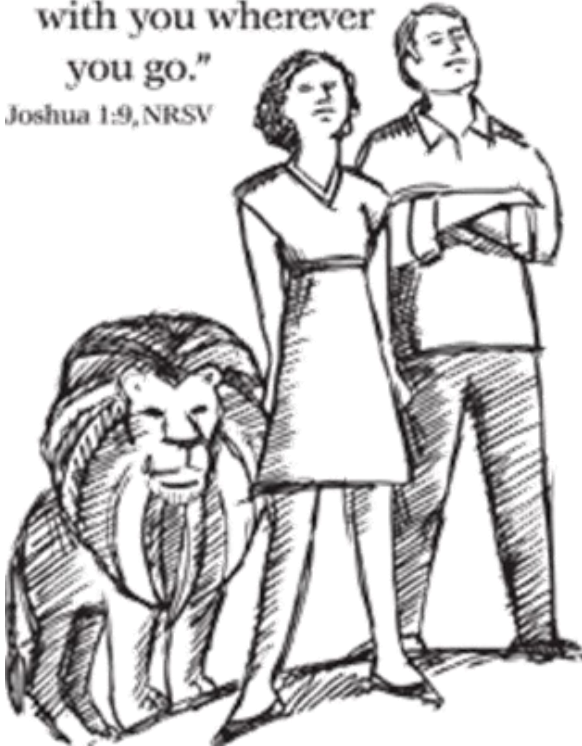


Eastwood Epistle

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"Be strong and courageous...
for the **LORD** your God is
with you wherever
you go."

Joshua 1:9, NRSV



Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 2, 2017

in the Fellowship Hall

All men are encouraged to attend!

Seminar Scheduled

Saturday, December 2 at 9:30 a.m.

a seminar will be held at Eastwood's building
on how to combat and help those who have
become a part of the Opioid Epidemic.

The Leader of the seminar will be coming
from Austin, TX and is very knowledgeable
on the subject. We are inviting the public
including police, fire dept., EMT and anyone
who wants to know how to fight this epidemic
and protect yourself and your family.

Mark your calendar and tell your friends.

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

Care Groups

December 3 - Music Ministry Fellowship

December 21 - Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle

December 24 - Junie & Susie Chavez

Men to Serve Sunday, December 3rd

Song Leader:

Bob Arterbury

Opening Prayer:

Ray Rivera- Spanish

John Banks - English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:

Abel Hernandez

Scripture Reading:

Mike Dove

*Think weak is meek?
Try being meek for a week!*

Together

According to Open Doors, **7,100 Christians were killed for their faith in 2015**. That's nearly double the amount killed in 2014, and more than triple the amount in 2013. (Freedom of Religion and the Persecution of Christians, The Open Doors Report, 2016.)

Our freedom to worship God through Jesus Christ should not be taken lightly. Thank you God, for this blessing we have, thank you for a country that was founded on Biblical principles that grants freedom of choice to worship. Help us to live as a righteous people that appreciates your love and draws others to you.

Some today have said that Thanksgiving Day is a time to thank our government for our freedoms. Not so, our forefathers set a time of thanksgiving to God for the blessings of life and what sustains us. It is not the nation or government for they come and go, it is God we honor and thank for the gifts of this life.

We are grateful for life, those things that keep us alive and comfortable; the people who bring us joy and the loving savior Jesus who gives us salvation from ourselves. Thank you, Lord.

We are thankful for our nation, but not to the politicians. Thankful to God and we give him glory for working through men by providence to give mankind a nation that is like a light to the rest of the world.

This light is not the light of salvation, we are to bring that light, which comes from Jesus. When the rest of the world sees our nation and wants to know how it happened, we must be ready to tell them is the principles of God that have allowed us to flourish as no other nation.

Don't just be thankful that your hand or head was not cut off because you are a Christian, share the story of Jesus to those languishing in the lost world. If we don't we will lose our nation.

Charles M Clodfelter

Sunday Guests who registered - 8
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 - 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)

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Tedford family on the death of our sister, Jean Tedford, who passed away

Thursday, November 23, 2017.

Please keep the families in your prayers.

Sunday Morning

December 3, 2017

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: *Fresh Look at Christmas*

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Sunday Evening

5:00 p.m.

December 3, 2017

Speaker - Merv Fournier

Upcoming Sermons

December 10 - *Nobodies at Christmas*
Luke 1:46-50

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

Terms and Titles

New designations seem to “pop up” all the time. **Black Friday**, the day after Thanksgiving, got its name because retail customers typically begin their Christmas shopping and stores sales move into the “black” in their bottom line or profits. Many retailers do the majority of their sales between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The entire period puts businesses in the black.

Giving Tuesday began in 2012 by the 92nd Street Y in NYC a Jewish organization and the United Nations Foundation as a response to commercialization and consumerism in the post-Thanksgiving season. The purpose being to focus on giving to worthy causes. Many foundations and individuals give near the end of each year to get a tax reduction from the IRS. Some charities have matching gifts from giant givers to match and effectively double the donations of individuals.


As always, Christians would first want to support the works of fellow Christians and if you choose to donate to a secular charity, be sure that the bulk of your gift goes to the charity and not to the overhead of raising more.



Food Pantry Needs
Canned Meats
Jelly
Rice
The food pantry is low or completely out of these items.


Digital Giving

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



Happy Birthday!
December 8 - Joe Shepherd

Happy Anniversary!
December 4 - Herschel & Virginia Honea



Nursery Helpers
Sunday, December 3, 2017
for children 2 years of age and under
Cristina Morales
And
Marcia Gamino

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.

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

Logan Boles -----had surgery November 20th to remove screws and rod/everything went well

Javier Hernandez -----had a kidney biopsy/waiting for results to find out why kidney function is going down

Irene Rice -----out of the hospital/back home

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*

Greg Bunn (former member) ---has been having chest pains/will be having an angiogram on Thursday, November 16, 2017

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

Eliseo Elorreager (Robert & Lulu Ochoa's brother in law) -----will have malignant tumor removed from stomach

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.*

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.

our Records

November 26, 2017

Bible Class - 54 Morning Worship - 87
Wednesday Bible Study - 12 Evening Worship - 26
Budget - \$4,605.00 Regular Offering: 2,839.02

Year to Date

Over/(Under) - (\$40,631.77)

Week

Year to Date

Baptisms - 0

Year to Date - 1

Identification - 0

Year to Date - 7

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