

# Eastwood Epistle

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*Thanks be unto God for his  
unspeakable gift.  
2 Corinthians 9:15*



**GIFTS TO REMEMBER**  
*The star of Christmas is remembering.  
The hope of Christmas is sharing.  
The joy of Christmas is giving.  
The spirit of Christmas is blessing.  
The heart of Christmas is loving.  
The gift of Christmas is Jesus!*  
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## **Men to Serve Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Song Leader:** Bob Arterbury

**Opening Prayer:**  
Manuel Villarreal - Spanish  
Brian Raines - English

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:**  
Abel Hernandez

**Scripture Reading:**  
Norman Ontiveros

**ECHO/Workday**  
Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.  
Groceries will be distributed in the Fellowship Hall.  
Any community household is eligible.  
Eastwood members who wish to receive this assistance,  
may come the Friday, prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday to avoid the  
crowd on Saturday. If you would like to help sorting of the  
food or if you would like to receive a bag for your family,  
be here on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, between 9:00-10:30 a.m.

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**Care Groups**  
Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Junie & Susie Chavez

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**Eastwood Game Night**  
The youth will be hosting another game night on  
December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
There will be board and card games galore.  
We ask everyone to bring a finger food.  
Come join us for great fun and great food!  
Anyone who wishes to stay may join us  
for the ball drop ceremony at midnight.

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**Youth Lock-In**  
Immediately following the Eastwood Game Night,  
the youth will be having a devotional and lock-in  
until 7:00 a.m., January 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to invite your friends.

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## **Men to Serve Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Song Leader:** Bob Arterbury

**Opening Prayer:**  
Julio Alcala - Spanish  
Jeff Riggs - English

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

**Scripture Reading:** Norman Ontiveros

# Together

**Jesus came into the world and he changed the world.** Jesus brought a message of hope and giving your best to God. Mankind learned to live life as an offering to God. Rom 12:1

The seed of life planted by Jesus took root and began to spread in the world. It took time, but as the word spread, mankind changed and the world began to change. I believe the world is better because of the gospel. Not just better because there is salvation from sin and hope for heaven, better because the concept of "getting by" is replaced with the idea of "doing your best."

Man is flawed and world leaders, beginning with Constantine, used Christianity to manipulate. This does not make the Gospel invalid or powerless. There have been dark times in world history, but the gospel has endured, even thrived under oppression.

When evil appears to triumph in the world, that is not the time to give up and be resigned to our fate. It is the time to rejuvenate our faith and our efforts for the cause of Christ. Do not despair, maintain hope in Jesus. Faith and hope are related. Think of all the heroes who manifested faith and hope in God: Abel, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Rahab, Mary, Elizabeth, Apostles, Barnabas and every disciple who put their life on the line to follow Jesus.

You have your own list of heroes who served in faith and hope: parents, teachers, others who served quietly in the shadows. They did not give up or quit, they remained faithful in life and in doctrine. We will do the same, keep the faith, live the life.

*Charles M Clodfelter*

***Sunday Guests who registered - 6  
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,  
Thank you all for the cards, gifts of love and all of the prayers from everyone. We Love you all, Candis and Don Rice.

## **Holiday Schedule Changes**

- There will be No Bible Classes on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Devotional at 7:00 p.m.
- There will be No Bible classes on Wednesday, January 1, 2014. There will be a Devotional at 7:00 p.m.
- The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, December 25, 2013, and Wednesday, January 1, 2014, to observe the Christmas and New Year Holidays.
- There will be no Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible class until Tuesday, January 7, 2014
- There will be no Children's Bible Hour on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. It will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2014.
- No Bulletin will be mailed Christmas week due to periodical postage regulations.

## **Area Wide 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing**

Sunday, December 29, 2013, 3:00 p.m.  
Montwood Church of Christ, 11845 Bob Mitchell  
Please bring your song leaders along!

**Sunday, December 22, 2013**

**Speaker - Charles Clodfelter**

**Sermon Topic - *Christ's Birth and Mine***

**Scripture - Luke 2:1 - 14**

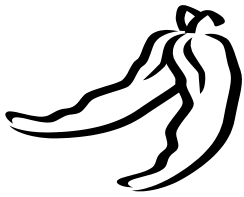
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**Sunday, December 29, 2013**

**Speaker - Charles Clodfelter**

**Sermon Topic - *Goals and Commitment***

**Scripture - Romans 8:35 - 39**



## Paul's Peppery Notes

The Christmas season is upon us. This is a time to be especially sensitive to opportunities to share the gospel message with neighbors, friends and even strangers. Here I go again, with a few guidelines: First, believe it yourself. That's right. Check your own faith first. Do you really believe that Jesus is the Son of God and became flesh? Do you believe that it was the love of God for you and the world that compelled Him to come to earth? Great! Then let your joy shine through to others as you share the Good News!

Second, relax. Just relax. You don't have to feel like you have to convert someone in one conversation. That will make you nervous, instead just share the Good News with joy and excitement. The power is in the Gospel, not in you (Romans 1:15). So, just share the message and let it's power go to work. If you plant seed, God will give you the increase. (1 Cor 3:6)

Third, give a sincere invitation to others to join you in worship. Many people are disenchanted with their past and present religious experiences, but still want to worship. They just need the encouragement to try again. You may be just the one they need to hear from. Give it a try! Let God's spirit work in you to His Glory! Now let's do it! Paul

### Requested Pantry Items

- Canned Meat
- Jelly
- Soup



### Help Needed

Our sister, Nena Barrington is home and is looking for someone who would be willing to help her during the day or during the night. For more details, please call Nena at 915-755-1794.

### IRS Donor Requirements

Donors must deliver checks on or by Tuesday, December 31, 2013,

in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2013. Checks that are placed in the church offering during their first worship service in 2014, will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2013, or was actually written in 2013.

However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2013, will be deductible in 2013, even if they are not received by a church, until 2014.

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### Happy Birthday!

- December 22 - Will Arterbury
- December 28 - Ken Clement
- December 29 - Tommy Granado
- December 30 - Cole Posern
- December 31 - Sharlette Hernandez
- January 1 - Ninah Ontiveros
- January 1 - Matthew Rice
- January 4 - Amelia McDonald
- January 4 - Sharon Armendariz



Birthdays & ANNIVERSARIES

### Happy Anniversary!

- December 26 - Joe & Debbie Shepherd
- December 28 - Bob & Lisa Arterbury
- December 31 - Julio & Brenda Alcala
- January 1 - Don & Mary Edwards



*We wish each of you a safe and Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year!*

**Nursery Helpers for  
Sunday, December 22, 2013**  
Gena Falley and Janice Masters

**Nursery Helpers for  
Sunday, December 29, 2013**  
Gloria Castro  
and  
Sonia Torres



*Please remember in prayer those who are traveling during this holiday season.*

*In His Service to you,  
Eastwood Church of Christ  
Staff: Charles, Paul, Andrew,  
Alice, Christy, Mark  
and Gloria Sanchez!*

# 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

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## our Records

### December 16, 2013

Bible Class - 107    Morning Worship - 185  
Wednesday Bible Study - 72  
Budget - \$6,925.00    Offering: \$4,390.38

### Year to Date

Over/(Under) - \$120.85

Baptisms - 0    Year to Date - 7

Identification - 0    Year to Date - 7

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Logan Falley-----stopped having stomach problems/has headaches  
Alvin Harrison-----had hip replacement surgery/is home/undergoing physical therapy

Sarinah Hernandez-----having spinal surgery Saturday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at Providence Hospital.

Virginia Honea-----health problems/not feeling well

Elia Lujan-----health problems

Lulu Ochoa-----has several health problems

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

Irene Rice-----health problems/undergoing tests

Maggie Rodriguez-----under a lot of stress

## OUR SHUT-INS

Nena Barrington-----health problems/is home

Virginia Fraire---has severe nerve damage on hand/appt with Specialist, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>/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 Ashbeck(high school student/WI)-patience/strength/encouragement

Yolanda Birdine's Step-Father--in NY/is in hospital with prostate cancer and pneumonia

Jeffery Bowen's wife's grandfather (in Japan)---in hospital/health problems

Danny Chavez (Junie's brother)---loss of father/strength and encouragement

Miguel Garcia (Sonia Torres' brother-in-law)-----doing better/improving

Daas Tray Hines (in U.S. Military)-----in a motorcycle accident/is in a coma

Michael (Maggie Rodriguez' autistic grandson/in FL)--has cancer in lymph nodes/ will be undergoing radiation treatments.

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 & 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

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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