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Care Groups

January 26, Junie & Susie Chavez

Men to Serve
Sunday, January 26

Song Leader:
Bob Arterbury

Opening Prayer:
Ray Rivera Spanish
Chuck Buckley English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Samuel Hooper

Scripture Reading:
Danny Brown



Together

If you have not heard, the 54th Super Bowl is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 2 in Miami with kickoff at approximately 6:30 p.m. EST. As I write this, I do not know which teams are playing. Do you know who won the Super Bowl in 2018? Do you know who won the last World Series in baseball? You see where I am going.

There is nothing wrong with enjoying sports, it can be a pleasant distraction. But, when things with no lasting consequences, consume our minds and turn us from those things of eternal importance, they have essentially become idols to us.

I once lived in a state that had two major universities, (unlike Texas with 7 or 8). It was a bad day, when I had to separate two deacons during a potluck and took them to my office to calm down. It did not take two seasons for me to decide the best season would be for each team to lose every game, but tie one another: 0-11-1.

What lights the proverbial "fire in your belly?" It should be the words of Jesus. *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.* MT 28:19f

One of the most heartfelt moments of worship is the communion, when we are reminded of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and all the world. His sacrifice began the moment he left heaven. Who wants to leave heaven? I believe the physical pain of the beating, the nails and hanging on the cross, were secondary to the pain of being rejected by the very ones he came to save. Then there are the Roman soldiers, who had participated in so many crucifixions it was common place. So, they entertained themselves with the "sport" of casting lots for the earthly possessions of Jesus.

We need to stay focused on Jesus!

Charles M Clodfelter

Sunday Guests who registered - 4
Did you speak with them?
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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.**

Grupo De Apoyo De Mujeres (En Español)

Sobre temas emocionales y conflictos familiares.

La clase comienza

29 de Enero ,Miercoles,7:00 p.m. en el salon #66

Esperamos verte. Invita a tus mejores amigas

(mayores de edad)

Si deseas mas información

Yolie Garcia o Alice Castillo

llama al 915-525-0186

Ladies Support Group (In Spanish) Life Issues

Starts

Wednesday, January 29

7pm, room #66

If you know of any Ladies that know Spanish, please inform them of this class

or for more information call

Yoli Garcia or Alice Castillo

915-525-0186

Sunday Morning Sermon

January 26, 2020

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

**Sermon: Bird's Eye View of Bible
NT, Christian Dispensation**

Scripture: John 1:1, 14, 18

Sunday Evening Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Good Samaritan

Scripture: Lk 11:5-13

Things About the church of Christ that Surprise People

Due to a strict emphasis on following only the Bible (rather than a mixture of Scripture and tradition), the church of Christ differs from other religious groups. Often people are pleasantly surprised-even refreshed-to learn these differences.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST DOES NOT "TITHE"

Who could count the times someone has exclaimed, "You mean the church of Christ does not tithe?!" They have always been taught that tithing was a part of every church's doctrine and are surprised to learn that the New Testament does not even use the word "tithe" in relation to giving in the church. Tithing was a part of the Old Law and is mentioned in reference to the practice of the Pharisees (Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42; Luke 18:12), and Levitical worship (Hebrews 7:5-9). The New Testament does not command a certain percentage but teaches we are to give as we prospered, as we purpose, and with a cheerful attitude (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

PEOPLE CANNOT "JOIN" THE CHURCH

"Joining" the church is one of the most common expressions in religious conversation. It is so much a part of most people's religious vocabulary that no one really thinks much about it. Becoming a part of the church is not like joining a social order or civic club. The Bible teaches that when people are obedient to their Lord He "adds" them to His church (Acts 2:42-47; Acts 5:14; Acts 11:24). Could you imagine someone saying, "I'm going to join the football Hall of Fame?" or "I think I'll join the president's cabinet and be Secretary of State?" There is, of course, a sense in which we join ourselves together with other Christians after having been added to the body by the Lord (Acts 5:13; Acts 9:26; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 6:17; Ephesians 4:16).

COMMUNION IS A PART OF WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY.

More than once those who are unfamiliar with the church of Christ, after a few visits with a local congregation, have been heard to say, "You know, the one thing I really notice about the church of Christ is that they have communion every Sunday!" This is surprising because most religious groups partake of it quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Early church historians speak often of the Lord's supper involving weekly participation. They verify what the Bible teaches regarding its frequency-that the disciples partook of the communion when they assembled (1 Corinthians 11:1), and that they assembled on the first day of every week (1 Corinthians 16:2; Acts 20:7).

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST HAS NO "CREED BOOK."

Often someone says, "You mean you follow only the Bible!," or "The church of Christ does not have a creed book for its members!?" Why is this surprising? Because most religious people have been under the influence of prayer books, creed books, manuals, disciplines, and articles of faith since youth. However, the Bible states that the Scriptures supply all we need spiritually (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3). Jesus said His Word will judge us in the last day, not man's (John 12:48). "Come and see" (John 1:39).

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST HAS NO EARTHLY HEADQUARTERS.

On a number of occasions, people ask, "Where are the headquarters of the church of Christ?" They mean by that in what city are your central offices, etc. They are surprised when we say, "We have no headquarters. Each congregation makes its own decisions based on the Bible." Since the head of the church is Christ, and since Christ is in heaven, then heaven must be the location of the headquarters (Colossians 1:18, Colossians 1:24; 1 Peter 3:22; Philippians 3:20). No board hands down controversial decisions; no dues have to be sent in each month; no one decides (or has to approve) preacher relocations. Taken from house to house



Free Photography Class

This is an opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to come with you to learn how to improve your photography skills. Our real purpose is to make contact with others in a non-threatening way and help them feel comfortable enough to attend worship with you. There is not a limit on how many can attend, so invite many. Tell them to bring their camera and or cell phone.

Taught by award winning photographer Paulo Peres. His photos have been published in Texas Architect and a Kentucky publication. Improve your skills by learning from one who has received recognition for his work. No charge - Free.

Feb 15 10:00 am - 12:00

Controlling your camera, composition, lighting, focusing, styles

Feb 22 10:00 am - 12:00

Field session, editing

Fellowship Hall Eastwood church of Christ, 10104 Album AV



Nursery Helpers Sunday, January 26

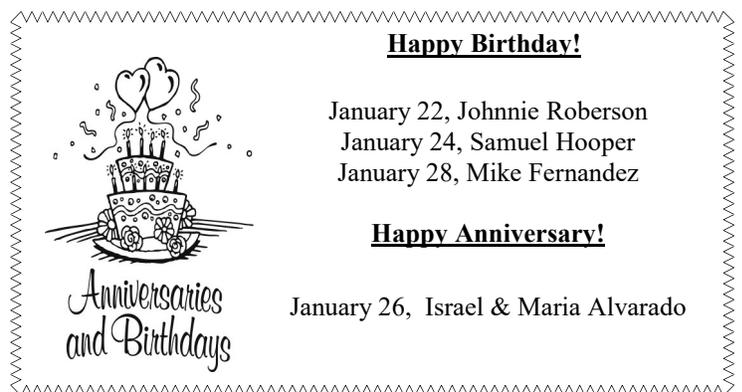
for children 2 years of age and under

Margaret Lee & 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



In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Sharon Armendariz ---will be in Midland, TX indefinitely for care of her mom
Mike Fernandez-keep him in prayers, surgery in Houston January 9..
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....
Christine Hooper - home and recuperating slowly.
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 but her health has declined. 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, Travis had another stroke, only a few more day expected, prayers, for strength and encouragement. Mary Ellen needs prayer for strength & acceptance.
Mary Mares (Cristina Morales' sister) -- bone marrow replacement to Houston delayed, will have therapy for weak heart before going to Houston..
Krystal Ortiz - (Mark Enriquez's family) prayers , she was taken to hospital, January 22
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....
Family of Hector Rubio - (Cristina Morales's relative) Hector Rubio passed away January 8, strength & encouragement to sister in-law .Lupe Licón, her brother passed away.
Mary Sierra- (Fred Sierra's wife Bel Air COC) Her doctor says she no longer has cancer, January 14,prayers, they found 7 weeks ago, with 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....
Family of Jaqueline Vásquez in Chiapas - (Anay Carrillo's niece, age 17) She was active helping in the orphanage home but her life was cut short. She went missing and was found without life and abused January 13. Prayers for Strength and encouragement to the family..
Javier Vasquez - (Mark Enriquez's friend) prayer for protection and salvation, keep him from bad influences..

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

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Our Records

January 19, 2020

Bible Class - 39 Morning Worship - 74
Wednesday Bible Study - 23 Evening Worship - 19
Budget - \$ 4005.82 Regular Offering: \$2695.15

Year to Date

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

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