

Eastwood Epistle

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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.

Family Storytime is BACK!
January 27 (Saturday) 9:30-11:00
Fellowship Hall
Theme: Winter & Snow



Dove Care group will meet on February 4.
Please let Iretha or Teri know what you will bring.

Men to Serve
Sunday, January 28
Song Leader:
Lawyer Evans

Opening Prayer:
Kiki Carrillo Spanish
Ron Lindsey English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
David Davis

Scripture Reading:
Bob Pechanec

Blessed be the
God and Father
of our
Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy
he has given us a

new birth

into a

living hope

through the
resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV



Together

Fellowship is frequently used to describe a social gathering by Christians. It is typically used as in Fellowship dinner to describe when disciples come together for a meal. This is an accurate use of the word.

However, it has deeper meaning. In Greek the word is *koinonía koinwnia* and it is also translated communion. The word speaks of a sharing or participation in a common interest. As when you are a stranger in a crowd and coincidentally meet someone from your hometown. Or in this scenario a fellow Christian and you are immediately connected.

On the first day of the week, disciples gather to eat the Lord's Supper and worship the God of our salvation. We are connected to one another and to the Divine. We have communion, not just in the eating of the bread and drinking of the cup, but with each other. We are Together.

Fellowship is not just on the first day of the week, which we call Sunday. It is to be a part of our life on every day. Who in the world would we rather be with than those who on our team, in our family, have the same goals and follow the same Savior.

Fellowship needs to be developed. In the family of God the door is open to all. We may be closer to some because of other mutual interests, but NO ONE is shut out. In fact, each and every disciple should make an effort to reach out to others. Some may seem to have lots of friends, but they also need to be connected to you. Others may be cautious and need fellowship with you most of all.

Imagine the first century disciples as they work together: the citizen of Rome and the non-citizen, the Roman soldier and those who fear him, the freeman and the slave, the master and slave. Yet, they had "everything in common." Acts 4:32

Reach out to a fellow disciple this week. Get to know them and make a new friend. After all, we will spend eternity 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
**No Children's hour
after communion**

Our Ladies Tuesday Class 10am Ladies Bible Class will begin again on Jan 9. We will be studying the Psalms. See Teri Dove about getting a book.
Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419



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

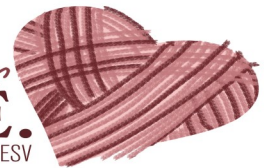


Happy Anniversary

Jan. 8, Alberto & Cristina Morales
Jan 14, Richard & Denis Boles
Jan 26, Israel & Maria Alvarado



Knit together
IN LOVE.
COLOSSIANS 2:2, ESV



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter
Sermon: Hard Things about Being a Christian

Scripture: 1 Pet 4:17-18

Love That Surpasses Knowledge

How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. —Ephesians 3:18

It's hard to imagine that Jesus voluntarily went from being worshipped by angels to sleeping in an animal feeding trough—gave up equality with God to become human (Phil 2:6–7).

At this season, we think about what he did. And I hope we think about why he did it.

He did it because that's what love does: it puts those who are loved ahead of self-concern. Your place in heaven was more important to Jesus than his place in heaven, so he gave up his so you could have yours. He “loved [you] and gave himself up for [you]” (Eph 5:2).

Can you comprehend that? I confess I can't. “The love of Christ surpasses knowledge” Eph 3:19

But that's what love does—perfect love, sacrificial love, heavenly love. Think about that when you think of the manger.

The manger is a picture of unfathomable love.

Joe Barnett

This post Love That Surpasses Knowledge appeared first on Pathway Evangelism, Inc.

God - shaped hole

Have you ever neared the completion of a jigsaw puzzle, only to discover that a piece or two is missing? That's an apt visual for what it's like to live without God. Blaise Pascal, a 17th-century philosopher, observed: “There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ.”

Centuries earlier, St. Augustine proclaimed “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee.” And in the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes expounded on the meaninglessness of earthly striving and material pursuits. Only God's Spirit can fill our emptiness and satisfy our eternal longings.

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full,” says Jesus in John 10:10 (NIV). He alone provides the solution for emptiness. What comfort to be filled with — and to find our fulfillment in — our Savior!



Please join us to meet, greet, and honor Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Sander. Lunch will be provided in the fellowship hall after worship service on Jan 28. A money tree will be available

https://www.amazon.com/wedding/registry/R8U21GEIX4M1?ref=wr_search_page_result_6

Guadalupe Muñoz was
Baptized January 21, 2024
Welcome to family of God



First, contact

In *Unclean: Meditations on Purity, Hospitality and Mortality*, Richard Beck writes powerfully about Jesus healing a leper in Matthew 8:1-3. “What is intriguing about this story is the sequence. Jesus touches the leper first. Then the command ‘Be clean!’ is offered. That is, Jesus’ first move is into ritual defilement. By first touching the leper, Jesus ... [is] standing in solidarity with the unclean.” Beck finds this “striking” because typically we expect purification before contact. But Jesus’ actions reverse the pattern: “Contact occurs first.”

How fortunate for us, too, that God didn't wait to reach out to us until he had cleansed us of sin. God didn't save us from afar and only *then* come to live among us. Rather, “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8, ESV). And continuously, Jesus loves us, comes to us and touches our hearts, even when we are at our worst — straying from God, trapped in sin, unworthy, unclean, unrighteous. For it's not *our* righteousness or purity that heals and saves us, but Christ's.

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Anay Carrillo - Prayers of healing . She had a stroke and is recovering at home slowly. She having trouble with a leg but she is getting therapy at home. Your welcome to stop by her home..

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..

Robert Ochoa - Robert has not been feeling well these past couple of months. Needing prayers..

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

Hayden Cooper (Chuck Buckley's friend grandson) Jr High student Hayden has Brain cancer, Please keep him in your prayers...

Ruby - (Eneida de la Cruz sister in law) Prayers. Ruby's mom is home with hospice....

James Jones Jr—Need prayers. He is at Del Sol Hospital.

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

Ofelia Ochoa - (Lulu Ochoa's sister in law) Ofelia had a stroke Jan 13 and they are running test. Prayers needed...

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..

Fred Sierra—Prayers for good results from MRI.....

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

January 21,2024

Morning Worship – 78

Wednesday - 11

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Week

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Identification - 0

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