

Eastwood Epistle

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**“His worshipers
must worship
in spirit
and in
truth.”**



John 4:24

Men to Serve Sunday, February 12th

Song Leader:
Bob Arterbury

Opening Prayer:
Eduardo Soto - Spanish
Samuel Hooper - English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
John Banks

Scripture Reading:
Les Potter

Christian Schools of El Paso Fundraisers

We are having an enchilada dinner on
Friday, February 10, 2017,
from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$7.00
Take-out only

Please purchase your tickets
from any CSEP staff member or
at the school office.

We are officially collecting shoes
for this year's shoe drive.
The next two months we will need
to really push and 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.

ECHO/Workday

On Friday before the third Saturday of each month,
volunteers come to the building to bag sacks of groceries.
These sacks are then distributed on Saturday morning at
9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Any community
household is eligible. Eastwood members who wish to
receive this assistance and would like to help sorting of
the food or would like to receive a bag for your family,
be here on Friday, February 17th, at 9:00 a.m. to
avoid the crowd on Saturday.

Care Groups

Thursday, February 16th - Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle
Sunday, February 19th - Mike & Teri Dove
Sunday, February 26th - Junie & Susie Chavez

Together

The narrative of Jonah is an early lesson in children's class because it is fascinating to have a fish swallow a man. However, do we miss the major lesson being taught.

The book is about evangelism toward not just the lost, but the lost we don't like. God loves the people of Nineveh and they are the sworn enemies of Israel. The gospel of John brings the same thought when he writes, "for God so loved the world." The world is not just our nice neighbors, family or friends. It includes our enemies and not just those who go to the "wrong" school or root for the "wrong" sports, it includes all who literally want to kill us.

Jesus died on the cross for those who lied and bore false witness. He died for those who sentenced him to death, beat him with horrible instruments and nailed him to the cross. He died for those who mocked him and challenged him to save himself. He died for me and you.

The gospel is not for the best of society who think they don't need Jesus, the gospel is for the nasty and vile. Those you watch closely because they might steal your stuff or attack you if you turn your back. He died for me and you.

The gospel is not for us to manipulate and use to punish the lost we don't like. We are never more Christ-like than when we share the gospel with the undesirable. We love to hear the success story of one who was deep in a horrible life style, was saved, turned their life around and now is doing great things for Jesus. We just don't want it to happen where we are. We don't want to sit next to them until they get straight.

Jonah fled because he knew God was merciful and would save Nineveh, if they repented. Do you think God may have whispered in Jonah's ear, "love your enemies?"

Charles M Clodfelter

**Sunday Guests who registered - 16
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)

Thank You

To the church of Christ at Eastwood,
Thank you for your well wishes and gifts celebrating my 80th birthday. Your kindness is appreciated. I feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful and love filled congregation.

Sincerely, Samuel Hooper

Greetings

Sending my greetings to everyone and to thank you so much for your cards and prayers. I still have the cast on my leg, unable to walk. I am doing better but it is difficult to move when you are not able. Please continue to pray for me and my daughter, Jeannie. Jeannie is out of the hospital at home, recuperating, however, is not doing too well. Miss you all!

Love Marjorie Foster

Our Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Lulu & Robert Ochoa and family on the death of Lulu's brother and Lori Ontiveros' uncle, Freddie, who passed away Saturday, February 4, 2017.

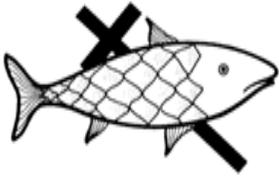
Please keep the family in your prayers.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Ochoa family on the death of our sister in Christ, Carolina Ochoa, who passed away Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Sunday Morning
February 12, 2017
Speaker - Charles Clodfelter
Sermon: *Tongues of the
New Testament and Today*
Scripture: Mark: 16:17-18**

**Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.
February 12, 2017
Speaker - Merv Fournier**



Don't Force the Shoe on the Foot

A few days ago, I listened to a story that attracted my attention: A person had a pet (puppy) that was sick and had to be given his medicine, in such a way that he held the pet by force and opened its snout to give the pet the medicine. The dog was resisting like this for several days, until one day the owner spilled the medication on the floor.

To the owner's surprise, the puppy, on its own, approached the spilled medicine and began to lick it. What the owner noticed, was not that the dog did not like the medicine, but it was the way his master was administering it.

Sometimes, in such manner, when we evangelize other people, we tend to force them to listen to the gospel, to repent and accept our Lord Jesus as their Saviour. We share with them our testimony and that of others. We overlook that the only thing we must do, is to let them know what Jesus sacrificed for us on the cross, that He already paid the price. The Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit) through the word, touches the hearts of people and leads them to repentance. On the next occasion, when you evangelize another person, only teach the immense love that God has for him or her. God will take care of the rest, and pray for that person.

Eduardo Soto



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

Canned Fruit
Macaroni & Cheese
Soup

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

Bulletin Articles, News and Prayer Requests

Please submit your requests to the church office by **Tuesday before noon**, so that your article, announcement or prayer requests can be included in that week's bulletin.

Requests received after noon time on Tuesday, will be included in the next week's bulletin.

If a holiday falls on a Monday, requests must be received by **noon on Tuesday**.

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.

Happy Birthday!
February 12 - Pat Holden
February 17 - Denise Boles




**Nursery Helpers
Sunday,
February 12, 2017**
for children 2 years of age and under
Noemi Delgado
and
Dominique Delgado

Recycle

Remember to save your aluminum cans and other aluminum for recycling.

You may bring them in the foyer or toss your bag into the fenced compound to the trailer.

If you crush the cans, we can get more in the trailer. We usually get several hundred dollars when the trailer is taken in to the recycler.

Clothes and shoes you no longer want, can be put in the Blue container in front of CSEP. Don't throw clothes away recycle in the Blue box.

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

Teri Dove-----had knee replacement surgery/for a quick recovery
Marjorie Foster-----was in auto accident with her daughter in Odessa, Texas//still has a cast/her daughter Jeannie is at home recuperating/is not doing too well.

OUR SHUT-INS

Jay S. Gaenzle-----age
Roger Hardy-----health problems/Roger moved to a private residential foster care home/2305 Frank Beard Drive, El Paso, TX 79935.
Alvin Harrison-----health problems
Evelyn Herlong-----has severe dementia /under hospice care
Betty Hill-----health problems
Jean Tedford-----health problems

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Freddie (brother of Lulu Ochoa/Lori Ontiveros' uncle)----passed away Saturday, February 4, 2017.
Ochoa Family (friends of congregation)-----Carolina Ochoa passed away, Saturday, February 4, 2017.
Lety Potter (daughter-in-law of Cherry & Les)-----home recovering from back surgery/undergoing physical therapy.
Shirley Price (sister-in-law of Cherry & Les Potter)-----is home/continues to undergo tests to determine cause of her headaches.
Davina de la Torre (niece of Ray & Jan Rivera)-----was in a serious auto accident and is in a trauma center in San Antonio, Texas.
Don Alan Riggs (Irene Rice's grand-son/Jeff & Stacy Riggs' son)--still in guarded remission/cancer test results very good. *Please send cards/hellos, letters letting Don Alan know how every one is, to address:*
2761 Fletcher Park Circle West, Cordova, TN 38016.
James Whipple (brother of Mary Ann)----pulled leg muscle/has sciatic nerve pain.
Tanner White (friend of congregation)-----was in a serious accident with injuries.

Please remember in prayers our military and others in harms way

Jeremy Brown; Bryce Deitiker; Michael Holt;
Roger Loop; 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

February 5, 2017

Bible Class - 43 Morning Worship - 101
Wednesday Bible Study - 32 Evening Worship - 23
Budget - \$4,605.00 Offering: \$3,452.00

Year to Date

Over/(Under) - (\$6,774.50)

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 0

Year to Date - 1

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