

Eastwood Epistle

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**"WORSHIP
THE LORD
YOUR GOD,
AND SERVE
ONLY HIM."**

MATTHEW 4:10, NRSV



LIFESAVER DAY

INVITE your special guest to be
with us on Sunday Jan 15 for
worship and lunch.
Each member should be committed
and be involved.
Every member in attendance.
Every member inviting others.
Every member praying.

English as second Language
Starting January 4 every
Wednesday 6-7:30pm. Room # 68



Men to Serve
Sunday, January 8
Song Leader:
Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
John Banks English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Venson Oliver

Scripture Reading:
David Davis

Together

Happy New Year to all. Let us dedicate the year 2023 to our Lord Jesus and do our best to make it a year of Victory for the Kingdom of Christ. This is our opportunity to share the Good News with others and grow as Jesus wants us to grow. Let this be the year when we make a difference.

Many verses in scripture stand out, one is Esther 4:14, when Esther is asked, "Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this" Let us make this the year we step up and step forward to fulfill God's Will. You are here, our Eastwood family is here, now is the time to accept the opportunity before us.

Whatever our past, it is our future that will make the difference. We do not live in the past, we use the past to learn, improve and do better for Jesus. The past may be "the good ol days," or "the days of pain and suffering," but we will not benefit by looking back longingly. When Lot's wife looked back, it was not a glance, it was wanting to go back. We cannot go back, whether it is to a time of sin or time when life seemed to be easy without trying.

JANUARY 15 has been set as a day to invite good friends to worship and lunch. Lunch will be catered, so a commitment will be needed, in order to have the right amount of food. Rather than simply inviting everyone on your social media, it is recommended that you personally ask a friend and get an acceptance from them. If they are unable then ask another, repeat as needed. Then let the office know your number by Wed, Jan 11.

Jan 15 will be a time when we will share the good of our family to your friends and let them see the value of being a part of our family. They will never know if you do not invite them.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Sunday Guests who registered - 2 Did you speak to 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 Class Lesson will be about "Joy In the Morning." starts Jan 3.

Thank you Teri Dove 915-822-2419

Care Group

Jan 15, Mike & Teri Dove
Jan 29, Junie & Susie Chavez

Happy Birthday

Jan 4, Sharon Armendariz
Jan 5, James Conyers
Jan 5, Carlos Alvarado
Jan 12, Julyet Carrillo
Jan 15, Lillie Wayne
Jan 19, Julie Conyers
Jan 22, Johnnie Roberson,
Jan 24, Samuel Hooper, Jan 28, Mike Fernandez



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter
Sermon:

Scripture :

Pew Warmer

Did you ever hear the expression “Pew Warmer.” It refers to a church member that is not involved with any of the church’s activity. All they do is sit on a pew during assembly. Usually they are good people, but they just can’t seem to find a way to become involved with anything that is happening.

This lack of engagement may come from several reasons. Perhaps, they are following what they grew up with: family that just attended and that was all. Perhaps, they have a fear of not rising up to some standard and facing disapproval. It does not matter the reason, the point is to correct the situation. We should get engaged.

Engagement should be the goal of every disciple in the body of Christ. The goal of any Christian should never be to find a church you like and sit in the back row. The goal should be to be fully engage the mission. If we do not engage, we will advance the mission.

Engaged disciples are passionate. They know the mission, they serve it and they live it. Be engaged!

Imagine a congregation of any size in which the members are not engaged. What would they accomplish? The answer is obvious—nothing. It would be a congregation of Pew Warmers. The congregation would become a club and dwindle away.

On the other hand, what if they were engaged in the church is some way? What would happen then?

Disciples need to volunteer! Church is a group of volunteers. No one forced us to become Christians. We should not expect leaders to beg us to join into programs or ministries. Each one should volunteer to participate in some way. The healthiest people are those who are engaged. Do it!

Look at your skills, interests and abilities. Seek ways to serve, ask someone to teach you how. If you see a need, don’t just tell a leader it needs to be done, tell them you want to do it, or create a group to do it.

Focus on what will grow and feed the church. If Christ Jesus told you the church had to be doubled in the next six months, what could you do?

How can we be disengaged when we know our true mission is to take our community for Jesus? Let us rise to the challenge of taking the gospel to our friends and neighbors. You are the link in the chain to bring someone to Jesus. Be the link.

Action speaks louder than words and it accomplishes good things for Jesus. You have heard the expression, “talks a good game.” It refers to those have a firm opinion of how something should be done, but they are never engaged in making it happen. Just do it!

Christianity is personal. No one can fulfill your responsibility to Jesus. Someone can mow your lawn or wash your car for you, but no one can do fulfill the debt and responsibility you have to Jesus. Do it!

Charles M Clodfelter

Happy Anniversary

Jan 8, Alberto & Cristina Morales
Jan 14, Richard & Denise Boles
Jan 26, Israel & Maria Alvarado



Fresh starts

I suppose when we wake on January 1 the world will look the same. But there is a reminder of the Resurrection at the start of each new year, each new decade. That’s why I also like sunrises, Mondays and new seasons. God seems to be saying, “With me you can always start afresh.”

—Ada Lum



Writing our life — with God’s help

From Churchart.com

A journalist once said you can measure the quality of a piece of writing by the quality of what has been cut. No matter how beautiful or interesting a phrase or sentence is, the piece may be stronger without it.

Rabbi Evan Moffic applies this wisdom to life in general. Too often we refuse to let something — a habit, a memory, a process — go, even when it no longer serves us. Thinking of our life as a book, we can cut out, edit or rearrange some pages or sentences to reflect our new learnings and growth.

This is not always easy, but we don’t have to do it alone. “God is our ‘editor-in-chief,’” says Moffic, “and we are part of God’s story. [While] God ... gives us free will to decide what to write on the pages of our lives, ... God is always there for conversation and consultation. And God left us a great guidebook called the Bible. Its lessons make our writing shine with truth and beauty.” With God’s guidance, what will you “write” in the new year?

Elders

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Enrique Carrillo - travels to Chiapas Dec 11– 31, travels Jan 1-8, returns Jan 10. the next week will have spine surgery in Juarez, Mx, prayers for safe travels & Surgery...

Hershel & Virginia Honea - Not feeling too good but ok. Both have Covid, prayers for swift recovery.

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

Johnnie Roberson - is suffering with severe arthritis and in his neck. Scheduled to get a shot on January 6. Please keep him in your prayers.

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

Amanda Buckley -(Chuck Buckley's daughter) lives in Wichata, Kansas and has not recovered from Covid, due to Covid she lost her job, has 2 boys having a tough time. Please have her in your prayers.....

Mary Cordero - Prayers for full recovery from cough.

Bill Douglas - (former Montana COC member) Suffering Dementia and placed on Hospice.....

Wendy McConnell - Our condolences to Wendy for the death of her mom Pat Holden Dec 7. No services pending. Please send cards to Wendy & family, 11805 Prado Del Sol, El Paso, TX 79936.

Mary Moeller (Terence Wade acquaintance's wife) - Mary is going through the second round of chemo for six more weeks and prayers are needed....

Pedro Moreno—(San Diego visitor) prayers for Pedro's family.

A. Marcos Morales - (Alberto & Cristina Morales son) prayer for relief from deep depression. Send cards to 801 Loretto, El Paso, TX 79903...

Ribi Pinales - (former member Ina Pinale's oldest daughter). Needs prayer...

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

Gloria Sanchez - (Former member) Had a stroke and in feeding tube. Prayers needed....

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

January 1, 2023

Morning Worship – 50
Wednesday - 17

Regular Offering: \$4507.00

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 7

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