

# Eastwood Epistle

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## VBS Postponed until further notice.

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



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**Men to Serve**  
**Sunday, July 16**

**Song Leader:**

**Junie Chavez**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Flaviano Enriquez Spanish**  
**Sam Hooper English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:**

**Venson Oliver**

**Scripture Reading:**

**John Tyler Abbott**

Whoever pursues  
righteousness and  
kindness will find  
life and honor.

PROVERBS 21:21, NRSV

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,

## LOOKING FOR WORK

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



# Together

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the day approaching.” **Heb 10:25**

The early church was a different culture than we experience. Transportation was mostly walking. Shopping for food in the market place was a daily necessity. It was likely to see other disciples during the course of the week. Yet, some fell into the practice of not meeting with their fellow Christians to worship and study.

The NIV translates “not give up.” The KJV reads “do not forsake.” NLT “not neglect.” Message “not avoiding.” and NEB “not staying away.” Whatever the translation, each is reflecting the decision taken by the disciple. You decide!

In today’s world of transportation, extended hours of shopping and refrigeration of food, it is not unusual to spend a week without seeing a fellow disciple out in the world. It is common to see our brothers and sister in Christ, only when we gather to worship and study. It is a joy to assemble with those of faith. When you are away, you are missed. I miss you.

Why was it necessary for disciples in the first century to be urged to be regular in their attendance? They were human. It was inconvenient because you did not get the weekend off. You often worked 7 days a week. You were tired, you had to walk and perhaps your faith was slipping.

Today, companies often give vacation time in the summer. Unheard of in the first century. Today, there are frequent holidays off and lobbyists of the travel industry, convinced Congress to move most to Monday for a longer weekend. There is the weekend to visit family. Suddenly, we have missed 2 or 3 for vacation, then 6 long weekends, extra 2-5 for weddings, funerals or birthdays, not feeling well 1-3. Before you know it we have missed 20 or more Sundays. It is our job to encourage the weak in faith not become the weak.

*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

July23 Need Volunteer

## Happy Birthday

July 2, Mike Dove,  
July 4, Mike Baron,  
July 4, Julio Alcala,  
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



O TASTE & SEE that Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. PSALM 34:8



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## Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Ruth 1:16-18

Scripture: Faith of a Foreign Woman

# PETS IN HEAVEN

Many have enjoyed pets during their lifetime. It is possible to become emotionally attached to your dog, cat or other pet. Some become so attached that human characteristics are credited to the pet. Perhaps cartoons depicting animals acting like humans have contributed to the fantasy. There are stuffed animals that talk when a cord is pulled. It is as if we are conditioned from childhood to see animals as humans.

There was an article titled something like: "If Dogs aren't in Heaven, I don't want to Go." Sounds extreme. However, a person once said to me that if their dog could not stay in my house on an overnight visit, they would not be coming either. This was not a guide dog or service dog, just a big, shaggy pet.

Think what this says about the relationship a person has with God, when they choose a pet over God.

Hopefully, what the person is trying to express is the desire to have total and complete acceptance.

Pets give this because you take care of them. When you come home, it doesn't matter if you are happy, sad, angry or terrified, they are glad to see you. But, why? Because you take care of them: feed, water, comfort and protect. From a practical point of view, you are their god.

The prophet Isaiah wrote in 65:25 "The wolf and lamb will feed together, the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain." says the LORD." But, is this a description of reality or an illustration of the peace and acceptance we will know in heaven.

Will animals be in heaven? Did you hear the story of a teacher who asked little Johnny the difference between of ignorance and apathy. Johnny replied, "I don't know and I don't care." What I know is, God will be there and nothing else matters. It will be wonderful beyond our comprehension.

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



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The elders have planned a meeting for all Eastwood members on Sunday, September 10. Lunch will be provided at the morning assembly and all members are encouraged to attend. We will discuss our future as a congregation and how we can reach our community with the Good News. Mark your calendar and Start thinking of ideas to share and discuss in this important meeting.



## Daily reasons to celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

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# In Our Prayers

**OUR FAMILY**

Jose & Maria Del Rasso - Prayers for health..

Teri Dove -Is home recuperating from gallbladder surgery June 26, surgeon thinks they fixed the problem. Prayers for swift healing. Care group and VBS will be postponed until further notice..

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

Christine Hooper - is back home from hospital recuperating from surgery, prayers for swift healing...

Bob & Gina Walker - Thank you for Prayers, tumor is gone..

Lois Wiggins- Prayers for grandson James Arce training in the Marines Camp Pendleton, getting close to end of training....

**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**

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....

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 9, 2023**

Morning Worship – 82

Wednesday - 14

Regular Offering: \$2336.37

**Year to Date**

**Week**

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

**Year to Date**

Year to Date - 2

Year to Date - 0

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