

Eastwood Epistle

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Men Firm in Christ Ministry

Men, you are invited to a meeting on
Thursday, April 13, 2017,
6:00 p.m., room # 67/69.
Join us for a time of prayer.

ECHO/Workday

Volunteers are needed on the Friday
before the third Saturday of each month
to bag groceries. Starting at 9:00 a.m.,
they sort and prepare plastic sacks
that are distributed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.

Any community household is eligible,
if they bring Identification and a utility bill.
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, April 14th, at 9:00 a.m.,
to avoid the crowd on Saturday.

Care Groups

Thursday, April 20th - Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle
Sunday, April 16th - Mike & Teri Dove
Sunday, April 23rd - Junie & Susie Chavez



Men to Serve Sunday, April 16th

Song Leader:
Bob Arterbury

Opening Prayer:
Bernie Castillo - Spanish
Samuel Hooper - English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Ray Rivera

Scripture Reading:
John Banks

Together

The world is in pain. More than 250 die in Columbia from mud slides, a score are murdered in St. Petersburg by terrorists, thirteen die in a needless car crash because of texting, 6,775 die every day in the USA, 44 were murdered. Many are in hospice with family and friends anxiously wondering what to do.

How should Christians handle the tragedies of life? Our pain is not any less: the death of a dear love, an innocent child, a loving parent, the careless or evil actions of others, hurt us to the very core. What do we do? How do we react? Who do we blame? Do we become bitter and hateful?

Some will take their case to court and sue the one they blame. Others will blame God for "allowing it to happen." The true villain is Satan. The desire to take away this life and eternal life is his motivation to make us miserable. Yes, there is human fault, but the ultimate bad guy is Satan.

So, what is a Christian to do? First, we trust in God. Faith is not that this will be a perfect world for disciples, but the next world will be with God. We look beyond this life, to the next world. If we have the faith to accept this, we can speak to others about heaven. However, if we can't, then we have nothing of value to say to the world about their tragedies.

The apostle Paul does not want us to *Grieve like the rest of men* 1 Thess. 4:13. One, because we don't have to have that sorrow and two, if we are in the same situation as the rest of the world, what do we have to offer them?

If we allow Satan to deceive or blind us with tragedy, then he wins. He doesn't care if we are lured away with lust, greed, pride or the destruction of our faith. Don't allow your faith to be destroyed by the tragedies of life. *Be faithful, even to the point of death*, Rev 2:10. Jesus arose.

Charles M Clodfelter

**Sunday Guests who registered - 3
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
Morning Worship - 10:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	7:00 P. M.
Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M	(Sept - May)	

Area TV Programs

Fridays: 7:00 P.M. Channel #38 (Cable Channel #16)
Sundays: 5:00 A.M. Inspiration Channel (Channel #364 Direct TV)

Perfect Love

Someone wrote the following description of true love:

Slow to suspect—quick to trust,
Slow to condemn—quick to justify
Slow to offend—quick to defend,
Slow to expose—quick to shield,
Slow to reprimand—quick to forbear,
Slow to belittle—quick to appreciate,
Slow to demand—quick to give,
Slow to provoke—quick to conciliate,
Slow to hinder—quick to help,
Slow to resent—quick to forgive.

No doubt this description reminds us of the one given by Paul in 1 Corinthians, "*Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, does all things, endures all things.*" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

"The greatest of these is love"
1 Corinthians 13:13

(borrowed from House to House Heart to Heart)

Sunday Morning

April 16, 2017

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Resurrection of Christ

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

April 16, 2017

Speaker - Merv Fournier



Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Meats
- Soup
- Cereal

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



Happy Birthday!

- April 17 - Margaret Lee
- April 17 - Eduardo Soto
- April 18 - Irma Pechanec

Happy Anniversary!

- April 17 - Yolie & Javier Hernandez
- April 21 - Ray & Jan Rivera
- April 22 - Mike & Teri Dove



Nursery Helpers Sunday,

April 16, 2017

*for children 2 years of age
and under*

Tamara Wilkie
and
Amanda Thomas



Christian Schools of El Paso Fundraiser

We are collecting shoes for this year's shoe drive. We need to collect at least 2500 pairs of shoes.

Please bring shoes you no longer want to the school.

We're asking for a pick-up the end of April.



Children's

Home

of Lubbock

“Big Heart Campaign 2017”

is requesting boys' no show socks (any size).

The no show socks can be placed in the box labeled “Children's Home of Lubbock” in the foyer. They will be collected on Thursday, May 11th.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to “Children's Home of Lubbock” and can be placed in any Sunday service offering bag.

For more details, please visit

Websites: eric.childrenshome@gmail.com

or

www.childshome.org

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 CHURCH FAMILY

Linda Elsey-----health problems

Mary Jo Garner-----health problems

Yoli Hernandez-----health problems

Margaret Lee-----travel to/from, Chiapas, Mexico/April 12-17/
Missionary trip.

Cactus Moore----undergoing Optune treatments and chemo sessions five
days a month for 6 months.

Albert Morales-----has high blood pressure

Daisy Roberson-----fell/is in St. Teresa Nursing and Reb. Center,
10350 Montana Avenue.

OUR SHUT-INS

Jay S. Gaenzle-----age

Alvin Harrison-----health problems

Evelyn Herlong-----has severe dementia /under hospice care

Betty Hill-----health problems

Jean Tedford-----health problems

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Bobby Avery (former member)-----MRI testing results, has multiple brain
lesions/will be undergoing additional tests and treatments.

Jennie Fuls (daughter of Marjorie Foster)-had skin grafts on legs/one is well
other leg /not well/undergoing skin grafts/wound treatments on her leg /
Doctors determining if additional surgery needed.

Derrick Holmes (co-worker of Albert Morales)-----3 year old grand-daughter
passed away fighting leukemia/strength and encouragement.

Lorenza Molina (mother-in-law of Paula Molina)-----had a stroke/not
progressing as expected.

Don Alan Riggs (Irene Rice's grand-son/Jeff & Stacy Riggs' son)-still in guarded
remission/*Please send cards/hellos, letters letting Don Alan know how
every one is, to address: 2761 Fletcher Park Circle West, Cordova, TN
38016.*

Please remember in prayers our military and others in harms way

Jeremy Brown

Michael Holt;

Joshua Wilkie

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.*

our Records

April 9, 2017

Bible Class - 48 Morning Worship - 76
Wednesday Bible Study - N/C Evening Worship - 22
Budget - \$4,605.00 Offering: \$2,823.00

Year to Date

Over/(Under) - (\$16,098.86)

Week

Year to Date

Baptisms - 0

Year to Date - 1

Identification - 0

Year to Date - 3

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