

Eastwood Epistle

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The LORD
YOUR GOD
has
CHOSEN
YOU

to be a people for his
treasured possession.

DEUTERONOMY 7:6, ESV

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

Sunday, October 1, The 9 o'clock class time will be used to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Plan to attend and enjoy this special time of worship. Write the name of song you want to sing and give to Ray Rivera. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in room 69 before class begins, so come early and enjoy some social time..



Men to Serve
Sunday, October 1

Song Leader:
Ray Rivera

Opening Prayer:
Enrique Carrillo Spanish
Samuel Hooper English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Ron Lindsey

Scripture Reading:
Mike Breitinger

Together

Music has an interesting impact on people in many ways. We sing when we are happy and we sing when we are sad. A familiar song will take us back in our memory to another time. Another song will bring feelings of patriotism, and another will lift our spirit and encourage our faith. Music is universal but different in various cultures.

God instructs his children to sing. "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord" Eph 5:19. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." Col 3:16.

There are examples of the disciples singing. "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God" Acts 16:25 Heaven is described as having a lot of singing. "And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders." Rev 14:3.

Early music was more of a chant or rhythmic reciting of words. Often it was like a round, where one group would say a line from a psalm and another would say the next phrase. It might also be a question followed by the answer.

As music was developed with notes and various parts for voices (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) many people became self conscience about how they sounded. It is common for one to say, "I don't have a good voice, so I don't sing." Yet, that same person will sing to Happy Birthday or For he's a jolly good fellow or Jingle Bells.

God does not tell us to sing in perfect pitch, he tells us to sing and make melody in our heart. You can do this.

You are urged to be present on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a special session of singing. Old favorites will be sung, perhaps some will be a new song for you. Let this be a time of lifting our voices in praise to God, so it might lift our spirits.

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 - Mike Dove

Sermon: The Lords Supper, What are we
Doing

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:16

HISTORY

History is boring to some. They consider it to be of no value and not worth their time. This is understandable in a child because they are concerned with the present. They want to know what is happening now. Interesting history to them is what happened yesterday or last week. Hopefully as they mature the value of history will become more apparent to them.

History is important to the mature because we need to appreciate what we have, how we got here and to whom we should be grateful for our progress. History is the key to gratitude and often it is the path toward our improvement. When we know what others have done successfully and also how they have failed, we can better choose our path toward progress. The goal is to always be improving.

It is not necessary to know who first figured out long division or calculus, nor is it necessary to know all the names in the lineage to you being a disciple of Jesus. But, you can be grateful for them. Grateful for their struggles in life and in faith. Knowing that it is possible that some who taught others how to follow

Jesus, may have actually turned their back on Jesus in a later time. Yet, they were a link in you becoming a believer and being born again.

It is also important to know that you will be a part of history in someone's life. Your teaching or your example or your encouragement made a difference in the lives of people and you were not even aware of how you were influencing them. You are in someone's history. Think about that. Every person who knows you, sees you or is in some way influenced by you, has you in their history.

Some individuals know they will be in the history books: first man in space or a president. Others just do what needs to be done: in war medals are given for the exceptional actions. However, for each individual we laud, there are hundreds, thousands, even millions of individuals who worked just as hard, often gave just as much and are also part of history, they just not recognized.

Be the good part of history, even is it is unseen.

Charles M Clod-

felter

What is lament?

The spiritual discipline of lament may not come naturally, and churches rarely teach it. Because we're raised to stay silent if we can't say something nice, passionately pouring out our sorrow just doesn't seem right.

My opinion changed when I heard author Sharon Garlough Brown explain this spiritual practice from God's perspective. As parents can attest, toddlers have an innate ability to find foreign objects and put them in their mouths. Concerned parents bend down and coax the child to remove the toy, bottle top, coin or rock. "Spit it out." "Let me have it." "It's not good for you to swallow that."

As a concerned parent, God sees and knows what's troubling us. He knows that this world's woes and trials will hurt us if we keep them all inside. God, our good and gracious Father, wants us to passionately pour out our grief, so he bends down, looks us in the eyes, and says, "Spit it out." "Let me have it." "It's not good for you to swallow that."

Spend time with God, sharing your laments. God loves you and is faithful to listen well.

—Janna Firestone

Thank you

Dear Eastwood Family Wow!

Thank you so much for the beautiful card & Gifts. Thank you for the flowers, cards and visits and especially thank you for your continued prayers.

I can feel your love and support. I hope to go home this week and to begin Phase 2 of my recovery.

Please know you are loved and appreciated by me and Mike. I hope to be back at church in November. I can't wait to see you all.

Your sister
Teri Dove

**Big
Thank
You!**

God Loves You

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

John Abbott - Keep him in your prayers for his military training....
Maria Del Rasso - Our sincere condolences to Maria for the loss of her husband Jose. Send cards to 1836 Charlie Smith Dr, El Paso, TX 79936....
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...
Robert Muñoz Jr - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson) Please pray for Robert for better health..
Lulu Ochoa - Prayers for cancer treatment....
Venson Oliver - Keep Venson in your prayers for his deployment....

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....
Lois Wiggins - Prayers swift healing, for, UTI ,kidney stones, shingles....

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - Is on dialysis, prayers
Jill Breiting - 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.....
Ruben Avalos - (Susi Chavez brother) prayers for health....
Maria Montanez - (ESL student) Prayers. Swift healing from cancer procedure.
Rosa Trevino brother Daniel - prayers for hernia operation. (Cristina Morales's friend)..

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

September 24, 2023

Morning Worship – 86
Wednesday - 28

Regular Offering: \$4631.00

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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