

# Eastwood Epistle

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**...YOU SHALL  
LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR AS  
YOURSELF...**

**LEVITICUS 19:18**

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**Men to Serve  
Sunday, February 4, 2018**

**Song Leader:**  
Mike Dove

**Opening Prayer:**  
Eduardo Soto - Spanish  
John Banks - English

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:**  
Junie Chavez

**Scripture Reading:**  
Chuck Buckley

## **Important Tax Deduction Notice**

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions for 2017, please do not file your 2017 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment from the church of your contributions that have been **\$250.00 or more PER contribution.**

Acknowledgments will be mailed before January 26<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Saturday, February 3, 2018

At 8:00 A.M.

In the Fellowship Hall

All men are encouraged to attend!

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## **VBS Meeting**

Is scheduled for Sunday, February 11th  
immediately after worship services.

Volunteers are needed to begin preparations for the various parts of VBS. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tamara Wilkie at 919-949-3014.

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## **Care Groups**

February 4 - Music Ministry Fellowship

February 15 - Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle

February 18 - Mike & Teri Dove

February 25 - Junie & Susie Chavez

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*"I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, then it dawned on me: they're cramming for their final exam."*

*-George Carlin*

# Together

**I can chose to let it define me, confine me, refine me, outshine me, or I can choose to move on and leave it behind me.** – Unknown

Every person you know has a challenge in their life. You have challenges also. The hard part is how to deal with challenges. The quote above explains it well.

As Christians, we have an advantage over those who do not believe. Our faith and understanding of the importance of putting our lives under the control of God, gives us strength, knowledge and direction on how we react. No, it is not always easy. Some are so powerful they seem to annihilate our very life, soul or spirit. They “take the wind out of your sails.”

You know individuals who have taken each of the directions mentioned in the quote: define, confine, refine, outshine and leave behind. This is not to belittle any problem a person may have.

There are some terrible things that beset us. Loved ones are taken from us by death, jobs are suddenly lost, debilitating disease strikes you are a loved one, divorce ruins your family, your reputation is destroyed unjustly or even justly. Life as you knew it is gone and can never be retrieved.

So, how do we handle the terrible events of life? Handle them intentionally with faith in your Lord Jesus Christ. Don't let them handle you. The calamities of life come to everyone, but we seldom expect them to come. Therefore, we are surprised, hurt and angered. We are disciples, things should be going well for us. Jesus never promised us an easy life, problems will come to us just as on everyone else. In fact, he said we would even be persecuted because of our faith.

Don't let the troubles of life control who you are and how you live. Intentionally, Live for Jesus.

*Charles M Clodfelter*

**Sunday Guests who registered - 5**  
**Did you speak with them?**  
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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
Morning Worship - 10:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	7:00 P. M.
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M	(Sept - May)	

## Special Thank You

There are several members of the congregation that most of us have just assumed they will be there to do their task every Sunday. They have a vital role in assuring that the worship goes smoothly and as planned. A special thank you to each. Bob Arterbury leads our singing, Abel Hernandez helps organize those who have a role in the program and serves a role as security. Jeremy Brown also has a role in our security and welcomes everyone. Eduardo Soto runs our sermon video recordings and Junie Chavez runs the worship PowerPoints. Miguel Castro translates the sermons into Spanish for our Spanish speakers and various ladies help run the Bible Hour and Nursery.

**Thank you all for all the work you do!**

### Sunday Morning

**January 28, 2018**

**Speaker - Charles Clodfelter**

**Sermon: *The Secret of Joy***

**Scripture: Psalms 126**

### Sunday Evening

**5:00 p.m.**

**January 28, 2018**

**Speaker - Merv Fournier**

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## Against Violence

When I applied for Conscientious Objector draft status, a friend suggested that I ask a variety of individuals to write and explain their personal knowledge of my sincerity as a non-violent person. After getting letters from several friends, I decided also to ask my nine-year-old brother to write one. His letter, which was ever submitted to the draft board, reads as follows:

*Dear Sir,*

*I think I know Billy pretty good since he is my big brother and we have known each other all my life and now I'm 9 years old. He never shot a gun or hurt anything. He is against violence. He doesn't even fight. I don't know why he wants me to write this, but he said he would break me in half if I didn't. So I did.*            -Russ

-Bill Sylverster (La Mesa, California)

Borrowed from *House to House, Heart to Heart*



### Happy Anniversary!

February 5 - Bob and Martha Boyden

*Happy Anniversary!*

### **Food Pantry Needs**

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

Hamburger Helper  
Canned Potatoes  
Boxed Oatmeal



## Mark Your Calendar!

There is a Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 25, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after the morning worship service. Pizza will be provided. Please mark it in your calendar and make plans to attend!

## VBS Scenery Help

We are making the Garden of Eden for VBS in June. We will need LOTS of artificial green plants. If you have artificial plants you would be willing to loan for the week, please let Teri or Tammy know. We won't need them until the week before VBS, but we are trying to locate things we need early. Thank you for any help you can give in the scenery department.

## A Report from the Front

Because his wife had the flu, her husband attended a Sunday service without her. When he returned home, she asked for a recap.

**Wife:** "How was the service this morning?"

**Husband:** "Good."

**Wife:** "And the special music?"

**Husband:** "Good."

**Wife:** "Attendance is sometimes low this time of year; how was the turnout?"

**Husband:** "Good."

**Wife:** "What was the sermon topic?"

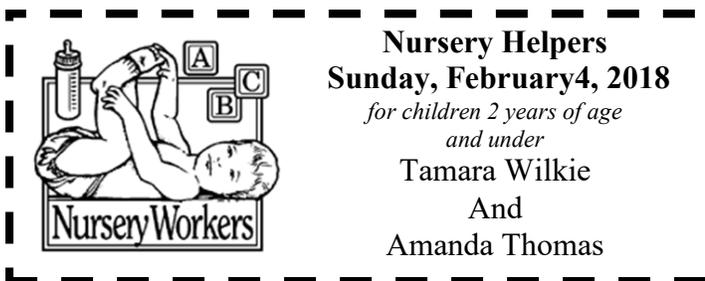
**Husband:** "The importance of good communication."

-Borrowed from *A Laugh a Day!*

## 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.



### **Nursery Helpers**

**Sunday, February 4, 2018**

*for children 2 years of age and under*

Tamara Wilkie

And

Amanda Thomas

# In Our Prayers

## Our Elders

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

## Our Deacons

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

## Our Minister

Charles Clodfelter - 433-4227

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# our Records

## January 28, 2018

Bible Class - 51 Morning Worship - 85  
Wednesday Bible Study - 26 Evening Worship - 21  
Budget - \$4,605.00 Regular Offering: \$2,714.00

## Year to Date

Over/(Under) - (\$5,085.70)

## Week

Baptisms - 0 Year to Date - 0  
Identification - 0 Year to Date - 0

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Debbie Alvarez -----is out of the hospital/had pacemaker replaced  
Mike Baron -----has complete kidney failure/is on kidney dialysis  
Albert Morales -----has shingles  
Lois Wiggins -----is in Del Sol Hospital

## OUR SHUT-INS

Jay S. Gaenzle-----age  
Alvin Harrison-----is in Sierra Providence room 3055  
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.

## OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Mary Kleespies (Yoly Hernandez' sister) -----health problems  
Albert & Cristina Morales' grandchildren ----recovering from the flu  
Lee Price (Cherry Potter's brother) ----out of the hospital/at home recovering  
Lucky Ramos (Tamara Wilkie's grandfather) ----suffering from bulging discs  
Sal Rivas III (Ray Rivera's friend) -----Vietnam Veteran/is in  
remission/cancer may be back

## Please remember in prayers our military and others in harms way

Michael Holt  
Josh Rackley  
Joshua Wilkie

## 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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