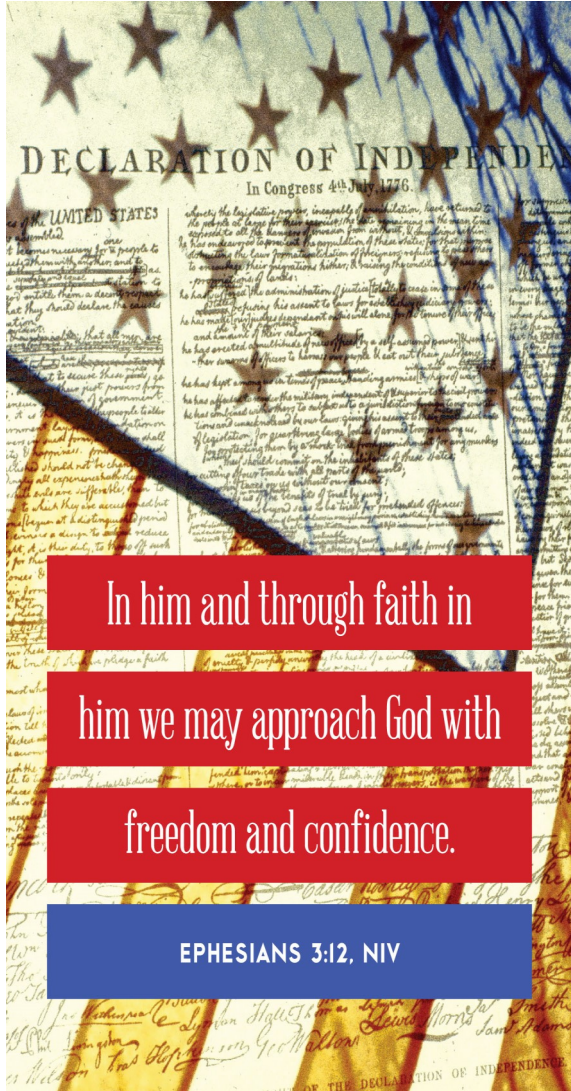


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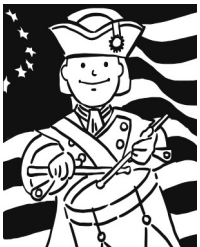


In him and through faith in

him we may approach God with

freedom and confidence.

EPHESIANS 3:12, NIV



Happy 4th of July!

July 3
Office closed
to observe
4th of July
Independence Day

LOOKING FOR WORK

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



VBS Postponed until further notice.
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

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

School supplies and Back packs for Mexico & Mayan area. Donation needed for goal of 1000 backpacks at 6 dollar each. Currently we have \$1025. Deadline is July 1, 2023 Please contact me at 915-248-7456, anayavapa@gmail.com for more info. Your support and prayers are a blessing to us.
EBA Mission

Men to Serve

Sunday, July 2

Song Leader:

Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:

Flaviano Enriquez Spanish

Venson Oliver Jr English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:

Terence Wade

Scripture Reading:

John Tyler Abbott

Together

The Tyranny Of The Urgent is an expression regarding our general failure to do the important things in life because our attention is drawn to the urgent thing. It may be as simple as a ringing telephone which interrupts what we are doing. Time management has organized activities into four categories:

- Urgent and Important.
- Important but not Urgent.
- Not Important but are Urgent.
- Not important nor Urgent.

It should be obvious that disciples should focus on the important activities in life and not the unimportant. Yet, the truth is we spend way too much time on the last two categories and not nearly enough on the first two.

Where do spiritual activities fit on your list? Do we misplace them in our thinking to the last two categories? Many disciples have decided the worship assembly is not important. Neither is Bible study, whether it is personal or a group. Sharing the gospel also fits unimportant for most disciples.

The calling of every disciple, the life's purpose of every Christian is to follow Jesus as our Savior and bring the lost into his fold. The lost will not learn the gospel unless disciples share with the lost. Is there anything more urgent or important than teaching the lost about Jesus? The reason for the existence of the earthly church is to evangelize. Church is not simply a worshiping organization. Our mission or purpose is to save souls by bringing them to Jesus.

Please ask yourself, "what can you do as an individual to bring people to Jesus?" Also, ask yourself, "what we do as a church family to bring people to Jesus?" These are serious questions that must be addressed.

If reaching the lost is not Urgent and Important to you and Eastwood, then we are pleasing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Matt 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations"**

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

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 27, David Shearod,
June 29, Amanda Thomas, June 30, Rosie Guerra



Happy Anniversary

June 13, Robert & Lulu Ochoa



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: Ex 19:16-20

Scripture: New Beginning New Covenant

God's got you

In Roman 4 Paul writes: "If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ... For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace" (v. 14, 16, NRSV). Here and elsewhere, Paul firmly explains that we are saved through God's grace, or unconditional love, made known most profoundly in Jesus Christ. But this passage raises a question: If belief (trust, faith) reckons us as righteous before God, what if we don't trust, can't believe, have lost all faith?

Pastor Martin Luther (1483-1546) assures us that even this is a gift of God: "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead *the Holy Spirit* has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and *kept me in the true faith*" (*The Small Catechism*; emphasis added). Later in Romans, Paul declares that when we feel so lost (unbelieving, lacking in faith) that we don't even know how to pray, the "Spirit himself intercedes for us" (8:26, NIV). Rest assured, dear one: God's got you.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



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



Seasonal humor from Housetohouse.com

For summer weddings:

- The wedding was so beautiful, even the cake was in tiers.
- Did you hear about the two spiders who got engaged? They met on the web.
- Two cell phones got married. The reception was terrific!
- Why did the King of Hearts and the Queen of Hearts get married? They were perfectly suited.



When we least deserve love

"Love me when I least deserve it," says a Swedish proverb, "because that's when I really need it." My mom recounts how my 1-year-old sister, scooting around in a walker, somehow got hold of and spilled a loosely capped bottle of cooking oil. As Mom cleaned up, my sis scooted into the bathroom and unwound all the toilet paper.

Mom went to investigate the ruckus, and as she respooled the TP, my sister went back to the kitchen, pulled crackers out of a lower cupboard, tossed them on the floor and drove over them — in the remaining oil. At that point, Mom decided it was naptime! Yet I know Mom laid her little one in her crib with tender love. After a rest, they'd start afresh.

In John 21, the risen Jesus addresses Peter, who had denied him three times the night of Jesus' arrest. But Jesus didn't treat Peter harshly. In love, the Savior offered his disciple a fresh start. So too, when we're at our worst, hurting God's heart by hurting others and creation, God loves us all the more. He loves us into a fresh start — even, and especially, when we least deserve it.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Jose & Maria Del Rasso - Prayers for health..

Teri Dove - Is in Beaumont hospital. Had 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 - Prayers still needed, cancerous tumor was found in the back of his throat. Receiving Radiation & Chemo treatment, outlook positive. Thanks for prayers....

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

Maria Alarcon - (Cristina Morales's friend) Recuperated from prayers and back to work. Thank for prayers...

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

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....

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

June 25, 2023

Morning Worship - 90

Wednesday - 19

Regular Offering: \$4460.00

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Week

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