

Eastwood Epistle

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Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 3rd.
Don't forget to set
your clocks back
one hour
on Saturday night!



Women in Ministry Fundraiser

Margaret Lee was nominated, then selected by the Come Before Winter, a Women's Missionary Association, to attend a spiritual renewal for women that are in the Missionary Ministry field. Margaret will be traveling to Cozumel, Mexico to attend this renewal from November 4th through November 8th.

Margaret will be selling delicious Pineapple or Pumpkin fruit turnover pies and wedding cookies for a donation of \$1.00 to raise funds for this trip.

Margaret will be available on Sunday, November 3, 2013 at 8:45 a.m. in the North Hall at Paul's classroom #67-69 and also after worship service in the church foyer. Margaret requests we keep her in your prayers for safe travel and spiritual maturity.

Eastwood Youth Rally 2013

We are gearing up for our annual youth rally.

This year's theme is

"Don't Blink: Living a Short Life".

Our theme scripture is James 4:13-17.

We are in need of monetary donations for the youth rally. Please bring your donations to Andrew or the church office.

Men's Prayer Breakfast!

Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All men are encouraged to attend!

Yard Sale Fundraiser

I will be traveling with People to People Ambassadors this summer on a trip to Europe. To help fundraise for this trip, I am having a yard sale on Saturday, November 9, 2013.

Please consider donating any items that you may no longer want or need. Your donations are greatly appreciated. You can bring your donations to the church on Sundays or Wednesdays. If you need us to pick up any items from your home, please let us know.

Thank you. Autumn Russell, 915-253-3230

Care Groups

Sunday, November 3rd - Bobby & C. C. Avery

Sunday, November 10th - Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle

Sunday, November 17th - Mike & Teri Dove

Sunday, November 24th - Junie & Susie Chavez

Men to Serve

Sunday, November 3rd

Song Leader: Bob Arterbury

Opening Prayer:

Manuel Villarreal - Spanish

Jeff Falley - English

Lord's Supper/Contribution: Dan Painter

Scripture Reading: Andrew Monk

Together

God hears you whisper. On occasion, many of us have felt that God has turned a deaf ear to our prayers. It is then, we might become frustrated and scream out at God.

We feel the agony of the Psalmist in his words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent." 22:1 NIV

Life can be hard at times. We may mistakenly think that God does not hear and does not care. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Jesus' words close the Gospel of Matthew, "I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Our confidence is founded on the knowledge that Jesus is with us and he has won the victory with his triumphant resurrection over Satan's most powerful weapon, death. We stay optimistic because of our hope and confidence in Jesus. We do not have a blind or baseless hope, but one build on our faith in Jesus.

When we keep the faith, we have the hope, confidence and optimism to continue the fight. Optimism based on faith in Jesus and victory.

We will win against our distress because we have gained victory in Jesus, even if this life seems hopeless.

God hears your faintest cry, cares about your pain and heartache. Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus because he shared their grief. He understands.

Life does not always go our way. We must not allow bad times to destroy our faith, even when they are extended over time. God hears you.

Charles M Clodfelter

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<u>Schedule of Services</u>		
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Bible Class - 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	Bible Study
Worship - 10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	7:00 P. M.

Area TV Programs
Fridays: 7:00 P.M. Channel #38 (Cable Channel #16)
Sundays: 5:00 A.M. Inspiration Channel (Channel #364 Direct TV)

Thank You

Dear Eastwood

I want to thank you for your prayers and for the beautiful cards. I especially want to thank the Ladies Bible Class. I am so grateful for your prayers and cards. Although, I am unable to make it to church because of my health conditions, I do not feel forgotten. I want to give a special thanks to Mary Strickland, who often sends me notes and to Paul and Gloria, who have been encouraging me. May God bless you all and may He continue to use you to touch lives. You are loved and appreciated.

Virginia Fraire

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

To everyone who helped make our first craft fair and annual Fall Festival a success and great fun! Teri and the CSEP Staff

Our Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Virginia Fraire and families. Virginia's brother, Alberto Alvarado passed away, Wednesday, 23, 2013 in Monterrey, CA.

Funeral arrangements pending.

Please keep the Fraire and Alvarado families in your prayers.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Birdine Family.

Thomas Birdine, Jr., age 29, passed away last week in Frederick, Oklahoma.

Please keep the Birdine Family in your prayers.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Beth McNicol and family.

Beth's son, George J. McNicol, passed away.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Please keep Beth McNicol and family in your prayers.

Sunday, November 3, 2013
Speaker - Charles Clodfelter
Sermon Topic - How Can I Lead One to Jesus
Scripture - Romans 1: 14 - 17



Paul's Peppery Notes

In Luke 9, as Jesus and his disciples were headed towards Jerusalem (v.15) a man said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." and Jesus said to him, "foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man has no where to lay his head".(vv. 57,58). We know that Jesus had no permanent home, and we know He was on his way to Jerusalem to die on the cross. So He was saying to this potential disciple

that if he chose to follow Jesus he wouldn't be guaranteed anything. He would have to follow Jesus and walk by faith. Look at what this man said. "Jesus, I'll follow you anywhere".

Wife, do you remember when you told your husband the same thing: "Honey, where you go, I'm going?" That's a huge commitment. Was this man serious about becoming a disciple? We aren't really told whether he became a disciple or not, but Jesus' answer and the content suggests that he wasn't ready to be a disciple. The man was talking the right talk, but he didn't realize what he was saying. He needed to understand that discipleship is not words but ACTION (see Matthew 21:28-31). I do believe this man was thinking he could follow Christ wherever He went as long as he liked the destination. Jesus, however, doesn't cut those deals. Wherever is wherever. Paul

Requested Pantry Items

- Canned Meat
- Canned Tomatoes
- Sugar

Youth Fall Retreat

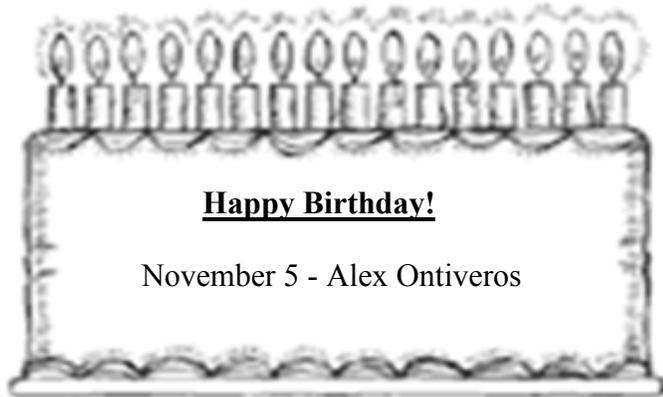
There will be a fall retreat for the youth group
November 15th - 17th.

The cost for the retreat is \$50.

All those who sell 20 discount cards in our
upcoming fundraiser, will be paid for.

All those who sell less than 20 discount cards,
will be partially paid for.

If you are interested in going,
sign up outside the youth room.



Lost & Found

Lost and found items are placed in
a blue plastic carton marked
"Lost & Found"

and is located on top of the desk
at the back of the auditorium
next to the sound room.

If you have lost any items.
please check the box.



November 6, 2013
Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle

Bulletin Articles, News and Prayer Requests

Please submit your requests to the church office
by **Monday before noon**, so that
your requests can be included in the bulletin.

Requests received afternoon on Monday, will be
included in the next week's bulletin.

If a holiday falls on a Monday, requests must be
received by **noon on Tuesday**.

Nursery Helpers for Sunday, November 3rd

Jennifer Posern
and
Margaret Lee



In Our Prayers

Our Elders

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

Our Deacons

Bob Arterbury, Paul Gonzales,
Samuel Hooper, Norman Ontiveros,
Jeff Riggs

Our Ministers

Charles Clodfelter - 433-4227
Paul Gonzales - 588-9304
Andrew Monk - 588-8524

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Our Records

October 27, 2013

Bible Class - 131 Morning Worship - 197
Wednesday Bible Study - NC
Budget - \$5,575.00 Offering: \$4,533.66

Year to Date

Over/(Under) - (\$646.01)

Baptisms - 0 Year to Date - 7

Identification - 0 Year to Date - 7

Can Contribute on-line at www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

Mission Offering October 27, 2013

Weekly Budget - \$1,442.31 Offering - \$1,605.00
Total Given to Date (50th Week) - \$66,943.10
Over/(Under) Weekly Budget - (\$5,172.40)

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Martha R. Almaguer & Family-----strength and encouragement

Debra Alvarez-----health problems/vertigo

Birdine Family—Thomas birdine, Jr., age 29, passed away last week in Frederick, OK

Fraire and Alvarado Families—Virginia's brother, Alberto Alvarado, passed away Wed, October 23rd in Monterey, CA/Funeral pending.

Logan Falley-----stomach issues/interfering with school/quick recovery
Alvin Harrison---hip replacement surgery/is home/undergoing physical therapy

Beth McNicol and Family-----Beth's son, George J. McNicol, passed away/Funeral arrangements pending.

Mario Olivas-----had ear, throat and nose operation/home recuperating

Celia Perez-----fell and injured her face/is home

Candis Rice-----has lung and liver cancer/undergoing chemo treatments

Irene Rice-----health problems

OUR SHUT-INS

Nena Barrington-----had open heart surgery/moved to Las Palmas Rehabilitation/room #403/300 Waymore

Virginia Fraire —has severe nerve damage on hand/appt with Specialist, Dec 17th/to undergo sonogram tests/possible hand surgery in January.

Emma Huereque-----blood pressure issues

Dale & Selma Tate-----health problems

Jean Tedford-----health problems

Reina Triana-----health problems

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Francisca Aguayo (former member)--diagnosed with tolosa hunt syndrome
Lily Bamda-Corral (friends of Paul & Gloria/resides in Juarez)-----husband, Armando, has kidney problems.

Jonathan Barrios & Family (Soto's grandson)-----court date Nov 15th/ strength, encouragement and unity.

Teri Castro (friends of Paul & Gloria)---Teri's mother passed away/strength, comfort and encouragement.

Sonia Fraire (Virginia's daughter/in Corpus Christi)-----will be having heart surgery

Gale (Sharon Armendariz' sister/Dallas, TX)-----health problems

Kevin Holden (Pat's son)-tires easily/feels little better/progress very slow

Michael (Maggie Rodriguez' grandson/in FL)---health problems/thyroid cancer

Nat Molina (Paula's brother-in-law)-----no longer has brain cancer/ still has liver, lung and kidney cancer/undergoing chemo.

Bibi Nieto (Virginia's sister)-diabetic/on dialysis/ had a toe removed/foot not healing

Victor Presto (Maggie Rodriguez' son-in-law/in FL)—health problems/prostrate cancer

Aiden Michael Soto (Soto's grand-baby)----improving/to be totally healthy

Please remember in prayers our military and others in harms way

Terry Burt-Zimmer; Bryan Comaduran; Laura Dawson

Mike Duley; Carlos Espinoza; Jonah Herd;

Michael Holt; Mario Lopez; Chance McNutt;

Travis Mullins; Craig Rice; Alex Sanchez

U.S. Military-----conflicts around the world

Please call the office to update our prayer list.

Names not updated in 4 weeks will be dropped.