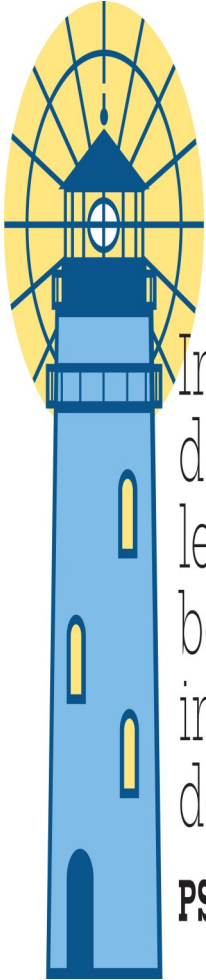


# Eastwood Epistle

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In you, O LORD,  
do I take refuge;  
let me never  
be put to shame;  
in your righteousness  
deliver me!

**PSALM 31:1, ESV**

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,  
915-915-592-8930

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

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

5th Sun Congregational Potluck

## LOOKING FOR WORK

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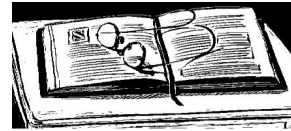


Church Potluck April 30, after service at  
our fellowship hall. All invited, bring  
enough for your family and a little more  
for your guest.



### 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.



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**Men to Serve**  
**Sunday, April 9**  
**Song Leader:**

**Junie Chavez**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Alberto Morales Spanish**  
**Shawn Mang English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:**  
**Sam Hooper**

**Scripture Reading:**  
**John Banks**

# Together

Attendance was up Sunday and we had several guests. This coming Sunday is Easter and we can expect guests to be with us again. Many have invited friends and neighbors, who will hopefully be with us for the worship service. Please accept the responsibility of welcoming our guests.

Remember that people are looking for a place where they will be accepted and welcomed. Do not disappoint those who are with us on any Sunday. They do not expect you to immediately be their best friend, but want and need to know that you would be open to having another friend.

What a Friend we have in Jesus is a song we love to sing. We then share that friendship with others who are in Jesus. If each of us would arrive 5 minutes and stay five minutes longer, we could seek out those we don't know well and say hello. When we are dismissed use the next five minutes to seek out Guests and speak to them.

Do not fall into the habit of chatting with your old friends, while guests walk past. It happens almost every Sunday. I saw it happen the past two Sundays. A cluster of 5 or 6 laughing it up and having a good time while guests walk past them. Don't just say "Hi", engage them in a warm conversation.

I know you want to talk to your special friends, but give the first five minutes to make a difference in the lives of those who are looking for Jesus and a church home.

We have some who come early to welcome all and hand out the OOW. But, their first role is to give special attention to Guests. That does not remove our role of being a welcoming person. Every member is a greeter and we should be on the watch for guests.

Those who study such things, say that most Guests decide within 7 minutes whether they will come again to a church they are visiting. Seven minutes, 7! That means for most, it is before we sing a song, have a prayer or hear the sermon. So put on your happy face and welcome our Guests!

*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

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: **Relevance of the Resurrection**

Scripture : Jo 20:24-29

# RESURRECTION

The purpose of the bodily resurrection of Jesus was to establish that he has power over death, he is the Messiah or Christ, that he is Divine, a part of the God-head. He came in human form and allowed himself to be murdered, crucified for the sins of mankind.

Jesus established what we call the Lord's Supper or Communion before he died. He observed the Passover Feast with the Twelve Apostles, afterwards he did something different from what they were accustomed to doing. Matthew 26:26ff. Jesus took some leftover bread and cup. Offered prayer before each and stated it was his body and blood which were offered for the forgiveness of sins. Then he stated that he would not eat of these again, until he and they were in his Father's Kingdom.

This happened before he was crucified, before the resurrection and before Pentecost. Imagine what was going through the minds of these men. They stay in Jerusalem as directed by Jesus and spend their time in prayer. Probably talked a lot about what they did not understand: What did Jesus mean? What are we waiting for? Then came Pentecost!

Previously Jesus had sent the Twelve Apostles in pairs to teach and heal (Matt 10:1). They had performed miracles before and were amazed. Something even greater happened in Acts chapter 2. Jesus had

told them it was coming, (John 14:26) even if they did not understand it. They were given great power and knowledge of Jesus' Will. They proclaimed the Good News that God had come in the flesh and willingly died as a propitiatory sacrifice for the sin of mankind. Jesus took our punishment as a reconciliation for our relationship with YHWH.

Salvation is ours if we will submit our lives to Jesus and serve Him.

Jesus said in Lk 22:19 that disciples should observe this simple meal in memory of Him. Disciples are to remember what he did for us: he died for us, gave us a path of salvation toward Heaven. It would appear they did so in Acts 2:42. New Disciples delighting in the Supper of remembrance. We read in Acts 20:7 that the disciples observed the meal on the first day of the week. Later, Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth advising them to observe the meal with the understanding they were recognizing the death of Jesus until he returns.

Resurrection demonstrates the power and purpose of Jesus. It is also promised to Disciples to be part of the resurrection and live forever with God. 1 Cor 15:1-56. 1 Thes 4:13. We celebrate the Gospel every day and we observe the Commemoration every first day of the week.

Charles M Clodfelter

Our condolences to Irma Pechanec for the death of her sister Rosemary Ramirez  
April 16, viewing 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.



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



**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.

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Ray Rivera - (915) 592-8930

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# In Our Prayers

**OUR FAMILY**

Angelina Gomez - prayers for health problems....

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

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

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..

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..

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..

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 Reves 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)- 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 2, 2023**

Morning Worship – 94

Wednesday - 33

Regular Offering: \$4138.00

**Year to Date**

**Week**

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

**Year to Date**

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