

# Eastwood Epistle

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For I consider that the  
sufferings of this present time  
are not worth comparing with  
**the glory that is to  
be revealed to us.**



Mens ring found Monday, May 15. in the Men's bathroom sink. If it is your ring call the office and describe it and come pick it up. 915-593-2772

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 Need Volunteer

5th Sun Congregational Potluck

## LOOKING FOR WORK

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



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 ,915-822-2419

### Donation for Building Maintenance

Our building was built in three or four stages, the latest being in 1976, so the newest part is 47 years old and the oldest is 60 years old. This means maintenance must be done. Presently we are seeking to do needed roof repair and to some doors. A Donor is making some of this needed up keep possible. If others would like to contribute to the needed maintenance, it would be appreciated. Contributions whether large or small would be appreciated. Please write on your check in the memo section, for cash use an envelope from the back table and mark it for Repair.



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**Men to Serve**  
**Sunday, May 21**  
**Song Leader:**  
**Mike Dove**

**Opening Prayer:**  
**Flaviano Enriquez Spanish**  
**Shawn Mang English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:**  
**Bob Walker**

**Scripture Reading:**  
**Bob Pechanec**

# Together

Have you ever wanted to do something and failed to do it? Perhaps you even made plans and suddenly realized you missed the time. Me too.

It has been my practice to honor our mothers by giving a flower to our ladies on Mother's day. It was my intention to do so this past Sunday. However, I forgot to give the flowers Sunday and they remain in the refrigerator. My apologies to you all.

Remembering our mothers is important. Recalling the many ways they blessed our lives. It helps us all to know that we also make an impact on those around us, especially the children in our lives. Even if you had no children of your own, you have touched the lives of others. The best Bible class teacher in my life had no children.

Never underestimate the influence you have on a child: your attention, your kindness, your example. But, you say, I never had children, or mine have grown up and gone away. It doesn't matter, you have an affect on children by the way you interact with them. You give them a sense of value when you treat them as someone of importance.

There were two single teachers in my elementary school. One was kind and sweet, and the other was a scowling fearsome person. I don't remember anything in particular that I learned from either, but it was enough to move me onto the next grade. What I do remember is how each felt about the children under their tutelage.

What all children learn from the women and men with whom they interact in life, is if they have worth. When they are treated as worthless, they believe they are unworthy. When they are treated as if they are valuable, they believe that also.

Even when a child is misbehaving in a store or running at worship assembly, they are important to God and that makes them important to us. Yes, they can be corrected in love without being demeaned.

*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

May 28, Need Volunteer

## Happy Birthday

May 10, Irene Rice  
May 11, Gwendolyn Gale  
May 12, Esmeralda Flores  
May 14, Leola Deal  
May 14, Tresa Trumbla  
May 17, Jose Del Rasso  
May 17, Maria Alvarado, May 20, Christine Hooper  
May 20, Vanessa Melendez, May 25, Tiffany Oliver  
May 26, Virginia Honea



## Happy Anniversary

May 21, Abel & Sharlette Hernandez



## 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: Grace of Forgiveness**

**Scripture: Eph 4:32**

# Forgiven and Forgotten

People thought she was whacko. She claimed that she and Jesus talked one-on-one every night and that he revealed to her the misdeeds of people who thought their sins were secret. Someone told her she should validate these alleged conversations by asking her minister if she was really talking with Jesus or hallucinating.

So, she did. The minister, tormented by a sin he had committed many years before, told her the next time she talked to Jesus to ask him what his sin was.

The next day he asked her if she had spoken with Jesus. She said she had.

“What did he say my sin was?”

“He said he forgot.”

Now that’s a story about forgetting that’s worth remembering. God forgives and forgets confessed sins (Heb 10:17; 1 Jn 1:9).

*Remember your confessed sin? God doesn't.*

Joe Barnett

When you received Jesus as your Savior, you began to live in two homes — earth and heaven. You were born the first time into your earthly family. Now you have been born again into the family of God. You are a citizen of both worlds. Your new heavenly home is the biggest one. It is God’s home. It is yours because you are united to Jesus, and heaven is where he lives.

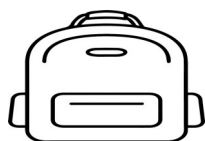
But we don’t need to wait until we die to visit heaven. Prayer is the airline to our heavenly homeland. We walk heaven’s streets and view its wonders each time we fellowship with the Lord.

—Ben Jennings



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



On this warm summer day, Lord, may we lie back in your love, like on a sunny beach near singing waves, or in shady grass under a whispering tree.

**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.

## Life immortal

At the end of May, Americans honor those who’ve died for our country — and remember all deceased loved ones. These times of reflection, often in cemeteries, can make us ponder our own mortality. Even some Christians may fear the unknown of death.

Yet because of our faith, followers of Jesus can aim to make productive use of whatever earthly time we have left. We know the grave isn’t the end. Consider this poetic description of life everlasting from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: “Dust thou art, to dust returnest / was not spoken of the soul.”

To our death-defying, death-defeating God we pray: Eternal God, empower us to take hold of the eternal life to which Christ calls us, and to boldly testify of it to anyone who asks the reason for our hope. To the immortal King of the ages, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to him be honor, glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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# In Our Prayers

**OUR FAMILY**

**Chuck Buckley** - is having tests because of a lesion on his liver. Prayers..

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

**Angelina Grant**,-( James Grant's wife) had surgery in Las Vegas, then had to have triple bypass surgery. All has gone well from both surgeries. James will be returning to Ft Bliss soon...

**Sharlette Hernandez** - Prayers needed for healing, is home recuperating from skin infection around her eye..

**Lulu Ochoa** - Prayers, for swift healing for malignant kidney tumor surgery. Lulu is home recuperating well....

**Bob & Gina Walker** - Prayers, cancerous tumor was found in the back of his throat, radiation planned 5/11,outlook positive, Thanks for prayers..

**Lois Wiggins**- Prayers for grandson James Arce on his 3 more weeks training in the Marines Camp Pendleton..

**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**

**Family of Jean Aimes** - Condolences and prayers to the family. Jean passed away May 14.

**Ruben Avalos** - (Susie Chavez's brother) May 8, is back in ICU for a infection. Please pray for complete healing.

**Paula Brown** - Please pray for Paula's husband who broke his femur, healing at home..

**Abe Favila** - Prayers for issues..

**Baby Luca M. Fino**- (Cristina Morales nephew) 3 month old baby is home recuperating from surgery, had trouble retaining food with feeding tube, Prayers needed..

**Luis Juarez** - (Tracy Denis Dad, Maria De La Rosa friend) Is on dialysis please have him in your Prayers...

**Lin McCorquadle** - Prayers for issues.

**Maria Montanez** - (ESL student) Her breast cancer operation was a success she is resting at home. Prayers for swift healing. procedure April 24...

**Luna de Reyes 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....

**John Riechlen** - Prayer for issues

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

**Susan Solem** - Prayers for issues

**Barbara Tucker** - (Jan Rivera sister) fell in her home, had surgery April 19 in Abilene, TX, prayers for swift healing...

**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

**May 14, 2023**

Morning Worship – 88  
Wednesday - 19

Regular Offering: \$2471.00

**Year to Date**

**Week**

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

**Year to Date**

Year to Date - 2

Year to Date - 0

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