

Eastwood Epistle

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But those who hope
in the Lord will
Renew their strength.

They will soar
on wings like eagles;
they will run
and not grow weary, they will
walk and not be faint.

ISAIAH 40:31

LOOKING FOR WORK

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VBS this year is scheduled for mid-July. Our theme is "But Wait, God Had a Plan": The Story of Joseph. We will be making Sharing Bags again as one of our crafts. We will need 100 each of the following items: color books, puzzles, craft kits, bubbles, etc. If you can help, please start bringing these items to the building. Thank you for your help last year and in advance for this year. Teri Dove, 915-822-2419

Graduation BANQUET

You are invited to the Potluck banquet honoring our High School graduates this year on Sunday, June 11, 2023, immediately after Sunday Service in the Fellowship Hall. Bring side dish, 915-593-2772, call Teri Dove for info. 915-822-2419

Men to Serve
Sunday, June 4
Song Leader:

Phillip Apotchie

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Venson Oliver English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
David Davis

Scripture Reading:
Shawn Mang

Together

Everyone is aware of the change of season that takes place four times a year:

Spring begins on March 20,

Summer on June 21,

Autumn on September 23,

Winter on December 21.

From a practical viewpoint, we tend to connect the seasons to events. i.e. Spring begins with Easter, Summer with school out, Autumn when school begins and Winter with Christmas.

Once engaged in full time ministry the impact of the season became apparent. The Summer Slump was because of vacations families would take that meant they would miss assemblies for two or three Sundays and Wednesdays. Plus the week end trips to visit relatives or the lake or mountains or parks or..... Maybe just stay home because others would think you were on a trip.

Autumn was back into routine because the children had to be in school, so church attendance became more regular.

Winter would mean another attendance dip because of bad weather and a couple of trips, or the decision to stay home instead of attending worship when visitors come.

Spring time means it is good to get out again and attendance improves.

It is shocking to see how we allow so many things of unimportance to impact our pledge to worship and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a story of a person living in Europe and during the hard Winter was riding a bus to the Sunday assembly. Looking out the bus window at the deep snow and congratulating himself for braving the weather to attend church, the bus passed a recognizable figure. Still a mile from the building, it was an older sister trudging through the deep snow.

Acts 2:42 "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

Some say to not break the habit of going to worship. I say, if it's a habit, you are already in trouble.

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

June 25 Need Volunteer

Happy Birthday

June 1, Debbie Shepherd

June 5, Anay Carrillo

June 6, Miguel Castro

June 10, Alberto Morales

June 12, Junie Chavez

June 13, Susi Chavez

June 21, Marisol Alvarado, June 27, Theresa Dalke,

June 29, Amanda Thomas, June 30, Rosie Guerra



Happy Anniversary

June 13, Robert & Lulu Ochoa



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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



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Homosexual Christians

Scripture: 1 Cor 6:9-11,18-19

SUNDAY CARE GROUP

It is the struggle of every church to get guests to attend the worship assembly. We are looking for those who are interested in Jesus and are constantly seeking ways to invite them to various activities. We use Social Media, Yellow Pages, Direct Mail, Newspaper ads, Radio and TV commercials all saying - come to see us.

When guests come, it is important that they are well received. Guests begin their assessment when they drive onto the parking lot. Those who study this have concluded guests will decide within the first ten minutes whether they will return, some say it is only seven minutes.

What are the issues? What draws or repulses guests?

1. Parking - hard to find a convenient space.
Usually happens when members get the best spots.
Don't.
2. Under greeted by members. May get some stares but not genuinely welcomed. Must find out on their own, where to go. They want a friend.
3. Over greeted.. Before they get out of the car a person is looking down on them, almost have to fight the crowd to enter the building and get through the foyer. Lots of smiles and handshakes but no one really connects. Ever been followed by a sales clerk?

Please contact the Care Group leaders and indicate your participation.

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| 1st Sun | Teri and Mike Dove,
915-822-2419 |
| 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 |

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



4. Children's class is hard to find and difficult to get children settled into class. Security concerns.

5. Building facility is tired and dirty. We get nose blind to smells and eye blind to clutter. While they jump out to guests. First thing they notice.

6. If they like us, they don't know what to do next.

Our Sunday Care Group is an important part of the solution to our Guests needs. Care Groups meet one Sunday a month for an informal lunch after worship. The meal is not intended to be huge, order pizza if you like.

- When your group meets, every group member should invite every guest to stay for lunch.
- The purpose is not to have a Bible lesson, but to let them get acquainted with others in an in depth way. Have a short prayer time or devotional.
- The first purpose is to insure that every guest receives multiple invitations to lunch.
- The second is that those who stay, actually get to know someone personally. It is not for you, it is for them.

We are in need of an organizer for the fourth Sunday group. If you are willing to coordinate the meeting talk to Charles.

Living as poetry of God

For Christians, the Scriptures are our first source of guidance for how to live, and within them, Jesus is primary. But God speaks through nonbiblical voices too: preachers and teachers not found in the Bible, and even literature that isn't directly Christian. God, who used King Cyrus of Persia to free the exiled Israelites, can use *anyone* to call us to right living. Take, for example, Walt Whitman's description of life as poetry when we live certain ways, and God as "the greatest poet":

"This is what you shall do: Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the [vulnerable], devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, ... and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency. ... The known universe has one complete lover and that is the greatest poet. ... His love above all love has leisure and expanse." (From the preface to *Leaves of Grass*, 1855)

Elders

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Deacons

Enrique Carrillo, Samuel Hooper, Alberto Morales,
Venson Oliver, Lorenzo Porras, Bob Walker,

Minister

Charles Clodfelter - (915) 433-4227

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Chuck Buckley - Tests were negative and all is well. Thank you for prayers & cards..

Angelina Grant,-(James Grant's wife) had surgery in Las Vegas, then had to have triple bypass surgery. All has gone well from both surgeries. James will be returning to Ft Bliss soon....

Sharlette Hernandez - Prayers needed for healing, is home recuperating from skin infection around her eye....

Alberto Morales - Prayers for no dizziness & better sugar level...

Bob & Gina Walker - Prayers, cancerous tumor was found in the back of his throat, radiation planned 5/11,outlook positive, Thanks for prayers....

Lois Wiggins- Prayers for grandson James Arce on his 3 more weeks training in the Marines Camp Pendleton....

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

Family of Jean Aimes - Condolences and prayers to the family. Jean passed away May 14..

Maria Alarcon - (Cristina Morales's friend) Had surgery April 24, prayers for her to recuperate swiftly. Will need 1 month to recuperate from surgery

Ruben Avalos - (Susie Chavez's brother) May 8, is back in ICU for a infection. Please pray for complete healing..

Paula Brown - Please pray for Paula's husband who broke his femur, healing at home....

Abe Favila - Prayers for issues....

Baby Luca M. Fino- (Cristina Morales nephew) 3 month old baby is home recuperating from surgery, had trouble retaining food with feeding tube, Prayers needed....

Luis Juarez - (Tracy Denis Dad, Maria De La Rosa friend) Is on dialysis please have him in your Prayers...

Lin McCorquadale - Prayers for issues...

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

Luna de Reyes de Ramos- (visitor)Still Need prayers. Luna has hard times, struggling to find a home find work. If you know someone who has home cleaning job call office....

John Riechlen - Prayer for issues.

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

Susan Solem - Prayers for issues.

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

May 28, 2023

Morning Worship – 80
Wednesday - 17

Regular Offering: \$4212.00

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

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