

Eastwood Epistle

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Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed
Monday, October 9th
In observance of the
Columbus Day Holiday!



Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

Is scheduled for Sunday, October 15th, 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.

Coming Soon! Trunk or Treat

Trunk or treat is scheduled for
Saturday, October 28, 2017
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Eastwood church parking lot.

If you are interested in making this event a success,
you can volunteer in three ways:
Decorate your vehicle and pass out treats and host a game
Donate candy and/or prizes
Provide baked goods.
For more details, please see or call
Tammy Wilkie at 919-949-3014.

Care Groups

Sunday, October 15th - Mike & Teri Dove
Thursday, October 19th - Gordon & Arlene Gaenzle
Sunday, October 22nd - Junie & Susie Chavez

Men to Serve Sunday, October 8th

Song Leader:
Bob Arterbury

Opening Prayer:
Eduardo Soto - Spanish
Junie Chavez - English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
John Banks

Scripture Reading:
Bernie Castillo

Together

The bulletin of a sister congregation tells of five teenagers who died in an auto accident. Unless they were siblings, this means five families have/are experiencing horrible emotional distress. It does not say if the families are followers of Jesus. If the teens have not put on Jesus in baptism then their distress is even greater.

Talk to your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren about their safety, the brevity of life and the destiny of our souls.

If you have not been born again as a child of God, your advice may sound a bit hollow or empty. *Why are you talking to me when you have not been baptized?* Our example is powerful, even when we don't think our young ones are watching or understand: they are and they do.

It does not matter how the accident happened, it did and at least five died. Life is brief. A person may be strong and in the prime of life when a calamity strikes or an illness hits. Are you ready?

Adults may reply, *yes! I have insurance for my family, I have made out my will, why I have even arranged for my funeral.* But, are you ready to meet God?

It is amazing how many people do not want to buy life insurance or have their will done, apparently because they think it might hasten their death. It will not, nor will you die any quicker because you have become a Christian. However, we do have a limited time on this earth.

The Psalmist said, *Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.*

No one will live forever in this world, if you want to live forever and never face death again, you need to be with God. Are you ready?

Charles M Clodfelter

**Sunday Guests who registered - 4
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)	

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!

Dear Eastwood Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent for Mom (Barbara Kilby). Thank you for all of your calls, visits and phone calls. Thank you for caring so much about our mother. Most especially, thank you for your prayers. We have comfort knowing that she is now at peace.

Sincerely, Victor Kilby Jr. & Pennie Kilby Gallardo

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Flaviano and Maria Enriquez and family on the death of their family member who passed away in Mexico.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Welcome Back!

We want to welcome Ramiro Aranda back to Eastwood.

He returned from Kansas.

Address: 525 N. Carolina, Apt. 316

El Paso, TX 79915

Phone #: 915-843-1542

Sunday Morning

October 8, 2017

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Tell me about God

Scripture: Psalms 19:1-6

Sunday Evening

6:00 p.m.

October 8, 2017

Speaker - Merv Fournier

God Didn't Do It

By now, everyone has heard of the attack on the concert attendees in Las Vegas. You have more details than are available at this writing, but I want to speak to correct what is frequently heard after many tragedies. It seems that after an earthquake, hurricane, shooting or train wreck, some well meaning person of faith, who is trying to make sense of what happened, will say something like, "it was God's will." Or another one, "it is part of God's plan." No, it is not!

NO, IT IS NOT PART OF GOD'S PLAN! God is a loving, caring being that wants only the best for his creation, those who are made in His image. We live in a temporary world and we even know that everyone will die, but it is not God's Plan or Will that some person shoots and kills dozens, and wounds hundreds. Families will never be the same again because of EVIL not because of God.

Even scripture is quoted and misunderstood. Romans 8:28. "*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be firstborn among many brothers.*" (1) The verse does not say that everything that happens to believers will be good, but through our love for God, we, with God's help, will find a way to bring good out of chaos. The trite saying we often hear is, "when life hands you lemons, make lemonade." (2) God foreknows that believers, lovers of God, will do good, not specifically who will do good or evil.

So the real question is, when tragedy strikes our lives, "will we act like lovers of God?" -Charles Clodfelter

Office Staff Changes

Alice Castillo began serving in the church office in May 2008. After retiring from the IRS, she came to serve the church and now she is retiring again so she and Bernie can do a little more traveling. We are grateful to Alice for all she has done through the nine years she has served.

Jenny Moore is stepping in to assume the responsibilities that were Alice's. Jenny was at our part-time desk and is immediately up to speed.

Eastwood has been blessed during our existence by the fine Christians who have served in our office staff. We have a long history of dedicated Christians working because they love the Lord. Alice and Jenny have continued that history. Thanks to both of them and I encourage everyone to tell these ladies personally that you appreciate their dedication and service.

Operation Christmas Child

We would like to get a jumpstart on Operation Christmas Child this year. Last year we were able to donate 4 boxes.

This year's goal is to donate 10 boxes.

Tammy Wilkie will be passing out pamphlets with more details in the foyer on Sunday, October 8, 2017, after services.

There will also be a box in the foyer to collect the following items:

Empty Shoe Boxes

School Supplies

Clothes: Newborn to 16 yrs.

Toys: No military related, No plastic weapons

For more information, contact Tammy at 919-949-3014.

Food Pantry Needs

Canned Meats

Cereal

Soup

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



October 11 - Mary Porras

October 14 - Debra Alvarez

Nursery Helpers Sunday, October 8, 2017

*for children 2 years of age
and under*

Maria Enriquez
and

Mary Ann Whipple



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

Flaviano & Maria Enriquez-----safe travel to/from Mexico/family member passed away.

Mary Jo Garner-----fell and is recuperating.

Margaret Lee-----safe travel to/from Mexico for Women's Ministry Outreach.

OUR SHUT-INS

Leora Burleson-----out of the hospital/in Regent Rehab facility

Jay S. Gaenzle-----age

Alvin Harrison-----health problems

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.

Jean Tedford-----health problems

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Joyce Becker (pen-pal of Chuck Buckley)-has cancer/would like to continue to receive cards/notes to following address: *Joyce Becker/1633 North Summer, Pampa, TX 79065.*

Carolyn Martin (in Hosington, Kansas/Irene Rice's sister)---on chemo for colon cancer that has spread/undergoing tests.

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.*

Families of the Las Vegas, NV Tragedy-----healing, strength and encouragement

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

October 1, 2017

Bible Class - 49 Morning Worship - 85
Wednesday Bible Study - 35 Evening Worship - 28
Budget - \$4,605.00 Regular Offering: 3,395.89

Year to Date

Over/(Under) - (\$30,296.45)

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 1

Year to Date - 7

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