

# Eastwood Epistle

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Be KIND.  
EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

SERVE  
others.   
1 PETER 4:10, NIV

HONOR  
Christ *the* Lord.  
1 PETER 3:15, ESV

Church family thanks for the beautiful flowers, plants, cards. Most of all thanks so much for the ones who accompanied me at my sis Bertha funeral service. I felt so happy that my church family was with me at this difficult time. Also thanks for the sincere condolences. Your sister in Christ, Yoly Hernandez.

Dove Care Group will meet July 7. It will be a Pot luck Lunch. Please call Teri (915-637-0351) or Iretha (915-422-1846) To let them know what you will bring Thank you.



Prayers for Eva Carrillo's Africa mission School trip.

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**Men to Serve**  
**Sunday, June 30**

**Song Leader:**  
**Lawyer Evans**


**Opening Prayer:**

**Flaviano Enriquez Spanish**  
**Samuel Hooper English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:**  
**Ron Lindsey**

**Scripture Reading:**  
**Jimmy Moore**

Hospitality groups looking for volunteers to have Sunday lunch once a month. Questions Call 915-593-2772 or Charles -915-433-4227



**Volunteers Needed**

# Together

Freedom is desired by nearly everyone. We want to be able to choose our own path and reach for higher achievement. Even when we are not the greatest, we desire to be our best and to reap the benefits of our work. But what is the freedom we desire?

Juneteenth and July 4th are reminders that freedom should not be taken for granted. Cherish the freedom you have, but do not waste it or give it away. One may talk about their freedom, but waste the opportunities before them. Freedom usually means you must take a decision. Freedom means you make the choice. When we do not make the choice it is usually made for us by someone else. Are we then free?

When we allow our peers to decide our life path, we are giving up freedom. This is true when the choice is to follow society as a whole, "everyone else is doing it." We willingly make ourselves slaves when we are controlled by someone or something else.

It may be debt that becomes our master. We chose to make that purchase on credit, now, we can barely make ends meet because of the payments. Our house and garage may be full of stuff we don't use or really even like, but we got it. Ask yourself, why?

A master does not have to be bad, it is just something that controls your life. It is usually something that we submit to in our lives. It happens gradually without our being aware of the loss of control we have over our life. There is nothing bad about having a job or career, but when everything else becomes secondary: God, family, health; we are slaves. The same can be said about hobbies and many other things in life. Again, it did not happen by force, but our submission.

God created humankind with freedom of will. Enslavement is the product of others or ourselves, both are bad and both are sad. It may be that the saddest is the volunteering into slavery: giving up our freedom for a temporary security or pleasure. Slavery is still practiced in this world and it is horrible what one person can do to another. But the saddest is our enslavement into sin.

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33

*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*

June 1, Debbie Shepherd  
June 5, Anay Carrillo  
June 6, Miguel Castro  
June 10, Alberto Morales, June 12, Junie Chavez,  
June 13, Susie Chavez, June 21, Marisol Alvarado,  
June 27, Theresa Dalke, June 27, David Shearod,  
June 29, Amanda Thomas, June 30, Rosie Guerra



## Happy Anniversary

June 13, Robert & Lulu Ochoa



**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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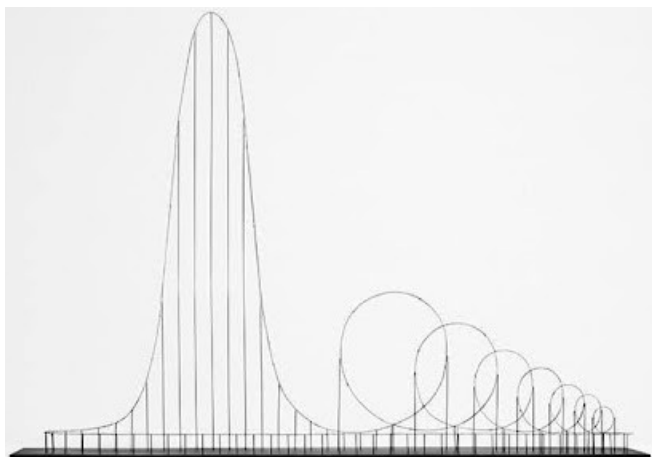
## Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter  
Sermon: Potter and Clay

Scripture: Jerem 18:1-6

## AMUSING OURSELVES TO DEATH

An article by Patrick Miller states that in 2011, a Julijonas Urbonas with Trinity College in Dublin, unveiled a model of his Euthanasia Coaster. Yes, a roller coaster that will cause the car and rider to travel at a lethal speed to create 10 G's gravity. You die!



The purpose being that you enjoy the ride along with the euphoria while you peacefully pass out and die.

He then makes the application that this generation

is amusing itself to death. I was reminded that those who jumped off the Golden Gate bridge in a suicide attempt and survived, all stated they changed their mind just after jumping.

Back to his point. Miller is speaking to Neil Postman's *Amusing Ourselves to Death*. Society chasing pleasure through electronic and social media while ignoring God and what is really important.

How many times have I (and perhaps you) seen a family sitting at a table for a meal not talking, but deeply into their phones. Missing the opportunity to share what is really important.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4-8)

Charles M Clodfelter

### Praise for God's handiwork

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!  
The heavens declare your glory,  
the arch of sky displays your handiwork.  
In your love you have given us the power  
to behold the beauty of your world  
robed in all its splendor.  
The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills,  
the rivers and lakes all disclose your presence.

The roaring breakers of the sea tell of your awesome might;  
the beasts of the field and the birds of the air  
bespeak your wondrous will.

In your goodness you have made us able to hear  
the music of the world. The voices of loved ones  
reveal to us that you are in our midst.  
A divine voice sings through all creation.

—-from Earth Prayers



Our condolences to Susie Chavez for the death of her sister Margarita Eye who passed away recently in Louisville, Kentucky. She will be cremated, no services pending. Please send cards to Susi & Junie Chavez, 1469 Sara Danielle, El Paso, TX 79936



### Bible Quiz

What does God compare to rain "watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater"?

- A. The justice of the nations
- B. The work of God's people
- C. The message of Isaiah the prophet
- D. God's word



Answer: D (See Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV)

"If you can't pay it back, pay it forward."  
-Catherine Ryan Hyde

# In Our Prayers

## Elders

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Enrique Carrillo, Samuel Hooper, Alberto Morales,  
 Venson Oliver, Lorenzo Porras, Bob Walker

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## OUR FAMILY

Junior -(Terry Morales's Son) Prayers for his heart problems. Junior has heart monitor....

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

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.

Lucy Chavez -(Junie Chavez's mom) Is at home under hospice. Prayers....

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....

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

June 23,2024

Morning Worship – 68  
 Wednesday - 16

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Week

Year to Date

Baptisms - 0

Year to Date - 1

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Year to Date - 0

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