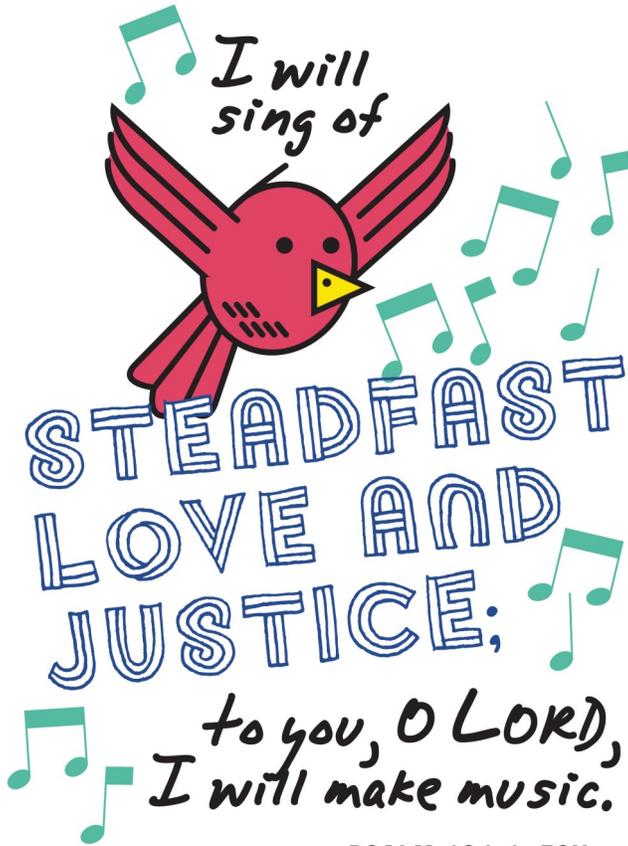


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PSALM 101:1, ESV

Office closed November 10 to observe Veterans Day.



POTLUCK LUNCH NOV 12

In honor of our loved sister Irene Rice, a potluck will be held after Sunday worship. Irene is a long time member at Eastwood and a diligent worker in our educational program. She had taught in our children's classes for years, maintained the educational supply room and been highly involved in the Ladies Bible Class. Irene is moving to Memphis, TN to be with her daughter, Stacy, and family. Come and join in the celebration of her service to the Lord. Bring a side dish of vegetable or dessert, chicken will be provided.

Ladies Bible Class is adopting the Child Crisis Center for a service project for 2023. We are collecting gently used small luggage, backpacks, carry-ons, or large tote bags. Why, you ask. When children leave the Child Crisis Center or move from one foster home to another, they must take their meager possessions in a trash bag if nothing else is available. We hope to put an end to this demoralizing circumstance for as many children as possible. If you can help, we will appreciate it. If you have questions please contact Teri Dove. 915-822-2419

**Men to Serve
Sunday, November 12**

**Song Leader:
Junie Chavez**

**Opening Prayer:
Enrique Carrillo Spanish
James Grant English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Samuel Hooper**

**Scripture Reading:
Robert Muñoz Jr**

Together

Isa 46:3-4 "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save." ESV

Isaiah records this message of YHWH to Israel, but it has application to Christians today. God is with you – all the time.

It is easy to have a sense of God being with us when everything is going our way. Children and young adults are full of life and excited about what the future will bring as they conquer their world. It is as if they started a game and are already 100 points ahead. Things are going great. No troubles.

However, life is not always smooth and easy. Christians will have troubles and the church will face difficulties. A church goes through various stages: from being planted, to maturing and declining. These are from a variety of issues. The members mature, children grow up and leave, communities change, but God is always there with us.

God's command to teach the Gospel has not changed and our responsibility has not changed. A faith that doesn't propel us to act is not a faith at all. The field may have changed, but the responsibility to sow the seed is still there, even when the soil is not as good as it was at one time.

God will still help us do his will and work in this world. Our role is to teach the word of God, the same as always. The culture may change, but God's message is the same. Attending Sunday worship was once a given, but no longer. Morals have become political issues. Christians are told by the world we must accept sinful conduct because that is who they are. We are told to be inclusive. Or make climate change the message of Jesus.

Don't listen to the world that is speaking the words of Satan. The first century had a very similar situation and they did not give up, neither should we. Gray hair or not.

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

Questions call

Thank you Teri Dove 915-822-2419

Happy Birthday

Nov 3, Enrique Carrillo Sr

Nov 5, Michaela Muñoz

Nov 10, Diana Williams

Nov 12, Israel Porras

Nov 12, John Banks, Nov 17, Terry Morales,

Nov 28, Teri Dove, Nov 28, Ray Rivera,

Nov 30, Maria Del Rasso



Happy Anniversary

Nov 22, John & Iretha Banks



Eastwood Middle School is asking for turkey donations for low income families in their area. If you are able to donate please drop off the turkey by Nov.13 at church office so that the Eastwood coordinator can pick them up. Thank you in advance.

Eastwood middle
School coordinator
Ricardo Lomeli



Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: New Beginnings

Scripture: Acts 1:6-8

God Gave You A Brain

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness." Since, God is a spirit being, this must mean something other than walking upright with two legs. It means the ability to reason and understand what is right and what is wrong. It means the power to understand the Word of God and be able to follow his instruction.

Animals have brains, but they are not the same. An animal can be trained and some seem to have a small capacity to figure some things out. Humans have much more.

There is the ability to reason, what we call common sense, able to decide rather than just intuition. Yes, there is imagination but it is to be controlled. We do not live in a fantasy world.

Satan has deceived many. Satan wants mankind to live in emotion. Emotions are easy to manipulate. We get excited or worried or angry or happy and we do the wrong things.

Emotions are God given and God wants us to be

happy. But, mankind is not to be ruled by emotion. Just as God has given a sense of pleasure, we do not seek to indulge in endless pleasure. Rest is good, but we are to work for our food and provision. Scripture repeatedly urges us to work and not be lazy. In other words, we are not to take a good thing to an extreme.

Biblical "love" is not about feelings. Satan wants us to think that being happy and excited means we are doing God's will. Idol worship in the ancient world was generally about over eating, drinking to excess and promiscuity.

Most religions have not gone that far (yet), but the dependence on emotion is still there. "I know I am saved because I feel it."

When Philip approached the Ethiopian treasurer, he did not ask "how do you feel?" He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

Base your faith and actions on a knowledge of scripture, not on how you feel.

Charles M Clodfelter

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.

FUNDRAISER for the Muñoz family: Turkey basket raffle. \$10 per ticket. The basket includes chocolate, tea and a certificate for a cooked turkey. Contact Cristina Morales via text 915-861-9826 or call 915-593-2772.



Christian Schools of El Paso
CSEP is having a Papa Eric's Burgers fundraiser, cost is \$8.00 per ticket. Tickets expires at the end of December. call 915-593-5011 for Information
Diana Williams



There will not be a mailed bulletin copy sent out on Thanksgiving week. If we have your email you will receive only a emailed copy.

2023 Blue Ribbon Christmas Gift Campaign
Giving the gift of Christmas to Children at Child Protective Services. BE A SANTA TO A CHILD IN NEED.

Pick up/ Drop off is December 13. Decide which age you want. Ages are from days old to youth to age out of foster care at 18. List will be sent out the first week of November if you would like to participate. **Call Cristina 915-593-2772 so I can make arrangements** with Maritza 915-309-3595 email: maritz.hernandez@dfps.texas.gov. More info or to adopt a child Call: 915-201-7974 Amber Hansen, email: amber.hansen@dfps.texas.gov

Sunday, November 19, The 9 o'clock class time will be used to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Plan to attend and enjoy this special time of worship. Write the name of song you want to sing and give to Ray Rivera.



Elders

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Abel Hernandez - (915) 449-1546
Ray Rivera - (915) 592-8930

Deacons

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

Minister

Charles Clodfelter - (915) 433-4227

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Teri Dove - Physical therapist came by and Teri was able to walk a short distance with a walker. It appears that the fix to her leg worked. It will be along road to full recovery but she has taken the first steps. Prayers for swift healing from operation Nov 6. Teri can be contacted on her cell phone at 915-637-0351. Will enjoy visits and call.

Alberto Morales - Prayers for no dizziness & better sugar Level. 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 and thanks to the Ladies Bible Class for cards. Just started chemo therapy. Lulu has had no 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

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

Luis - Prayers for procedure and results...

Family of Mario Lopez. - Mario, 31, was a former member of Eastwood and was killed October 15 in a motor vehicle accident...

Family of Richard Sanchez. - Richard was a former member of Eastwood and died October 17. Richard leaves behind his wife, Gloria, and their children and grandchildren. Richard's son-in-law is Mario's brother...

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

Bertha Morales - (Cristina Morales sister) Our sincere condolences to Bertha for the passing of her husband Monce Morales, Nov 4

Rosales family - prayers for family, young adult grandson passed away....

River Russell - Keep him in your Prayers (Ida Russell's son) for his deployment

Mario Venegas - Prayers, was sent to Houston hospital for more than 3 months after his car accident, prayers for healing, prayers for his mom Lupe. (Cristina Morales's friend Rosa Trevino)....

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

November 5, 2023

Morning Worship – 68

Wednesday - 16

Regular Offering: \$3004.85

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Week

Baptisms - 0

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