
- C. 3 days
- D. 7 days



Answer: C (See Luke 2:46)

In Our Prayers

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Our Records

January 12, 2025

Morning Worship – 66
Wednesday - 6

Regular Offering: \$1982.51

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0
Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 3
Year to Date - 0

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OUR FAMILY

Mike Breitinger– Jan.11 update: Mike was discharged from rehab and is a resident of Rosedale Adult Foster Home, 3111 Edgerock Dr. El Paso tx, 79935. He is doing well & is across from his wife Jill which he enjoys the ease of visiting her. Please keep him and Jill in your prayers.

Eva, Juliette, Elaine, Kiki Carrillo- back home from Chiapas .

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. Thank you for prayers. Insurance will cover rehab.

Leola Deal– Will resume radiation Dec 30..

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

Hershel & Virginia Honea— Hershel is being treated for pneumonia and will be at Del Sol Rehab also recovering from hip surgery. Virginia recovering slowly from covid.

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 ..

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) 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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