

Eastwood Epistle

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Sow for yourselves
righteousness,
reap the fruit
of unending
love ...

Hosea 10:12, NIV



VBS Meeting

Is scheduled for Sunday, December 17th
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

Schedule Change

There will be no Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class on
Tuesday, December 19, 2017.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

Beginning on January 7, 2018 the elders are combining
all English adult classes into the auditorium.

This will be a study of the NT book of Ephesians
led by Charles Clodfelter and will last one quarter.

Congregational Potluck

Sunday, January 7, 2018 after the morning service.
Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please bring enough
food for your family and a little extra for guests.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Time: TBD

Care Groups

December 14 - Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle

December 24 - Junie & Susie Chavez

Men to Serve Sunday, December 10th

Song Leader:

Bob Arterbury

Opening Prayer:

Bernie Castillo- Spanish

Abel Hernandez - English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:

Merv Fournier

Scripture Reading:

Mike Dove

Together

President James A. Garfield's Rules for Living.

They were evidently given to a young James by an elderly friend, and Garfield cherished them to the end of his life.

- Never be idle.
- Make few promises.
- Always speak the truth.
- Live within your income.
- Never speak evil of anyone.
- Keep good company or none.
- Live up to your engagements.
- Never play games of chance.
- Drink no intoxicating drinks.
- Good character is above everything else.
- Keep your own secrets if you have any.
- Never borrow if you can possibly help it.
- Do not marry until you are able to support a wife.
- When you speak to a person, look into his eyes.
- Save when you are young to spend when you are old.
- Never run into debt unless you see a way out again.
- Good company and good conversation are the sinews of virtue.
- Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts.
- If anybody speaks evil of you, let your life be so that no one believes him.
- When you retire at night, think over what you have done during the day.
- If your hands cannot be employed usefully, attend to the culture of your mind.
- Read the above carefully and thoughtfully at least once a week.

Garfield was an elder in the Lord's church and committed to restoring New Testament doctrine. He was assassinated shortly after taking office of President of the USA.

Charles M Clodfelter

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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)	
Men in Ministry 7:00 P.M. Room #67/69		
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

“Thank you”

These two small words can't even begin to express our heartfelt thanks to the church. My mother is beaming with pride to know that she was a member and sister in Christ. The food was plentiful and delicious and enough to feed us again. His love and kindness is made evident through you.

From the family of Jean Tedford

Design Skills

Do you have an interest in designing printed invitations or web site design?

Please contact Charles, if you have an interest in contributing your skills

Upcoming Sermons

December 17 - *Jesus through Joseph's Eyes*
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24 - *The Greatest Gift*
Luke 2:22-32

December 31 - *How to Study the Bible*
Hebrews 5:11-14

Sunday Morning

December 10, 2017

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: *Nobodies at Christmas*

Scripture: Luke 1:46-50

Sunday Evening

5:00 p.m.

December 10, 2017

Speaker - Merv Fournier

Dear Eastwood family and friends

Blessings to all!! A team of 9 (Carla, Mile, Ingrid, Fanny, Luz Marina, Sandra, Marcela, Phyllis and I) traveled to hold the Vasijas Ministry Renewal for women in San Gil, Columbia.

What an honor it was to see God's greatness at work in the 21 women traveling from Venezuela and Columbia to get to San Gil, Columbia where the Vasijas Ministry was holding its renovation.

First, at Sunday's church service in Bucaramanga, we got to witness a baptism in which the spouse had been praying for her husband for almost 20 years.

For many reasons we were constantly in prayer for the women traveling as it would take at least 18 hours by bus to get to Bucaramanga from Venezuela, then an additional 3 hours to San Gil. For example one young lady was saved and helped by a passerby from being assaulted by a motorcycle taxi driver after a bus had had an incident and didn't take her to the final destination. Her cellphone had already been stolen from her person. Thank God a passerby helped her when they stopped along the way. Yes, she arrived safely to Bucaramanga toward San Gil.

All of the other 6 women's bus traveling from Venezuela to these destinations before getting to Columbia were either cancelled or rerouted causing them to travel up to 40 hours instead of the expected 18 hours. Three of these women gathered their money affording to buy only one bowl of soup for all three at a bus stop. However, praise God, a man overheard about their one order and therefore paid for three soups (one for each woman). In the other group of 3 women, a lady had prepared "Arepas" (grilled corn tortilla like) and shared it with the other two women. That bus driver noticed and asked why they didn't get off the bus to buy drinks to compliment their meal. After learning they had no money left due to re-routing of buses, the bus driver generously purchased their drinks and snacks for their Arepas.

Finally the 21 ladies were expected to arrive at 4 pm at San Gil on 11/15 however due to above and other circumstances they arrived safely at 8 PM. The team anxiously received the ladies at the hotel and had the renovation for three days.

At San Gil, we were accompanied by a mission minister, Siul (Mile's husband). Carla simply asked a hotel staff member in San Gil, "do you go to church?" Upon having a conversation of the sort, that man agreed to study with Siul and on the way out all 34 of us witnessed that employee of the hotel, Javier being baptized. Javier is now part of our family.

Other things that happened, one woman's luggage was delayed in her return to Texas, in Bogota, Colombia and another young lady's flight was missed. Genesis had to purchase another flight.

In Bucaramanga, Columbia, one of the participants' employees quit their jobs at her shoe factory of which she had several pairs pending. She was devastated. Please keep praying for all.

As you can see, many prayers were answered and others still need prayers. Blessings to your generosity, of the teams, and participants. I also found out that as I was walking over the Rio Grande River, you all were praying for my safety. Thank you very much.

Hugs and love of Christ, Margaret



Food Pantry Needs
The food pantry is low or completely out of these items.
Macaroni and Cheese
Peanut Butter
Soup

Happy Anniversary!
December 15 - Oscar & Gwen Gale



Nursery Helpers
Sunday, December 10, 2017
for children 2 years of age and under
Alice Castillo
And
Margaret Lee

Digital Giving

Forgot your wallet or checkbook?
Out of town?
You like the convenience?
Just scan, open link, and donate!



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

December 3, 2017

Bible Class - 40 Morning Worship - 77
Wednesday Bible Study - 30 Evening Worship - 22
Budget - \$4,605.00 Regular Offering: 4,602.33

Year to Date

Over/(Under) - (\$40,634.44)

Week

Year to Date

Baptisms - 0 Year to Date - 1
Identification - 0 Year to Date - 7

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Javier Hernandez -----had a kidney biopsy/waiting for results to find out why kidney function is going down
Tedford family -----our sister Jean Tedford passed away Thursday, November 23, 2017

OUR SHUT-INS

Jay S. Gaenzle-----age
Alvin Harrison-----had four heart attacks in September and October
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

Joyce Becker (Chuck Buckley's Pen Pal) -----has cancer/appreciates all your prayers, cards and letters/would like to continue to receive cards/notes to the following address: *Joyce Becker/1633 North Summer, Pampa, TX 79065*

George Crosson (Chuck Buckley's friend) -----has lung cancer/is undergoing chemo/will be undergoing radiation therapy

George Gibson (Cristina & Albert Morales' friend) -----is on dialysis

Miriam Perez (Mark Enriquez' classmate) -having a pregnancy complication

Don Alan Riggs (Irene Rice's grand-son/Jeff & Stacy Riggs' son)----scans results show still in remission/new scans sometime in December/vocal cords still not well/everything else is well/*Please send cards/hellos, letters letting Don Alan know how every one is, to address: 2761 Fletcher Park Circle West, Cordova, TN 38016.*

Donova Seals (Neomi Delgado's sister's sister in-law) -----has a sarcoma in the bone above her ankle

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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