

Eastwood Epistle

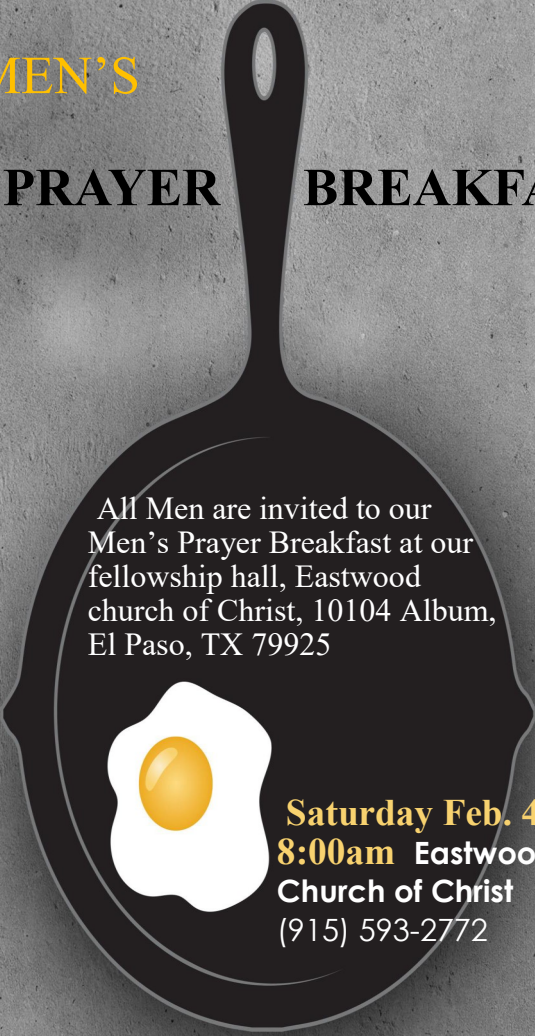
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MEN'S

PRAYER BREAKFAST

All Men are invited to our Men's Prayer Breakfast at our fellowship hall, Eastwood church of Christ, 10104 Album, El Paso, TX 79925



Saturday Feb. 4
8:00am Eastwood
Church of Christ
(915) 593-2772

Mexico/Chiapas Mission

Recently it was brought to my attention that there appears to be some slight confusion regarding how best to support the work of the Carrillo family. The first thing you need to understand is that the work in Chiapas continues as Enrique oversees the local preachers by providing video lessons, sermons, bible lessons for children. He consults with the preachers regularly. The support for this work is coming from sources outside the Eastwood Family. However, the family sustenance has dwindled to almost nothing. Several Eastwood members have indicated a willingness to give support but want also a record of donations be kept by the church for IRS purposes. This is how it should be done: ALL money for this

purpose should be given to the church. I've learned that some members question this practice and are uncomfortable doing so. But Eastwood Church has always done this mainly to protect the givers as well as the receivers. The church as a 501c entity affords its members to use their donation as a deductible item on their tax returns. All monies collected are guaranteed by the eldership to be received by the appropriate recipients. 1. If you write a check, you must indicate on the check that this is for the Mexico Missions. Tracking donations in this manner is the easiest way to work with your donation. 2. If you prefer to donate cash, you must place it in one of the envelopes provided and address it to the Mexico Missions Fund or if you wish address it to the Carrillo's Mission Fund. Now, this is important. You must identify the envelope showing who it's from. If you don't identify the envelope then you MUST include along with the money a note identifying who it is from. This is important if you want credit for IRS purposes. The church office will maintain a ledger for this purpose.

I hope that this helps you better understand how the Eastwood Church works to finance its missions.

Matt. 28:18 Ray Rivera

Elder in charge of Missions

Men to Serve

Sunday, February 4

Song Leader:

Phillip Apotchie

Opening Prayer:

Flaviano Enriquez Spanish

Samuel Hooper English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:

James Grant

Scripture Reading:

Mike Breitinger

Together

Your presence matters! Do not believe the Devil's lie that your presence in the assembly of the saints is not important. In fact, it is of the utmost importance. When we fall victim to the lie, it grows in our mind until we think, "I don't matter."

God created you, Jesus died for you and it does not matter what you are anyone else thinks — **YOU MATTER!** You are of the utmost importance to YHWH, the Holy.

When we fail to assemble with the saints and eat the Lord's Supper, we are saying Jesus is not important. We are saying it is not important to worship Jesus. We are saying that the one who died for our sins is less important than sleeping late, or doing some other activity that we enjoy more.

Life in the big city, usually means that we do not see very many, if any, of our fellow Christians during the week. It can feel as if we are the only one in the world that is seeking to follow Jesus. When we come across a brother or sister during the week it is almost a shock. Wow, great to see you! We go home and say, "you won't believe who I saw today."

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Heb 10:25. The inspired writer of the letter to the Hebrews is sharing that it is important for Christians to meet together. We need one another. We need the friendship, the support and the encouragement of those with whom we will spend eternity.

When we do not meet with our fellow disciples, we are saying they are not important. They need encourage and love, that is part of the reason they meet. When we don't assemble with them, it is saying they are not important and we don't want to help or encourage them. When I don't come, I am saying you are not important. And when you don't come, you are saying I don't matter. We both matter.

Worshiping together isn't about keeping an attendance chart. It is about being able to support one another and being in close communion with Jesus. You Matter to the Lord Jesus.

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 Ladies Bible Class will begin again on Jan 9. We will be studying the Psalms. See Teri Dove about getting a book.
Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419



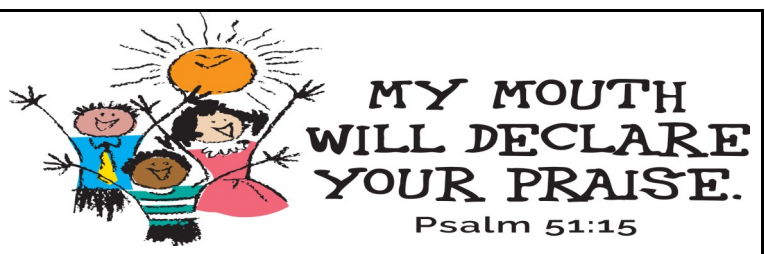
Happy Birthday

Feb 14, Lucille Ochoa,
Feb 14, Elaine Carrillo
Feb 17, Denise Boles
Feb 24, Gina Walker



Happy Anniversary

Feb. 7, Bob & Gina Walker



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter
Sermon: Fortune Cookie

Scripture: Pro 2:12

FASHION

The Ford Model "T" was manufactured for 19 years and they were practically identical. Then someone realized the die stamping forms, used to press the body parts, needed to be replaced about every three years, thus began the ever-changing body styles of automobiles. It was soon learned that this was a effective marketing tool because of the human nature of wanting the newest, best, improved, modern, etc.

Every manufacturer in our world seeks to use Fashion to boost their sales. Frequent color changes, shape changes, things that have nothing with the purpose or quality of the product, but they are this year's model. Many of us, without realizing it, have become addicted to "this year's model." Often it is more ego driven, than the need for a better product.

Fashion is capricious. Clark Gable took his shirt off in a movie about 1938 and was not wearing the tank top undershirt - bare chested. Undershirt sales dropped dramatically. Hats were almost universality worn by men into the 1960's. John F. Kennedy, who normally went bareheaded, was asked by the haberdashery

industry to wear a hat for his inauguration. He chose a Top hat. Fedora sales collapsed. Some remember when men's neck ties went down to one inch in width, then wider in one inch increments to six inches or wider. The labels on men's suits followed the ties in width. Why are we talking about fashion?

Today's society is making sin a fashion. I know parents who have a child that has taken a path that is not accepted as godly conduct, a lifestyle which is prohibited by scripture. Apparently, not knowing how to handle the situation, they have not only accepted it, but they approve it. I love my child.

When a person sins, we don't stop loving and caring for them. But, we do not approve of their sin or encourage them in their sin. I was once asked how I came to know the five people in prison to whom I was writing. My reply, they are all members of the church. A family member became an alcoholic and was still welcome in our home, but told to not arrive drunk.

Don't accept sin because it has become fashionable.

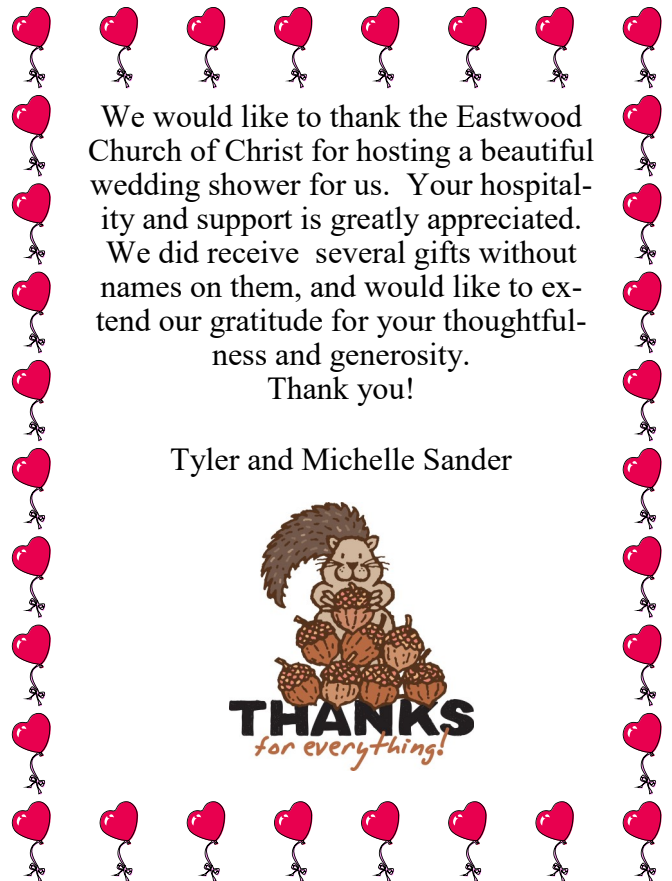
Charles M Clodfelter

Invaluable!

"The kingdom of heaven," said Jesus, "is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it" (Matthew 13:45-46, NRSV).

In 2021, the Good News Network reported that a crab fisherman in Thailand stumbled upon a valuable Melo pearl while cutting up a snail for lunch. In wonder, he brought it to his brother to verify the discovery. "My family had been fishing for generations," said Prasarnphon Phunwan, "but I believe our fate is about to change because of my lunch." Several months prior, another fisherman had been offered \$351,000 for a similar pearl.

Likewise, God's priceless love immeasurably alters our eternal fate. If we fully comprehended the value of that love, we'd give up everything to obtain it. But the greater wonder is that we don't have to buy it. God gives it to us as a gift! Whether we seemed to encounter Jesus by chance or someone joyfully shared the Gospel with us, our Savior is the merchant who "sold all that he had" — even his life. So priceless is salvation! So valuable are we!—Heidi Hyland Mann



Dove Care group will meet on February 4. Please let Iretha or Teri know what you will bring.

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Venson Oliver, Lorenzo Porras, Bob Walker,

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Anay Carrillo - Prayers of healing . She had a stroke and is recovering at home slowly. She having trouble with a leg but she is getting therapy at home. Your welcome to stop by her home. Continue to pray for her long recuperation.

Alberto Morales - Prayers. Sugar level is high causing dizziness & headaches. Need to go to otolaryngologist and cardiologist.

Robert Muñoz Jr - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson) Thank you for prayers, need prayers for successful legal Issues....

Lulu Ochoa - Thank you for Prayers. Sending greetings to everyone. Will be on chemo therapy for a long time. She has some cancer pain lately. God has been so good to her for cancer treatment...

Robert Ochoa - Robert has not been feeling well these past couple of months. Needing prayers...

Venson Oliver - Keep Venson in your prayers for his Deployment. Send cards to SFC Oliver, Venson, B Co, 47th BSB 2-1 AD, Fos DPTA Konotop, Apo, AE 09754...

Bob Walker - Thank you for prayers. Thank you for cards. Waiting for results on radiation, chemo tests if needing more radiation.....

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

Hayden Cooper (Chuck Buckley's friend grandson) Jr High student Hayden has Brain cancer, Please keep him in your prayers....

Ruby - (Eneida de la Cruz sister in law) Prayers. Ruby's mom is home with hospice.....

James Jones Jr—Need prayers. He is at Del Sol Hospital..

Maria Montanez - (ESL student) Prayers. Swift healing from cancer procedure..

Ofelia Ochoa - (Lulu Ochoa's sister in law) Ofelia had a stroke Jan 13 and they are running test. Prayers needed....

River Russell - Keep him in your Prayers (Ida Russell's son) for his deployment

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

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 deleted.**

Our Records

January 28,2024

Morning Worship – 85

Wednesday - 15

Regular Offering: \$1965.00

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 2

Year to Date - 0

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