

# Eastwood Epistle

January 12, 2020 Volume 44 Number 2  
Available on-line at [www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org](http://www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org)



*"Blessed are you*  
WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU ...  
BECAUSE OF THE  
SON OF MAN.  
*Rejoice in that day ...*  
BECAUSE  
GREAT IS YOUR  
REWARD IN  
HEAVEN."

LUKE 6:22-23, NIV



\*\*\*\*\*

## Sunday

January 12

Join us at the fellowship hall.

Immediately after sermon

Bring enough for you and your invite

## Care Groups

January 16, Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle

January 19, Mike & Teri Dove

January 26, Junie & Susie Chavez

\*\*\*\*\*

## Men to Serve

**Sunday, January 12**

### **Song Leader:**

Bob Arterbury

### **Opening Prayer:**

Flaviano Enriquez Spanish

John Banks English

### **Lord's Supper/Contribution:**

Junie Chavez

### **Scripture Reading:**

Danny Brown

# Together

Historians and sociologists have come up with numerous theories to explain anti-Semitism.

1. Economic: Jews are hated because they possess too much wealth and power.
2. Chosen People: Jews are hated because they arrogantly claim they are the chosen people.
3. Scapegoat: Jews are a convenient group to single out and blame for troubles.
4. Deicide: (god killer) Jews are hated because they killed Jesus.
5. Outsiders: Jews are hated because they are different from the rest of society.
6. Racial Theory: Jews are hated because they are an inferior race.

None of these excuses are true, all are false

If there is any group that should not fall into the trap of anti-Semitism, it is the church, kingdom, Christian, disciple - you and me. We are taught by scripture to love our fellow man and share the Gospel with all. There is no instruction to hate or harm those who reject Jesus as the Christ.

Leaders of nations have deflected blame from themselves by accusing Jewish people for failures and calamities in their nation. Just as the story of the burning of Rome being laid on Christians, kings and dictators look for ways to avoid being held responsible for their own evil or failures.

Disciples understand that we are ordered to sow the seed of the Word of God, but not to be Judge and Jury for those who do not come to faith. We keep trying. Few of us were born again after hearing our first lesson regarding Jesus. Sadly, some have turned away from opportunities to make friends with those who are Jewish. Why? Perhaps, some of the reasons above or a fear of associating with someone that others dislike.

Bullying, whether one person or a group, is wrong and un-Christlike.

*Charles M Clodfelter*

Sunday Guests who registered - 3  
Did you speak with them?  
[www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org](http://www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org)

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Bible Class - 9:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship - 10:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.

### Wednesday

Bible Study  
7:00 P.M.

### Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

10:00 a.m.

At church room #63

All ladies are cordially invited to join us for a study in scripture, coffee, conversation and song

**Free English as second Language  
Class Wednesday  
For Men And Women  
6:00 p.m.**

### **Thank You**

**from Alice Castillo's brother-in-law**

Greetings to all of our brothers and sisters in Eastwood Church of Christ! We miss you all and hope you have a very Happy and Blessed coming New Year! We want to Thank You so much for your prayers. David is so much better, is back to work, working light duty. He is waiting for the reversal surgery which is planned for March 2020. We know because of your love for our Lord Jesus Christ and His grace, your and our prayers were answered.

Liz and David Guardado

### **Sunday Morning Sermon**

**January 12, 2020**

**Speaker - Charles Clodfelter**

**Sermon: Bird's Eye View of OT**

**Scripture: Genesis 1:26,27**

\*\*\*\*\*

### **Sunday Evening Sermon**

**Speaker - John Banks**

**Sermon: God's Devine Plan for Man**

**Scripture: Isaiah Chapter 1**

## Does the Bible Offer Hope for Depression?

Note: This article considers the spiritual side of a serious topic. Please note that depression sometimes necessitates medical intervention.

Depression is perhaps the most common emotional problem that we face today. Experts suggest as many as one in five Americans experiences severe depression sometime during their lives, and depression may be the most common health problem for women. Symptoms of depression include apathy, insomnia, difficulty in concentrating, and a general loss of interest in life. Severely depressed people may become suicidal, violent, or completely withdrawn. Depression has always been a problem for mankind. Bible characters such as King Saul, Elijah the prophet, Job, and others experienced depression.

Sources of depression may be physical, psychological, or spiritual. Fatigue, chemical imbalances, and other physical problems may cause it. After his defeat of the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, Elijah was physically exhausted. When Jezebel threatened his life, he fled into the wilderness and was ready to die. The angel of the Lord comforted him and strengthened him with food, telling him, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you" (1 Kings 19:7). He still felt overwhelmed and alone, however. He said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life" (1 Kings 19:10). He repeated, "I alone am left; and they seek to take my life" (1 Kings 19:14). The Lord encouraged him by letting him know that there were still seven thousand faithful persons in Israel, and by sending Elisha to help him.

Loss is a common psychological cause of depression. Job lost his possessions, family, health, and even his reputation. He cried, "The thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me. I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, for trouble comes" (Job 3:25–26). Later he learned that God continued to control the universe: "I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You" (42:2). Unfulfilled hopes and dreams and feelings of worthlessness or helplessness brought on by stress also cause depression. These feelings often come because one has lost proper perspective. Disappointments may be opportunities in disguise—times to rearrange priorities, making them in line with God's will. We can overcome feelings of helplessness and worthlessness by understanding that God is still in control. He demonstrated His love for us in the cross (Romans 5:8).

Sin has spiritual consequences, which often include depression. Obeying God is the key. "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love" (John 15:10). God does not intend for us to be depressed, and He is eager to forgive and comfort. —Bob Prichard, taken from House to House

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Mt 5:4**



**Nursery Helpers**  
**Sunday, January 12**  
*for children 2 years of age and under*  
Amanda Thomas and  
Marisol Alvarado



### Social Media

If you have skills in the use of social media and would be willing to offer assistance or suggestions, please contact Charles or call the office. 915-593-2772

### Happy Birthday!

January 12, Gordon Gaenzle  
January 15, Lillie Wayne,  
January 17, Julyet Carrillo  
January 19, Julie Conyers



*Anniversaries  
and Birthdays*

### Happy Anniversary!

January 14, Richard & Denise  
Boles



JOIN OUR GROUP ON  
**Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/groups/ecocmembers/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ecocmembers/)

# In Our Prayers

## OUR FAMILY

Sharon Armendariz ---will be in Midland, TX indefinitely for care of her mom  
Mike Fernandez-prayers, surgery in Houston January 9.  
Christine Hooper - In Vibra life of El Paso, 3421 Joe Battle Blvd, room 308....  
Betty Miller - Prayers for health issue....  
Rudy Ramon- At home recovering for lack of oxygen...  
Loretta (Sian) Strickland, Sisi-----prayers for positive outcomes in court issues, should be completed in March.

## SHUT-INS

Mary Jo Garner -----lots of back, hip and leg pain...  
Evelyn Herlong---has severe dementia/under hospice care....  
Daisy Roberson---health problems/is in St. Teresa Nursing and Reb. Center, 10350 Montana Avenue, El Paso, Texas....  
Evon Wrinkle ( former member, 2005)- daughter Cynthia Brumm says her mom Doing well at a home care that she often visits and says thank you everyone for prayers and birthday wishes but her health has declined.. She will be 98 years old December 23.Have a safe and blessed time. Mom loves Eastwood and tells everyone of Texas.You are welcomed to call Cynthia at # 559-906-3458....

## EXTENDED FAMILY

Joyce Becker - (Chuck Buckley's pen pal) Has been put in Hospice care. If you like to send a letter address card to:  
 Joyce Becker, 1633 N. Summer, Pampa, TX 79065....  
Mary Ellen & Travis Jackson (Carol M. Baker's friends) --- Travis at home under Hospice, prayers....  
Mary Mares (Cristina Morales' sister) -- bone marrow replacement to Houston delayed, will have therapy for weak heart...  
Cindy Reza -(Lulu Ochoa's sister)) she is hospital and in a lot of pain, not able to walk..  
Philip Rhoades (Sisi Strickland's brother-in-law) ----will be undergoing treatment for his cancer in January 2020..  
Sam Rhoades (Philip Rhoades' brother) ----has cancer....nothing they are able to do....  
Don Alan Riggs (Irene Rice's grandson/former member) --doctors will continue to monitor his heart/2761 Fletcher Park Circle West, Cordova, TN 38106....  
Mary Sierra- (Fred Sierra's wife Bel Air COC) prayers, has found 7 weeks ago, she has leukemia.....  
Susan Solem - (Loretta Strickland's friend) heart issues , prayers.  
Vernon Strickland - (Loretta Strickland's brother) suffered a stroke, prayers.  
 (CoC family visiting from Oklahoma) Prayer for Sabrina Thompson's niece and her newborn baby....

## Please remember in prayers our military and others in harms way

Michael Holt , Josh Rackley,  
U.S. Military-our troops around the world.  
*Please call the office to update our prayer list.*

## Elders

Mike Dove - 822-2419  
 Gordon Gaenzle - 269-7968  
 Ray Rivera - 592-8930

## Deacons

Julio Alcala, Bob Arterbury,  
 Abel Hernandez, Samuel Hooper

## Minister

Charles Clodfelter - 433-4227

## Church of Christ in Eastwood

Office - (915) 593-2772  
 Español - (915) 593-2880  
 (Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)  
 Fax - (915) 593-2775

E-mail: coceastwood@gmail.com

Website: www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

# Our Records

## January 5, 2020

Bible Class - 35 Morning Worship - 95  
 Wednesday Bible Study - 23 Evening Worship - 17  
 Budget - \$ 4005.82 Regular Offering: \$4312.25

## Year to Date

<u>Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Baptisms - 1	Year to Date - 1
Identification - 0	Year to Date - 0

*Can Contribute on-line at [www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org](http://www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org)*

TIME VALUE

**EASTWOOD EPISTLE**  
 (USPS 394-450) IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY  
 EXCEPT Thanksgiving & Christmas by the  
 Eastwood Church of Christ, 10104 Album, El Paso, TX  
 79925. Periodicals postage paid  
 at El Paso, TX.  
 POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:  
 EASTWOOD EPISTLE,  
 10104 Album, El Paso, TX 79925

Periodical Postage  
 Paid at El Paso, TX  
 (USPS 394-450)