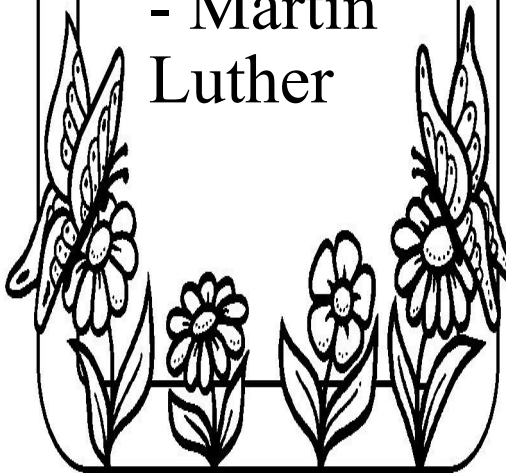


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Pray,
And let
God
Worry.
- Martin
Luther



Please contact the Care Group leaders and indicate your participation.

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

2nd Sun Jan and Ray Rivera,
915-592-8930

3rd Sun Susie and Junie Chavez,
915-274-3098

4th Sun Bob & Gina Walker,
915-231-6316

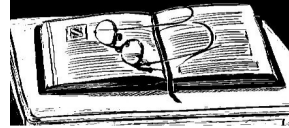
5th Sun Congregational Potluck

Church Potluck April 30, after service at our fellowship hall. All invited, bring enough for your family and a little more for your guest.



Transformation Class

A six week class will begin on Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m. in room 70. This class is for those who are beginning their walk of faith and those who want to begin a walk of faith. Bring your Bibles and a notebook for a great study. Charles Clodfelter will lead the study.



Texas health & Human Services -

El Paso State Supported Living Center Needs Volunteers in the following areas: Clerical, Workshop, Recreation. Contact: Maria Martinez, Community Relations, 6700 Delta Drive, El Paso, TX 79905, 915-782-6488, maria.martinez7@hh.texas.gov

Men to Serve
Sunday, April 16
Song Leader:

Ray Rivera

Opening Prayer:

Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Sam Hooper English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Bob Walker

Scripture Reading:
Mike Breitinger

LOOKING FOR WORK

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



Together

Memories are important. Memories are how we define ourselves. Memories are who we are. Some memories are bad and some are good. Hopefully we are able to focus on the good memories and use the bad memories as learning opportunities and not let them impact us negatively.

Popular songs will include words about memories and identity. One old song asked, "Mr. Big Shot, who do you think you are?" Another said, "You're so vain, you probably think this song is about you." Our memories of the events of our lives give us a picture of ourselves and who we are. Who are we without our memory?

In recent years, we have become familiar with the terrible brain disease called Alzheimer's. It takes one's memory and causes mood swings. It brings a heavy toll on loved ones who care for them. We have such situations in our church family and pray for them constantly.

Recently, I learned of Sanfilippo, it attacks children in their early years with the same issues as Alzheimer's. They die in their teens.

Sadly, there is another memory loss that is even more tragic. Yes, it is worse than forgetting who we are and who our loved ones are. It is forgetting about Jesus. Oh, we protest, "I can't forget about Jesus." In one sense that is correct, but we forget in the way that is most important. We forget to submit, serve, love and share. Our name may be in a church directory. We may have a Bible with our name embossed on the cover. It may even have passages marked and underlined. But, for all practical purposes, we have forgotten Jesus.

Scripture implores God's people to not forget. Rev 3:3 "Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent." Our reason to assemble in worship and the eating of the Lord's Supper is to remember. Remember our state before we were saved (Eph 2:11-13). Remember we are saved to serve (Jo 15:20; Mk 16:15)

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Look for them.
www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

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

April 30, Congregational Potluck

Happy Birthday

April 17, Margaret Lee
April 18, Irma Pechanec
April 22, Kayleigh Torres
April 24, Hershel Honea
April 25, Terence Wade



Happy Anniversary

April 17, Javier & Yolie Hernandez
April 21, Ray & Jan Rivera
April 22, Mike & Teri Dove



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



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Vision of the Future

Scripture : Pro 23:18-19

I LOVE YOU BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY IT

Disciples know the words of John 13:34 "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." Putting it into action can be a challenge.

Demonstrating love is more than words, it is our actions as well. The two go together. We cannot say we love a person but then avoid conduct that shows that love. One of the reasons that Christians should assemble together is to build the connections with other disciples and show that love. Not only do we need the support of others, they need our support.

But you state correctly, "some people are hard to get to know." Yes, they are and there is a reason for that. They are probably hurting. Hurting from something in their life from years ago or hurting from last Sunday. They tried to talk to someone and got a curt smile as someone turned their back and walked away. It took them weeks or even months to build up the strength to speak and were rejected, dismissed, ignored. Hurt.

People are different in many ways. I have known three preachers that if they met you in the hallway, would almost knock you down to avoid talking with you, but were recognized as being one of the best preachers in the brotherhood. Get them on the pulpit and they were dynamos. Face to face they were wimps. We are different, not everyone is like you.

Paul gave in 1 Cor 13:4 our best definition of the love we are to share with our fellow believers. Love is: patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not proud, not rude, not self-seeking, not easily angered, forgets wrongs, not delightful in evil, rejoices with truth, protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres. Read those again.

If we say that we assemble to be forgiven and healed, then let us assume that everyone is hurt and in pain. The physician's oath begins with, first do no harm and that is a worthy sentiment for each of us. When seeking to build a relationship with one who is sort of standoffish, be kind and gentle. We don't know the pain another is carrying, whether it is physical or emotional.

Guests are to be treated the same. Some come from an invitation to just check us out. Others have deep issues and in their mind expect to be rejected. This is not what they want, but it just seems to be what always happens to them. They seem rude because they have steeled themselves to not feel the pain. You may wonder, why did they come if they are not going to make an attempt to be cordial. They are hurting.

An old quote on the Gospel: it is one beggar telling another beggar where there is food. We all need love and need to give love. We all have hurts.

Charles M Clodfelter

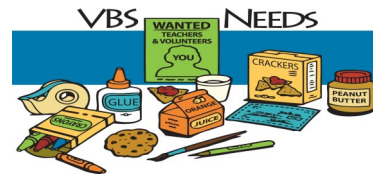
Recycle - Remember to save your aluminum cans and other aluminum for recycling. You may bring them in the foyer or toss your bag into the fenced compound to the trailer. If you crush the cans, we can get more in the trailer. We usually get several hundred dollars when the trailer is taken into the recycler.


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



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




TEACHER SHOWCASE
29th of April 2023 • 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Montwood Church of Christ
11845 Bob Mitchell Drive, El Paso, TX. 79936



Lunch Provided from 11-12 AM Child Care Available

Elders

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Ray Rivera - (915) 592-8930

Deacons

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

Minister

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

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

Lulu Ochoa - Prayers for March 28 surgery for malignant Cancer kidney tumor at UMC...

Irma Pechanec - Our condolences to Irma Pechanec for the death of her sister Rosemary Ramirez .April 16, view-ing 3pm-7pm at San Jose Funeral, 10950 Pellicano, El Paso, TX 79935, 915-590-8700, Rosary 6pm. Send Cards to Irma & Bob Pechanec, 12320 Golden Sun, El Paso, TX 79938.

Irene Rice - Our condolences to Irene for the death of her son Don Rice. Send cards to Irene Rice, 8408 Lait, El Paso, TX 79925....

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

Hope- (Carol Baker's friend) Is in severe pain and may need surgery. She has had a rough couple of years and overdoes it...

Ruben Avalos - (Susie Chavez brother) Recovering from foot amputated March 22, prayers for swift healing...

Paula Brown - keep her in your prayers Husband swift healing from surgery and some control with his dementia due to Parkinson...

Mary Cordero - Prayers still needed, the weather has been hard for her lungs...

Baby Luca M. Fino- (Cristina Morales nephew) 1 month old baby is in Hospital, having trouble retaining food with feeding tube, may have surgery. Prayers needed...

Luis Juarez - (Tracy Denis Dad, Maria De La Rosa friend) Prayers for Luis health. Not doing very well...

Lupe Muñoz - (Robert Muñoz's Sr. mom) Our condolences for the death of Robert's brother, and Lupe's son, Mark Muñoz who passed away early March 20.send cards to Robert Muñoz, 14554 Berrel, El Paso TX 79928..

Shawn - (Angelina Gomez's brother) prayers for spiritual guidance and patience...

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

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

Komi Abeko Setodji - (community neighbor, Luna Ramos friend)- Prayers for spiritual help and guidance.

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

Our Records

April 9, 2023

Morning Worship – 91

Wednesday - 24

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