

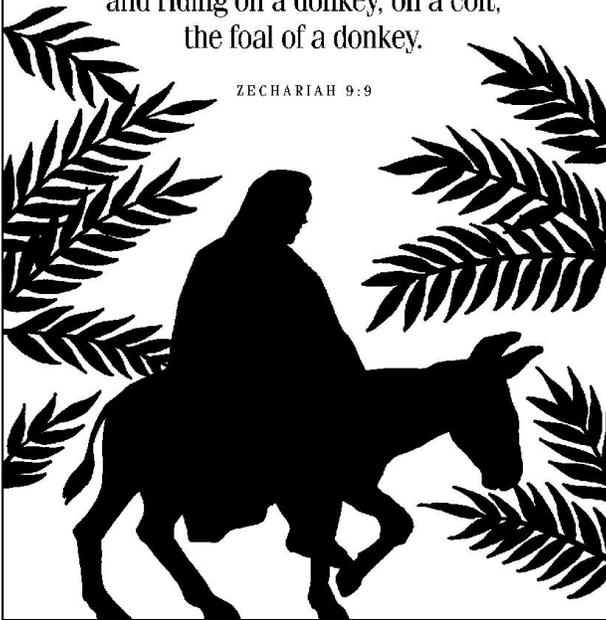
Eastwood Epistle

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Rejoice greatly,

O daughter Zion...
See, your king comes to you ... gentle
and riding on a donkey, on a colt,
the foal of a donkey.

ZECHARIAH 9:9



Men to Serve

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Song Leader:

Bob Arterbury

Opening Prayer:

Eduardo Soto - Spanish

Mike Dove - English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:

John Banks

Scripture Reading:

Chuck Buckley

Family Story Time

Saturday, December 15

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Stories, Crafts, and Snack

Come have fun!

Make-Up contribution

Plan for a Make-Up Contribution on
Sunday, December 16, 2018.

5th Sunday Potluck

Will be Sunday, December 30th

in the Fellowship Hall,

immediately after the morning service.

Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives
to join us. Please bring enough food for your
family and a little extra for our guests!

No Bible Classes

There will be no Wednesday Night Bible

Classes on Wednesday, December 26.

There will be a devotional at 7 PM.

Ladies Bible Class Schedule

The final Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class
will be on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

They will be having a Potluck that day and
instead of gift exchange, they will be bringing
items for the church pantry.

Classes will resume Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Care Groups

December 16 - Mike & Teri Dove

December 20 - Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle

December 23 - Junie & Susie Chavez

Together

We wish you a Merry Christmas.

As the big day approaches, each of us is full of anticipation and memories. It is a time that is more important to some than to others. In any case, there is an increase in the awareness that our community has for the coming of Jesus and the joy of being with family and exchanging gifts.

Rather than giving this space to argue that Jesus was not born at this time or that there is not a biblical command to observe the birth of Jesus, let us celebrate now and everyday. *Joy to the World* is our cry and our message. The Gospel is good news.

As we go about our daily routine, we observe that some will give a bigger smile and speak cheerily their greeting. They may even call out *Merry Christmas*. Good! Let us join with a joyful heart and keep that joy throughout the year. When the calendar reads January 2, be just as joyful as ever. Give that big holiday smile in June and that cheery greeting.

Christians have reason to be as happy in the entire year, no matter what our circumstances. Yes, we will have moments of sadness, but as Paul wrote, we are not to grieve as the rest of men.

So, don't be the grouch or Grinch, be the elf or santa who brings cheer when they enter the room. Not because it is time for presents, but because we have the greatest gift of all - Jesus the Christ is our Savior.

Perhaps you need to have a reminder. Put something where you can see it that reminds you to smile because Jesus came and brought Joy to the World.

Carry your joy with you. Make others curious as to why you are always so cheerful. Be the person that others want to be around because it makes them happy to be with you. Be happy because you are saved, redeemed, loved by Jesus.

Charles M Clodfelter

Sunday Guests who registered - 1

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gustavo & Ivonne Campos
on the birth of their baby boy,

Gustavo Aaron Campos, who was born on
Friday, December 7th, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Ivonne and baby Aaron are home and doing well.

Wedding Shower

Everyone is cordially invited to a Wedding Shower
in honor of Junie and Susie Chavez' daughter,
Samantha and Jerry on Sunday, December 23, 2018
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
(Come and Go). They are registered at Target.

Christian Schools of El Paso Fundraisers

- Please don't forget to bring your unneeded clothes, blankets and coats to the Big Blue Donation box in the CSEP parking lot. The clothes go to those in need. CSEP benefits from your generosity!
- Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase to Christian Schools of El Paso! Everything is the same on Amazon Smile - same products, same prices! Go to smile.amazon.com Choose Christian Schools of El Paso as your charity. SHOP!

Sunday Morning Service

December 16, 2018

Speaker: Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: *Make Jesus Your Hero*

Scripture: Matthew 3:17

Sunday Evening Service

6:00 p.m.

Speaker: John Banks



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Out of town?

You like the convenience?

Just scan, open link, and donate!

Women in Missions

Dear ECOC Family and friends

A month ago, I had made it known that I would be traveling to Columbia. The purpose was to minister, serve, and train during the Vasijas Ministry spiritual renewals and that for the first time there would be men initiating Vasijas Ministry.

For three 12-hour days the Vasijas Team Members (Carla, Mile, Ayda, Vero, and I), held the theme of Vasijas de Aceite spiritual renewal to 11 women from Columbia and Venezuela. Simultaneously, Siul and Manuel held Vasijas Ministry spiritual renewal (Vasijas de Barro) to five men from Columbia and Venezuela.

After these three spiritual renewal days were over, two women traveled from Mexico for the training on Saturday and Sunday after a "Sunday devotional". Therefore, a total of 17 men and women attended the training of Vasijas Ministry. These men and women were encouraged in seeing the full picture and learning about behind the scenes Vasijas Ministry's logistics.

It's a great step because with some of the Core team in Columbia we will be able to assist the facilitators in Venezuela to hold Vasijas Ministry themes in that country.

And now, in addition to the 12 core team members, we have added 17 facilitators to Vasijas Ministry (total of 29). These facilitators will be overseen by core team members as Vasijas Ministry is held in various countries. It was a harmonious team effort between the Core team and facilitators.

On Monday December 3, 8 Core team members continued to meet to evaluate and plan for 2019. God willing there are at least three Vasijas Ministry themes that we will attend in April, October and others to be announced.

Sometimes I'm asked why I go so far. When I get invited by Carla, my answer is always "yes, if God wills", and each time I serve, I have been blessed to see sons and daughters of the Most High God become free (from sin and/or bondage) in His Son's name, Jesus Christ.

Next week I will write of what Vasijas Ministry team members experienced on our only day off. The other four days were travel days; where one of the planes had engine trouble and delaying the arrival times when we arrived on Monday November 26.

What an outcome in Bucaramanga, Columbia! The team met its goals! I returned home, after 10 days and the departure airplane leaving on 12/5 landed at Ciudad Juarez airport on 12/6. From there, I traveled by bus on Thursday morning —without any difficulty to US. The bus driver bringing me to El Paso was shocked that there were no cars in front of him at the Bridge crossings' entrance. Thanks be to God. To be continued.....

Thank you Ladies Bible class, church members, family and friends for your compassion and generous heart.

Blessings and hugs! Margaret



Happy Birthday!

December 19 - Carol Baker
December 20 - Lisa Arterbury
December 22 - Will Arterbury

Food Pantry Needs

The food pantry is low or completely out of these items.

Canned Meats
Packaged Beans
Packaged Rice



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Nursery Helpers

for children 2 years of age and under

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Maria Enriquez
And
Cristina Morales



In Our Prayers

Elders

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

Deacons

Julio Alcala, Bob Arterbury, Abel Hernandez,
Samuel Hooper, Eduardo Soto

Minister

Charles Clodfelter - 433-4227

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our Records

December 9, 2018

Bible Class - 64 Morning Worship - 95
Wednesday Bible Study - 21 Evening Worship - 18
Budget - \$4,605.00 Regular Offering: \$3388.16

Year to Date

Over/(Under) - (\$49,444.65)

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 1

Year to Date - 16

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OUR FAMILY

Ivonne Campos-----had her baby boy on Friday, December 7th at 12:00 p.m./both of them are now home and doing well

SHUT-INS

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.

EXTENDED FAMILY

Martha Boyden's son, David-strength and encouragement
Don Alan Riggs (Irene Rice's grandson/former member) --will be having a test on Nov 30th for cancer/they will continue to monitor his heart/2761 Fletcher Park Circle West, Cordova, TN 38106

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.
Names not updated in 4 weeks will be dropped.*

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