



Eastwood Epistle

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Purpose Cards Due Sunday

December 8, 2013

The elders have requested that every Eastwood member return their purpose card for 2014 by next Sunday.

There is a box on the table in the back of the auditorium or you may give your pledge card to one of the elders.

Thank you for your support for the work at Eastwood.

Men to Serve Sunday, December 8th

Song Leader: Bob Arterbury

Opening Prayer:

Miguel Garcia - Spanish
Norman Ontiveros - English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:

Mike Dove

Scripture Reading:

Norman Ontiveros

Men's Prayer Breakfast!

Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

In the Fellowship Hall.

All men are encouraged to attend.

A Chili Night of Caroling

Saturday, December 7, 2013,

we will be having a night of chili and caroling. Come join us for a warm bowl of chili at 6:00 p.m. and a heart-warming outreach of caroling around the neighborhood at 6:45 p.m.

For those unable to carol around the neighborhood, there will be singing in the Fellowship Hall.

A sign-up for **finger food deserts** is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

Donations are appreciated to help purchase the chili fixings.

This will be in place of our annual Holiday Party.

If you have any questions, please see Jeff & Stacey Riggs or Andrew & Kimberly Monk.

Santa Secret Shop

On Sunday, December 8, 2013, Christian Schools of El Paso will open their Secret Santa Gift Shop to the children of Eastwood church of Christ.

Each child will have the opportunity to "shop" independently for family and friends. Each gift will be wrapped so it can stay a surprise. Please decide with your child who they will shop for and how much they can spend for each person.

Please have cash available.

This will be a really fun time for our church children.

The shop will open after morning worship. CSEP is excited to share this special opportunity. Teri and the CSEP staff

Together

Tomorrow I plan to work, work, from early until late. In fact I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer. - - - Martin Luther

Prayer seems to intimidate many of us. Even those closest to Jesus, those who witnessed Jesus praying and hearing him pray made the renowned request, "teach us to pray."

We know the model prayer that is given in Matt 6 and Lk 11. It was the example they needed to learn, but was it the request they were asking?

What would have been your query behind the request? Might it have been: *how do you pray all night* or *how do you pray with such passion* or *why don't you say the memorized prayers the rabbis use* or *tell us the required number of times to pray?*

In one form or another, these are the questions that have been asked by today's disciples. What is yours?

Prayer is to help mold our life and will to the will of God. It is not to make God do what we want done. The almost universal attitude is that prayer is to make my life better. But, Jesus taught us not to pray for these things because God already knows we need them. We should pray with gratitude for what God does give.

"God help me want, what you want. Your will be done in my life."

Prayer is not about memorizing phrases or whole prayers. It is not about becoming rich or healthy or happy. It does not make us holy or impressive to God.

Prayer is about recognizing God for who he is - God. Its understanding I need him, knowing my purpose is to serve him and he will take care of me.

Charles M Clodfelter

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

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Schedule of Services

<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,

With deep appreciation, your kind expression of sympathy. We thank you for the lovely floral arrangement. Alvarado and Cansino Families (Virginia Fraire's families)

Dear Eastwood,

I want to thank everyone in behalf of my family, for the prayers in the passing of my nephew, Brian Comaduran. The cards and flowers were greatly appreciated. I also, want to give a special thank you to Charles, for being there when Nancy Kinn, needed it the most.

Lulu Ochoa

Dear Eastwood,

Thank you for all the calls and for the cards during the length of time (4 weeks) dealing with my son George's death. Beth McNicol

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, December 7, 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, December 8th - Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle

Sunday, December 15th - Mike & Teri Dove

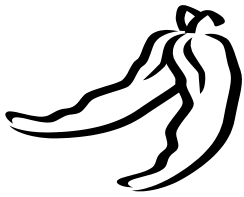
Sunday, December 22nd - Junie & Susie Chavez

Sunday, December 8, 2013

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon Topic - *The Faith of Mary*

Scripture - Luke 1:26-38



Paul's Peppery Notes

I pray that your week is going well. Thanksgiving has come and gone and I hope you enjoyed the time you spent with your family and loved ones. If you were out of town, I'm glad you are back with us.

I want to make a short, very short, list of some reasons I am thankful. First I am thankful for the prayer warriors for keeping the work at Eastwood and Northside on your hit list, please don't remove it. I can see the hand of God working, so obviously. Thank you Marjorie Foster for your often repeated "I love you". What Marjorie doesn't know is that they seem to be said at just the right time. Thank you, Mark and Gloria, for keeping the building nice and shiny. To Mr. Junie Chavez for always being ready to teach. For all the teachers that are helping and have helped in the past with the IBI (Instituto Biblia y Ingles) School. To the outreach team of seven, that are reaching out to the Northeast side of El Paso, you guys are awesome! Keep up with the vision. Last but not enough room to name all those that are always ready to organize, plan, teach, clean, set up, etc., maybe I just have to simply say, thank you Eastwood! Paul



Requested Pantry Items

Canned Beans
Canned Tomatoes
Soup

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class Holiday Party

Ladies, you are cordially invited to the Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class holiday party on Tuesday, December 10th, 10:00 a.m., in the home of Cherry Potter, 11221 Bill Hill.

We will have a devotional followed with a potluck luncheon.

Each lady is asked to also bring a canned good for our church pantry. Gifts for children (of all ages) who are in El Paso foster care services, would also be appreciated.

Please, do not wrap the gifts.

If you can only come for lunch, we would love to have you join us.



HAPPY HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 8 - Aber Moncada
December 8 - Joe Shepherd, Sr.
December 9 - Alejandro Sandoval, Jr.
December 10 - Gary Bon Keene
December 11 - Leslie Torres
December 11 - Jacob Martinez



December 8 - Ron & Sharon Gaenzle
December 10 - Juan & Virginia Najera

Pictorial Church Directory Pictures

will be taken Sunday, December 15th, immediately after morning services in room # 43 (South Hall).

If you have not had a picture taken for our pictorial directory or would like a new one, please make plans to have one taken!

Youth Group Fundraiser!

Eastwood Youth Group is having a fundraiser Selling discount cards. The cards cost \$20 and have great discounts to 18 different businesses in the area. The cards are good until December 2014, and the discounts can be used once per day.

If you are interested in purchasing a card, please speak with Andrew or one of the youth kids. Money earned from this fundraiser will go toward many Youth activities, education and events.

Nursery Helpers for Sunday, December 8, 2013

Valentina Lopez
and
Ana Soto



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

December 1, 2013

Bible Class - 86 Morning Worship - 170
Wednesday Bible Study - 19
Budget - \$6,925.00 Offering: \$12,412.65

Year to Date

Over/(Under) - \$3,009.97

Baptisms - 0 Year to Date - 7

Identification - 0 Year to Date - 7

Can Contribute on-line at www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Teri Dove-----will be undergoing shoulder surgery on Wed/Dec 11th
Logan Falley-----stopped having stomach problems/has headaches
Alvin Harrison-----had hip replacement surgery/is home/undergoing physical therapy
Yolie Hernandez-----health problems/was in an auto accident
Elia Lujan-----health problems
Lulu Ochoa-----has several health problems
Candis Rice-----has lung and liver cancer/test results, two spots found on brain/has stage 4 cancer/undergoing chemo and radiation treatments.
Irene Rice-----health problems/undergoing tests
Maggie Rodriguez-----under a lot of stress

OUR SHUT-INS

Nena Barrington-----Las Palmas Hospital/ICU room#208/visitors welcomed/improving daily/will be having gall bladder surgery.
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

Jonathan Barrios & Family (Soto's grandson)-----court date Friday, Dec. 6th/strength, encouragement and unity.
Yolanda Birdine's Step-Father----in NY/is in hospital with prostate cancer and pneumonia
Danny Chavez (Junie's brother)-loss of father/strength and encouragement
Miguel Garcia (Sonia Torres' brother-in-law)--surgery/removal of kidney stones
Daas Tray Hines (in U.S. Military)----in a motorcycle accident/is in a coma
Kevin Holden (Pat's son)-Dr's have prescribed fewer medications/slow progress/ but improving
Marge Killmon (Lulu Ochoa's friend)-----husband passed away Nov. 12th/Marge suffered stroke/in ICU/Las Palmas Hospital.
Michael (Maggie Rodriguez' autistic grandson/in FL)-----Dr removed thyroid/cancer in lymph nodes/Dr appt, Monday Dec. 9th to schedule radiation.
Nat Molina (Paula's brother-in-law)-----has liver, lung and kidney cancer/greatly improving/undergoing chemo.
Victor Presto (Maggie Rodriguez' son-in-law/in FL)----has prostate cancer and two bad knees
Reggie & family (friends of Sara Duley)-----has cancer/for strength and healing
Aiden Michael Soto (Soto's grand-baby)----has a callus on lung/complete healing
Jane St. Amand (River Russell's teacher)-----health problem/to have surgery
Barbara Swadley (Jeff Falley's mother/Springfield, MO) - fell/hurt hip/making good progress/will not need physical therapy.
Vasquez Family (friends of Duley family)-----were in an auto accident

Please remember in prayers our military and others in harms way

Terry Burt-Zimmer; Laura Dawson; Bryce Deitiker;
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.*

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