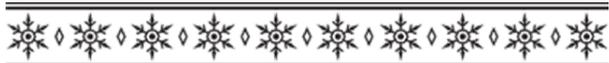


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Holiday Schedule Changes

- No Bulletin will be mail the weeks of December 23rd due to periodical postage regulations.
- The church office will be closed Monday, December 24th & Tuesday, December 25th for the Christmas Holiday.
- There will be no Bible Classes on Wednesday, December 26th. There will be a Devotional at 7:00 p.m.
- The church office will be closed Tuesday, January 1st, for the New Year Holiday.
- There will be no Bible Classes on Wednesday, January 2nd. There will be a Devotional at 7:00 p.m.
- The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will resume Tuesday, January 8, 2019.



Men to Serve Sunday, December 23rd

Song Leader:
Bob Arterbury

Opening Prayer:
Bernie Castillo- Spanish
Ray Rivera - English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Junie Chavez

Scripture Reading:
Chuck Buckley

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.

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!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 5th, 2019
At 8:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.
All men are encouraged to attend!

Care Groups

December 20 - Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle
December 23 - Junie & Susie Chavez

Men to Serve Sunday, December 30th

Song Leader:
Bob Arterbury

Opening Prayer:
Ray Rivera - Spanish
Samuel Hooper - English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Abel Hernandez

Scripture Reading:
Chuck Buckley

Together

Merry Christmas. What a great time of the year to make contact with family and friends. It is a time of memories of those who blessed our lives. Those who were a part of our lives, but we or they have moved and we no longer see them on a regular basis. Some we have not seen in years.

Have you read the posts that say, *don't send flowers to my funeral, call or come see me today.*

I remember when I would wait until 11 pm, so I could call for 11 minutes for \$4.00. This was when minimum wage was 75 cents. The equivalent of over \$40 now. Today you can call anytime for pennies and for some no cost at all.

Why not spend a couple of hours on the phone making contact with family and friends? It does not have to be an 11 minute conversation. Just a short *Hello, I was thinking of you and wanted to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas.* The secret of a happy holiday is not for others to make you happy, but for you to bring cheer and love to them. ***It is better to give than to receive.***

I love the Eastwood family and wish each of you and your family a terrific holiday. But the purpose of this short column is to teach and urge us on to good works. So, I encourage you to reach out to those you have not seen in a while. Let them know they still have a place in your heart. Whether they are family or not, Christian or not, still friend or not, your call may be the most important gift they receive. Call.

Charles M Clodfelter

Sunday Guests who registered - 7
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.

Placed Membership!

Israel & Maria Alvarado
Children: Aaron, Marisol, Carlos, Crystal
656 Paseo Real
Chaparral NM, 88081
Phone #: 915-526-7237

Welcome to the Eastwood Family!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Lexa and Gram Ritchie on the birth of their son, Konner Landry Ritchie, who was born on Tuesday, December 11 at 12:56 a.m. weighing 6lbs and measuring 19.25 inches.
Proud Nana: Diana Williams

Happy Birthday!

December 31 - Sharlette Hernandez
December 31 - Angelique Dalton
December 31 - Tyrique Hawkins
January 4 - Sharon Armendariz
January 5 - Jesus Alvarez
January 5 - James Conyers



Happy Anniversary!

December 26 - Joe & Debbie Shepherd
December 28 - Bob & Lisa Arterbury
December 31 - Julio & Brenda Alcala



Nursery Helpers

Sunday, December 23, 2018
Brenda Alcala and Alice Castillo

Sunday, December 30, 2018
Debbie Alvarez and Jenny Moore

Sunday Morning

December 23, 2018

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: *Women Who had a Role in Jesus' Birth*

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-19

Sunday Evening

5:00 p.m.

Speaker - John Banks

Sermon: *When God has a Hold on You*

Scripture: Jonah 3

Upcoming Sermons

December 24 - *Leadership Challenges*
1 Timothy 3:1

Women in Missions

Merry Christmas to all and have a Happy New Year.

Thank you for praying and supporting the ministry with love. Thank you God, for allowing me to serve in ministry, most recently at Columbia!

Forgive me for being so picky on everything, including choosing what I like to eat. I'm ashamed to say that I never finished my food during the Vasijas Ministry events from November 25 to December 6, 2018. At one time someone asked to finish eating my partially eaten food. After this, I was embarrassed and apologetic. Therefore, I shared every time before I bite into it. Someone shared that at one time in Venezuela everyone had food in abundance and would not think twice about throwing food away. Nowadays, they are lucky if they can buy or find trashed food to eat due to currency devaluation. This makes me sad because we throw away so much food daily.

On our only day off, we had gone to a supermarket where several of us received a free loaf of bread if we bought a coffee. At midnight, on our way home, one of the Vasijas Ministry team members said "look there's people under a tree next to the gas station." The team (of seven) immediately requested to go to their area. There were six young female adults, two female teenagers, a male youth, a couple of males and a baby. All were from Venezuela.

Like plants and flowers they raised up to welcome us. Some smiled, and some cried. One teen, age 17, had swollen ankles and was traveling alone. One male had stomach aches, another had an injured ankle and they were traveling together. Two teenage sisters age 16 and 17 traveling together didn't really know what waited ahead but were looking for work. One female with a two month old baby and 7 females traveling together seeking family four hours away for refuge. The others were traveling to Peru.

Despite their different reasons for traveling they joined together on their journey to seek work in Columbia, seek family in Bogotá and seek asylum in Peru. No one knew each other until they met next to this gas station in a green pasture under a tree where they would rest under the stars on this cold chilly night.

Eager to help, the team drove to a pharmacy. Thank God there was one open 24 hours nearby. We returned possibly an hour later with water, Pedialyte, and other medicines as recommended by the pharmacist. We also gave them a loaf of bread to each family, snacks, two airplane blankets and an offering to each family.

Most important, we joined hands and prayed together. Then shared tears and joy that we had come together under a starry night overseen by our creator. As we left, I turned to see them all covering the baby and themselves with light jackets on this cold chilly night sleeping under the dark sky. This reminded me of Psalm 23:1-2: *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters....*

Merry Christmas dear friends, enjoy each other and reach out to those God sent to you. It's a season to "Give and Forgive". With little steps we can all reach out. Thank you and blessings.

Love you brothers and sisters, Margaret



We wish each of you a safe

Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

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

*In His Service to you,
Eastwood Church of Christ Staff,
Charles, Jenny and Mark!*



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 16, 2018

Bible Class - 51 Morning Worship - 95
Wednesday Bible Study - 20 Evening Worship - 28
Budget - \$4,605.00 Regular Offering: \$4,121.00

Year to Date

Over/(Under) - (\$49,928.65)

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 6

Year to Date

Year to Date - 1

Year to Date - 22

Can Contribute on-line at www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

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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