

# Eastwood Epistle

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... you turned to God from idols to serve

## THE LIVING and TRUE GOD,

and to wait for his Son from heaven,  
whom he raised from the dead —  
Jesus, who rescues us from  
the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, NIV



El Paso Cooling centers M-Thursdays  
9-9pm, Friday-Sat 9-8pm, Sunday 11-8pm,

- Galatzan Recreation ctr ,  
650 Wallenberg,
  - Marty Robbins, 11620 Vista del Sol,
  - Chalio Acosta Sports Center,  
4321 Delta,
  - Valle Bajo Community Center,  
7380 Alameda,
- Libraries 10-6pm, Sat ,T-Thus 10-7pm,  
Fri 1-7pm

### Congregational Meeting

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

Family Story time is suspended until January at the earliest. Call Teri if you have questions 915-637-0351.

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**Men to Serve**  
**Sunday, September 3**

**Song Leader:**  
**Mike Dove**

**Opening Prayer:**  
**Flaviano Enriquez Spanish**  
**Terence Wade English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:**  
**David Davis**

**Scripture Reading:**  
**Kiki Carrillo**

# Together

Each one of us has an accumulation of memories. These experiences are both good and bad. Some are personal and others are so general they apply to the entire society in which we live.

At first, we don't notice the distinction. I still smile on remembering the time a nephew asked my sister, "Mom, are we the only normal family?" We may ask why don't others do the "right (same) thing?"

Eventually, we understand the difference in individual and group memories. The group memories are a part of Society. The shared memories bind the group together. This is true of a church as well as a city.

Sixty years ago the majority of stores were closed on Sunday. In fact, cities and states had what were called "Blue Laws" which required the closing of businesses. There were exceptions to some businesses. Then some stores could be open but could not sell certain products. The exceptions were based on what was considered necessary and not necessary. Adults under 30 have probably not even heard of such a practice.

Memories are a part of us and our society. Socialization allows us to know how to act around others, even if the memory has faded away on why we act a certain way. What we should not do is live in the past, no matter how great we think it was.

Let us make new memories that are so good that our family will want to relive them in their memory and want to live in the past, the good ol' days.

Christians worship God and partake of the Lord's Supper as commemoration. Yes, we are instructed to do these, and that is because we need to remember our Creator and our Savior. When we neglect them, our memory fades to the point where they are no longer important to us and our children will never have an understanding of their importance. We need reminding.

Make godly memories and remember them. What can you do this very day to give another person a good memory? 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  
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

4th Sunday, Need Volunteer

## Happy Birthday

Sept. 2, Mark Enriquez  
Sept. 5, David Davis  
Sept. 6, Brenda Alcala  
Sept. 7, Sarinah Hernandez  
Sept. 9., Bob Walker  
Sept. 9, Mike Breitingner  
Sept. 16, Lois Wiggins  
Sept. 16, Kike Carrillo  
Sept. 18, Robert Ochoa, Sept 25, Yolie Hernandez



## No Men's Prayer Breakfast for September

Office will be closed  
Sept 4 to observe  
Labor day



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## Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Daniel in Exile  
Scripture: Dan 1:3,5,8

# THINK THINGS ARE BAD

Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr was a French critic, journalist, and novelist, who lived from 1808-1890. He wrote a phrase that is translated “the more things change the more they stay the same.” While some will discuss the broad and deep meaning, it seems obvious to the Bible student. Human nature still struggles with the same pride, greed and lust which has always plagued us.

Paul, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote: Romans 1:25 “They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen.”

Humankind has and will always struggle with sin. Our human nature wants to be indulged with pleasure, while pleasure is allowed, we are not to over indulge. Those who want to worship pleasure will attack the self-controlled and moral people. In their effort to enjoy sin without reproach, they twist ideas and scripture.

Satan knows scripture better than most of us. So, the teaching that we are to love the lost is twisted to: we

are to love and accept the way they live in sin. Those who raise any objection to how sinful conduct is pushed are called a variety of terms: haters, bigots, fascists and more. The wicked seek to intimidate and create fear in order to gain control toward their victory.

They will lose because God will win! The message of victory is throughout the Bible, but the book of Revelation shouts it loud. God Wins!!

Imagine you are in an athletic contest and you are way behind in the score. So, far behind that you and your teammates are thinking, why don't we just quit. Little League has a rule that if a team is eleven runs behind in the third inning the game is forfeited.

We don't quit! We are in God's army and we will be victorious! We do not stop living for Jesus, we do not stop teaching the Gospel, we do not stop loving the lost, we do not stop worshiping God or cease fellowship with our fellow soldiers.

VICTORY IN JESUS is our reality. It will happen!

Charles M Clodfelter

## Listen to the loving voice

Figurative thieves are all around: Illness steals time and energy. Inflation robs many of financial stability. The bandit of social media chips away at our productivity, self-esteem, quality time with loved ones. Prejudice and oppression prey on certain groups of people. Doubtless, you can think of other thieves and bandits.

But above their noise, listen for another sound: A warm voice whose loving tone calls us by name. A voice that puts us at ease because it's familiar as a favorite blanket, a path we can walk in the dark, a song we know by heart. That voice rising above any force that would steal and kill and destroy is, according to John 10, the loving voice of God made known in Jesus, caring for us as a good shepherd does his sheep. And lest you get confused, thinking God is angry and judgmental, think again. *That* is the sound of thieves and bandits; don't listen to them, don't follow them, don't give them your heart!

“I came,” says Jesus the Shepherd-Gate-Messiah-Savior, “that [you] may have life and have it

abundantly” (v. 10, NRSV).

—Heidi Hyland Mann

The voice of the Lord is  
**powerful.**  
PSALM 29:4

Please contact the Care Group leaders and indicate your participation.

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

**1st Sun will meet January at the earliest, call Mike if you have questions.**

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

Welcome to God's family

Jacob, Sanders

Tyler Sanders

Michelle Martinez



All were baptized

August 9 by uncle Randall Stapp in

Church of Christ Plainview, TX

## 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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Venson Oliver, Lorenzo Porras, Bob Walker,

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# In Our Prayers

**OUR FAMILY**

John Abbott - Keep him in your prayers for his deployment..

Enrique Carrillo - Prayers for tooth and jaw bone surgery...

Teri Dove - Prayers for swift healing. Teri has been moved to Patriot Wellness and Rehabilitation Center, 11490 Gateway N Blvd on US 54 just past McCombs. She is in room 216 and can have visitors. Teri has to be on IV antibiotics for the next 5 weeks. 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...

Lulu Ochoa - Prayers for cancer treatment....

Venson Oliver - Keep Venson in your prayers for his deployment....

Robert Pechanec - Went to hospital Sierra Providence Aug 21, CT scan found brain bleeding. He is in intensive care...

Romelia Ramon - Our condolences to Romelia for the death of her beloved husband Rudy. Send cards to Romelia Ramon & family, 7529 Yuma, El Paso, TX 79915..

Bob Walker - Bob no longer has pneumonia. Recovering from chemo and radiation and is able to eat a little bit. Gaining some weight. Prayers for swift recovery. Gina sends her love and thanks everyone for prayers and good things sent out...

**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**

Angelina - (James Grant wife) prayers for Angelina as she goes thru dialysis, prayers for better health...

Tito Amador - (Tony Amador's dad) Thank you for prayers, he is home.

Ruben Avalos - (Susi Chavez brother) prayers for health..

Juan Diaz - (Cristina Morales friends' son) prayers for swift recovery from neck operations.

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..

Jimmy Moore - Prayers for health.

Emily Morales - (Alberto & Cristina Morales niece) Prayers for swift healing from gallbladder operation July 14....

Richard Ortega - (James Grant Uncle) recently diagnosed with cancer....

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

Tury Torres (Aida Russel in law) Prayers for health & recovery

**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

**August 27, 2023**

Morning Worship – 72  
Wednesday - 14

Regular Offering: \$3817.25

**Year to Date**

**Week**

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

**Year to Date**

Year to Date - 2

Year to Date - 0

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