

Eastwood Epistle

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Please contact the Care Group leaders
and indicate your participation.

1st Sun Teri and Mike Dove, 915-822-2419
1st Sun No Care Group until further notice
2nd Sun Jan and Ray Rivera, 915-915-592-8930
3rd Sun Susie and Junie Chavez, 915-274-3098
4th Sun Need Volunteer
5th Sun Congregational Potluck

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 into the recycler

Christian Schools of El Paso

Please don't forget to bring your unneeded clothes, shoes, blankets and coats to the Big Blue Donation box in the CSEP parking lot. The clothes go to those in need. CSEP benefits from your generosity!
915-593-5011



Men to Serve
Sunday, July 30
Song Leader:
Mike Dove

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Ron Lindsey English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Sam Hooper

Scripture Reading:
John Abbott

What good
will it be for

someone to

gain the
whole world,

yet forfeit

their soul?

Or what can anyone give
in exchange for their soul?

MATTHEW 16:26, NIV

El Paso Cooling centers M-Thursdays
9-9pm, Friday-Sat 9-8pm, Sunday
11am-8pm, Galatzan Recreation ctr ,
650 Wallenberg, Marty Robbins,
11620 Vista del Sol, Chalio Acosta
Sports Center, 4321 Delta, Valle Bajo
Community Center, 7380 Alameda,
Agua Dulce Community Ctr, 15371
Kentwood Ave, Horizon City, Tx
79928 , 9-6pm M-Sunday

LOOKING FOR WORK

Try <https://www.careeronestop.org/>



Together

The parable of the Sower is a powerful allegory and an illustration of the Great Commission. A farmer went out to sow. The job of a farmer is to create a harvest and in order to do that he must sow. If the church does not sow, there will not be a harvest. We would chastize a farmer who complained of not having a harvest, when he had not planted any seed.

Sowing, in the first century, meant grabbing a handful of seed and slinging it over the soil. The result of this haphazard distribution of seed, meant some seed fell on less than ready soil: hard paths, mostly rocky and weedy sections. This resulted in no growth or growth that did not last. In effect that seed and effort were wasted.

Today, machinations are used to not waste seed and place seeds in straight rows for easy of development and harvest. We have tried to use the same modern proficiency in reaching the lost. It fails because unlike farmland we cannot see which soil is bad or good. We assume all soil is good and then we generously sow the seed.

This does not mean we limit our invitation to advertising that hopefully reaches the good soil. The farmer's soil does not care if it gets the seed from the farmer's hand or from a mechanical device. The soil of the heart does care. Sowing the seed of the Word of God must be personal.

Don't tell your friend they are going to Hell if they don't change their ways. Tell them how Jesus has made your life better. Speak of the peace, hope and joy you have because you are forgiven. Tell how life has improved because you are able to see the good in other people because of Jesus. Tell of the positives of being a disciple.

People came to Jesus because they were hurting. Yes, he healed which we cannot, but he gave them hope and peace when they turned (repent) to serve God.

The world is searching for hope and peace, they are trying earthly solutions which fail. Point the way to Jesus.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Look for them.
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Schedule Services

Sunday

Bible Class - 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 10:00 A.M.
Children's Class 9:00A.M.

Wednesday

Bible study 7:00pm
Children's hour
after communion

Our Ladies Tuesday Class Lesson, 10am will be about "Joy In the Morning."

Thank you Teri Dove 915-822-2419

Care Group

July 23 Need Volunteer

Happy Birthday

July 2, Mike Dove,
July 4, Mike Baron,
July 4, Julio Alcalá,
July 11, Chuck Buckley
July 15, Venson Oliver Jr,
July 18, Alice Castillo, July 18, Ron Lindsey,
July 23, Yolanda Garcia,
July 23, Ronald Gaenzle, July 24, Cristina Morales



Happy Anniversary

July 4, Mr & Mrs Ron Lindsey
July 7, Bob & Irma Pechanec
July 8, Sam & Christine Hooper,
July 13, David & Fannie Shearod
July 28, Venson & Tiffany Oliver



Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that by testing you may discern what is the will of God. Romans 12:2



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: 2 Samuel 11:1-2

Scripture: Tragic Pivot in David's Life

COMMUNICATION

Communication is key to society. It enables mankind to understand one another and live together. When we are immersed in a specific group it is not unusual to develop a kind of short hand in talking. i.e. SOS or IDK. Some, like these two, are almost universality understood: Save Our Souls and I Don't Know. Others are used by smaller groups and are unknown to outsiders. Have you ever walked up to a couple of friends who are in a speciality group and they are using their acronyms and you didn't know what they are saying: MRI, TDY, FIFO and others.

When we study with or discuss with unbelievers about Jesus Christ, make sure you are being heard and understood. I once heard a preacher say from the pulpit that if a person was not a member of the church, they were lost. I knew what he meant, but a guest with us did not. The guest was hearing denomination not the

universal church of Christ. As a result of this unclear communication that guest would never be obedient to the Gospel.

Paul wrote to "speak the truth in love." Eph 4:15. We do this by making sure our words are being understood correctly and we are speaking kindly. Do not excuse yourself by saying, "the truth hurts" or they "can't handle the truth." Jesus died on the cross to draw the world to him. It is not our job to stand at the foot of the cross and stop those who are drawing near.

The church must communicate to it's community what we are about. In our effort to share the teachings of Jesus, we must live and act as individuals and as a group that we care about people and want to help them. We communicate by what we say, how we say it and how we live. Let us be clear and kind.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Ladies Bible Class is adopting the Child Crisis Center for a service project for 2023. We are collecting gently used small luggage, backpacks, carry-ons, or large tote bags. Why, you ask. When children leave the Child Crisis Center or move from one foster home to another, they must take their meager possessions in a trash bag if nothing else is available. We hope to put an end to this demoralizing circumstance for as many children as possible. If you can help, we will appreciate it. If you have questions please contact Teri Dove. 915-822-2419



Welcome James Arce to the Family of God. James was baptized July 23.



Bible Quiz

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)

Listen to the loving voice

Figurative thieves are all around: Illness steals time and energy. Inflation robs many of financial stability. The bandit of social media chips away at our productivity, self-esteem, quality time with loved ones. Prejudice and oppression prey on certain groups of people. Doubtless, you can think of other thieves and bandits.

But above their noise, listen for another sound: A warm voice whose loving tone calls us by name. A voice that puts us at ease because it's familiar as a favorite blanket, a path we can walk in the dark, a song we know by heart. That voice rising above any force that would steal and kill and destroy is, according to John 10, the loving voice of God made known in Jesus, caring for us as a good shepherd does his sheep. And lest you get confused, thinking God is angry and judgmental, think again. *That* is the sound of thieves and bandits; don't listen to them, don't follow them, don't give them your heart!

"I came," says Jesus the Shepherd-Gate-Messiah-Savior, "that [you] may have life and have it abundantly" (v. 10, NRSV).

—Heidi Hyland Mann



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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Jose & Maria Del Rasso - Prayers for health....

Alberto Morales - Prayers for no dizziness & better sugar Level. Need to go to otolaryngologist and cardiologist..

Venson Oliver - Keep Venson in your prayers for his deployment.

Bob Pechanec - Thank you for prayers. Bob Is home from hospital. Prayers for good recovery..

Bob & Gina Walker - Thank you for Prayers, tumor is gone....Continue to have Bob in your prayers..

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - Is on dialysis, prayers

Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

Rudy Ramon--prayers for health issues..

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Baby Alexandra Fierro- (Maria & Flaviano Enriquez's great granddaughter) She is in ICU Children's Providence hospital for a fall that needs stiches on her head this past weekend. Prayers for complete healing.

Ruben Avalos - (Susie Chavez's brother) prayers for health...

Sylvia Enriquez - prayers needed, recuperating from appendix operation. Jacob is having same difficulties and is undergoing additional treatment. Prayers needed....

Esperanza Martinez Juarez - (Enrique Carrillo aunt) Esperanza's son passed away due to heart attack. Prayers of comfort and condolences....

Luis Juarez - (Tracy Denis Dad, Maria De La Rosa friend) Is on dialysis, not doing well. please have him in your Prayers....

Maria Montanez - (ESL student) Her breast cancer operation was a success she is resting at home. Prayers for swift healing. procedure April 24....

Emily Morales- (Alberto & Cristina Morales niece) Prayers for swift healing from gallbladder operation July14..

Richard Ortega—(James Grant Uncle) recently diagnosed with cancer..

Maria Salazar - (Our Community Neighbor) Maria is asking for prayers. She has been diagnosed with cancer....

Please remember in prayers the military & policeman in harms way. Please call the office to update our prayer list. Names not updated 4 weeks will be dropped.

Our Records

July 16, 2023

Morning Worship – 79

Wednesday - 21

Regular Offering: \$2632.00

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Week

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Identification - 0

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