

Eastwood Epistle

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“To speak gratitude
is courteous and pleasant,
to enact gratitude
is generous and noble, but

**TO LIVE
GRATITUDE IS TO
TOUCH HEAVEN”**

-Johannes Gaertner

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

Thank you

To our Eastwood family,
We want to express our deep appreciation for the beautiful plant that was at the memorial service. We were also comforted by all those who were able to attend; it meant so much to see each of you there.

To the ladies who brought food for the family, it was delicious and plentiful. Thank you.
Love, Abel and Sharlette
George Caruthers
Frank and Michele Bellizzi

**Men to Serve
Sunday, October 15**

***Song Leader:*
James Grant**

***Opening Prayer:*
Enrique Carrillo Spanish
David Davis English**

***Lord's Supper/Contribution:*
Ron Lindsey**

***Scripture Reading:*
Mike Breitingner**

Together

“But when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your father knows what you need before you ask him.” MT 6:5-8 NIV

These words are right before the model prayer given by Jesus. One could even say they are more important than what is commonly called, the Lord’s Prayer. Prayer is important for every Disciple because it keeps us focused on what is important to us as believers. If you skipped or skimmed the first paragraph because it is familiar and you wanted to get to the meat of this column, go back and read it. Read it!

Your life and mistakes and failures are important to you, so you pray about them. Your family and loved ones are important to you and you pray. The local church is important to you and you pray. When things are not important, you don’t pray for them. When you DO NOT pray for something, it becomes unimportant to you. Pray.

We want our lives to improve as disciples. We want our loved ones to follow Jesus. We want the church to be effective in reaching out to the community. Therefore, we pray for these things to be true. Prayer is not the sole answer, prayer is priming the pump. When we pray from the heart we get involved - we do something. So pray with all your heart and then do something.

God knows what is needed, WE are the ones who need to be reminded! Each of us is the servant of God and a servant does the will of his Master. When we pray, we are making a to-do-list, Setting priorities for life. So Pray it and Do it!

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
**No Children’s hour
after communion**

Our Ladies Tuesday Class 10am

Questions call

Thank you Teri Dove 915-822-2419

Happy Birthday

Oct 6, John Abbott
Oct 7, Abel Hernandez
Oct. 11, Mary Porras
Oct. 15, Jan Rivera
Oct. 22, Crystal Alvarado
Oct. 28, Bob Pechanec



Happy Anniversary

Oct. 9, Gabriel & Vanessa Melendez

Oct. 19, Mike & Jill Breiterger

Christian Schools of El Paso

CSEP is having a Papa Eric’s Burgers fundraiser, cost is \$8.00 per ticket. Tickets expires at the end of December. call 915-593-5011 for information
Diana Williams



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Jesus Comes into Our World

Scripture: Zech 9:9

How Did You Get Here

The question is not about “Planes, Trains and Automobiles.” It is about your journey of faith. How did you get to where you are today?

The children of Abraham kept their genealogy so it would be clear that the Messiah was according to the promise of YHWH. Christians do not keep a record of spiritual lineage, but it still exists. But perhaps in a different way.

Many of us do not have a direct line to our faith and spiritual development. It is more like a mosaic. The fitting together of many pieces of instruction and example, with encouragement and even correction. Who taught you the truth of Jesus and brought you to faith? Perhaps, your parents, a Bible class teacher or two, a spouse, maybe even a preacher, all had a role. Do you remember who assisted in baptizing you? It does not matter, whether you can answer these questions are not. You are here: Saved, redeemed, washed

in the blood of Jesus.

While you appreciate all who had a part in bringing you to this point, the issue is to continue on toward the goal of serving Jesus. Much of our goal is to be a helper to others in their travels of faith.

Spiritual genealogy is not for building a monument of pride: I was baptized by... or my great grandfather was.... It is pointing to the future not the past. The apostle Paul wrote, he was glad he had not baptized many. (1 Cor 1:14ff) Paul wrote this, not to say that baptism was not important, but to say our spiritual line goes back to Jesus, not some person.

The tough question is: who are you influencing to be a follower of Jesus? It may be as gentle as the wing of a butterfly, but be that influence. Pray for them for 30 days. Help them get where you are.

Charles M Clodfelter

Thank you all for the continued prayers for me and for the uplifting cards from the Ladies Bible class that gives me encouragement.

Theresa Dalke



WATER — Water flows through the Scriptures: the Flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman’s leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John baptizing Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we cannot live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).

A powerful witness

St. Ignatius of Antioch was a bishop and martyr in the early years of Christianity, well known for his extensive writing about Christ and the church. On his journey to martyrdom in the early second century, he wrote letters to the Christian communities of the time that are still instructive today.

On November 1 we celebrate All Saints’ Day, remembering all who have died in faith, as well as particular models of strong faith whom the church has named “saints.” Especially inspiring — and challenging — are these words of Ignatius, written near the end of his life: “I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire.

PUZZLE CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.

A. ~~SALAMIS~~ (ACTS 13:5)

B. ~~PAPHOS~~ (ACTS 13:6)

C. ~~PERGA~~ (ACTS 13:13)

D. ~~ANTIOCH~~ (ACTS 13:14)

E. ~~ICONIUM~~ (ACTS 13:51)

F. ~~LYSTRA~~ (ACTS 14:6)

G. ~~DERBE~~ (ACTS 14:6)

Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe

In Our Prayers

Elders

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OUR FAMILY

Teri Dove - Teri will be starting phase 2 of recovery at home. Prayers for swift healing. Teri can be contacted on her cell phone at 915-637-0351. Will enjoy visits and calls.
Alberto Morales - Prayers for no dizziness & better sugar Level. Need to go to otolaryngologist and cardiologist...
Robert Muñoz Jr - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson) Thank you for prayers, need prayers for successful legal issues.
Lulu Ochoa - Prayers for cancer treatment...
Venson Oliver - Keep Venson in your prayers for his deployment....
Bob Walker - Thank you for prayers. Thank you for cards. Waiting for results on radiation, chemo tests if needing more radiation..
Lois Wiggins - Prayers swift healing, from shingles pain...

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - Is on dialysis, prayers
Jill Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers
Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system
Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Yunior Cordero - prayers for his spiritual life.
Pat Kelly - Prayers for Pat's father in law's , for his health issues.
Maria Montanez - (ESL student) Prayers. Swift healing from cancer procedure.
Ina & Riki Panales- Please pray for safe and expeditious return to El Paso.
Guissel Carreno Pinto - prayer for her spiritual life.
River Russell - Keep him in your Prayers (Ida Russell's son) for his deployment .
Magdalena Sanchez - (Romelia's Ramon sister) Prayers for Magdalena who just lost her husband Arturo Sanchez Oct 1..Hillcrest funeral home, Oct 13.Vistiacion 5pm-9pm,1060 N. Carolina Dr, El Paso, TX 79925,Serv. 6pm,Oct 14 Funeral 9:30am, Hillcrest funeral home, 1060 N. Carolina Dr, El Paso, TX 79915, Cemetary 11:30am, Mt Carmel Cemetery, 401. S. Zaragoza Rd, El Paso,TX 79907
Rosa Trevino brother Daniel- prayers for hernia operation. (Cristina Morales's friend)...
Mario Venegas - Prayers, was sent to Houston hospital for more than 3 months after his car accident, prayers for healing, prayers for his mom Lupe..

Please remember in prayers the military & policeman in harms way.

Our Records

Please call the office to update our prayer list. Names not updated 4 weeks will be dropped.

Regular Offering: \$2580.00

Year to Date

<u>Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Baptisms - 0	Year to Date - 2
Identification - 0	Year to Date - 0

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