

Eastwood Epistle

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★★
★ **Ladies Bible Class** will take a summer break. ★
★ Class will resume September 2, ★
★ Teri will teach "Fruit of the Spirit." ★
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VBS 2025-The life of Joseph **August 9, 8:30-3pm**,
Registration (ages 3-6,7-9 & 10-12) call Mike Dove
915-637-2626, Teri Dove 915-637-0341, Registra-
tion **NEED** 3 or 4 volunteers, 3 Teachers, one for
each group, 3 Group leaders, 2 or 3 helpers for
bathroom runs, 4 kitchen help, prepare & serve
lunch, clean up. 3 for crafts & games. Several for
clean up and take down.

CONGREGATION MEETING

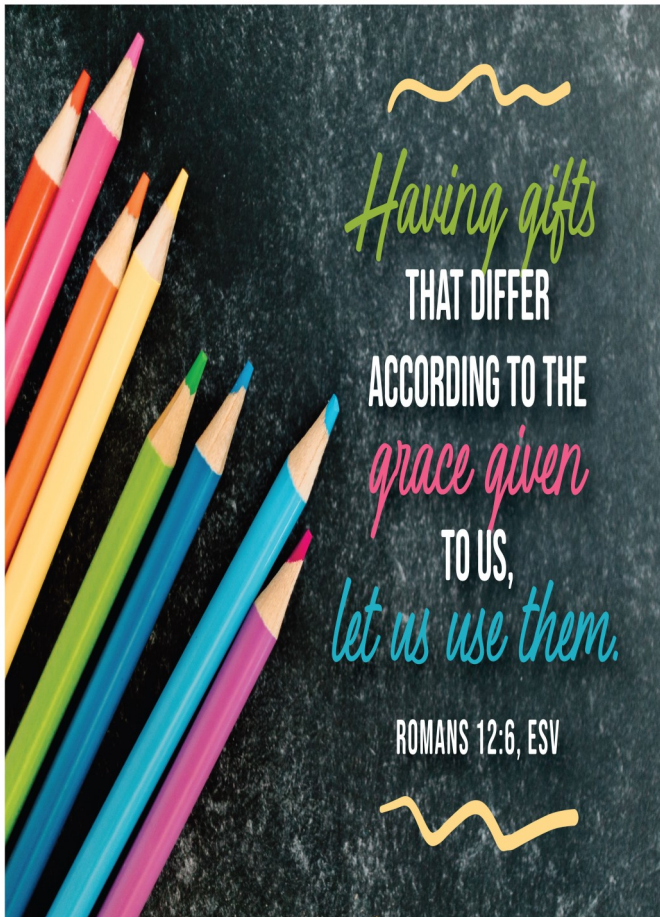
A congregational meeting for all members is
scheduled for **August 10**, following the morning
worship and lunch in the fellowship hall. Please
plan to attend.

Men to Serve
Sunday, August 3
Song Leader:
Mike Dove

Opening Prayer:
Martin Palomequez Spanish
Jimmy Moore English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Carlos Garcia

Scripture Reading:
David Davis



No Dove care group in August

Staffing needs for VBS Aug 9

Registration 2, Teacher 1
Group Leader 2,
Kitchen Help 1 or 2
Crafts 1
Games 2



If we don't get enough help. VBS won't happen

VBS Supply list, Corndogs, 100% juice capri sun,
bagged chips, cookies, bagged goldfish.

CSEP's blue box has been replaced with a new
one for the church. Please continue to use it for
clothes, shoes, purses, etc. No furniture please.

Together

The expression “20-20 hindsight” is a recognition that we have learned from the past and it is sometimes used as an opportunity to mock those who made poor decisions. In the Gospel of Mark chapter 8, Jesus warns the disciples to “watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees.”

Immediately, the disciples begin to talk about the fact that they only had one loaf of bread. Just a short while before, Jesus had fed 4,000 with 7 loaves and a few fish. Now they are worried, he could not feed them? They totally missed the point (which is very obvious to the modern reader) that we are influenced by our environment, our culture, our friends, by everything around us.

However, just like the disciples, we miss the point that the yeast of our world is just as pervasive as theirs. So, Beware, Watch out, be careful.

Yeast in bread penetrates the entire loaf and changes its nature. It is absorbed and we don't even know it is there, except for the change it made.

What is the yeast in life? It is the world around us. It is what we have come to accept as normal. It is the “everybody does it” and the “just this once” and “nobody will know” attitude.

Where does the yeast originate? It is in the TV and movies we watch. It is in the books, magazines and web sites articles we read. It is in the friends we have that are not disciples and some who are disciples. We want to fit in and belong, so we go along.

When the temptation of the devil comes as a roaring lion, we may cower and run. We see the threat and turn from Jesus because of fear. When temptation is subtle: easy, gentle and pleasing, we barely notice we have turned our back on Jesus.

Yeast grows and develops in our lives when we stop attending worship, stop praying, stop giving, stop sharing the gospel. All of a sudden we are not the disciple we were and we are asking ourselves, what happened? Instead of making excuses or blaming others, it is time to repent—get back on track!

Yeast is an illustration Jesus used to show how sin creeps into life. It is a warning to fight the little lapses and not just the big sins.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Welcome our guests.

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 10am
Ladies Bible Class. Rm #63. LBC will have a summer break. Back **Sept 2**
Ladies are cordially invited to join us for a study in scripture, coffee, conversation. More info call
Teri Dove Call 915-637-0351



CPS School supply drive, new uniforms, backpacks, loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, composition books, pens, pencils, markers, colored pencils, crayons, dry erase markers, erasers, highlighters, pencil cases, pencil sharpeners, binders, pocket folders, glue, rulers, scissors, sanitizing wipes, tissue, gift cards to Walmart or Target. Drop off at church office, box in foyer or 501 Hawkins. For Amber Hansen 915-201-7974

Happy Birthday

August 4, Fannie Shearod

August 10, Juan Najera

August 10, Gricelda Wade

August 21, Ashley Williams

August 24, Tonie Porras

August 27, Virginia Najera

August 31, Betty Lewis



Happy Anniversary!

August 8, James & Julie Conyers

August 22, Israel & Tonie Porras

August 27, Junie & Susie Chavez

August 30, Vic & Sharon Armendariz



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Conviction vs Preference

Scripture: Daniel:1-5

Elder Abuse Month

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TXDFPS@public.govdelivery.com) is calling attention to Elder Abuse. Partnering with APS or Adult Protective Services they are promoting a culture of respect, dignity and safety.

Abuse most often may be thought of as physical, where a person is being hit or beaten. However, it would also include neglect, or being taken advantage of by trusted individuals.

I know of a case, where the brother of one of our members was taken advantage of by someone he trusted. This person (may I say thief?) always had a sad story to tell. The heartbreaking tale could be about the person or a child or another family member. One tragedy would be about health issues, the next of a car accident, then they were about to lose their home. They actually didn't have to ask for money, they just told one sad sob story after another.

When the family finally realized what was being done, they could prove the brother had been bilked out of more than \$100,000 dollars. There was more

but they could not prove that much. The brother was old, embarrassed and still kind of believed the hardship tales he thought may have been true, so he refused to press criminal charges.

The thief had stolen more than \$100k and there was evidence, it had been done before to other trusting individuals.

Christians are often more susceptible to those who are slick tongued and smooth talkers, because they trust people. Christians naturally believe that others are honest. This is especially true when they have spent weeks, months, even years building trust. We want to believe in the best in people.

The thief may be a member of the church, a family member or a neighbor, who shares their sob story. It may just be a casual, "may I borrow this?", because they know the elderly person may forget or be too shy about asking for the item to be returned.

You don't have to be elderly to fall for a hard-luck story. A loving disciple, can still be wise. Be careful.

Charles M Clodfelter

Echoing God's goodness

Roald Dahl's 1988 novel *Matilda*, since adapted for stage and screen, tells of a young girl surrounded largely by abusive adults. With her exceptional intelligence, wit and courage, Matilda decries her father's lying and cheating, resists injustice against her classmates and kind teacher and, in the end, refuses to perpetuate a cycle of revenge. A community-theater director in Minnesota wrote in the musical's playbill, "Her story reminds us that strength isn't always loud, and power doesn't always look like we expect."

That also aptly describes Jesus, who came not with what society deems strength and power. Instead, the Messiah showed that true strength is kind, compassionate and sometimes quiet. True power is not bullying and domination, but giving of oneself in love. Refusing to curse his opponents or even his executioners, Jesus prayed for their forgiveness, demonstrating how to end cycles of violence and death.

Humans — no matter how brilliant! — can go only so far by themselves. That's why Jesus went farther, rising to new life and defeating death entirely. But in the world around us, particularly in books, plays and other works of art, we can catch echoes of God's goodness. Inspired by characters like Matilda and real-life neighbors who uplift others, we too can echo God's goodness. While we trust above all in our Savior Jesus, let's work courageously and creatively for kindness and care.—Heidi Hyland Mann

A Traveler's Guide to Heaven by housetohouse

ACCOMMODATIONS: Arrangements for accommodation must be made in advance ([John 14:2](#)).

PASSPORTS: Persons seeking entry will not be permitted passed the gates without having proper credentials and having their names already registered with the ruling authority ([Revelation 21:27](#)).

DEPARTURE TIME: The exact date of departure has not been announced. Travelers are advised to be prepared to leave at short notice ([1 Cori. 15:52](#)).

TICKETS: Your ticket was purchased by a Friend named Jesus. It should be claimed and its promises kept firmly in hand ([Jn 5:24](#); [Heb 5:8-9](#)).

LUGGAGE: No luggage can be taken ([1 Tim. 6:7](#)).

IMMIGRATION: All passengers are classified as immigrants, since they are taking up permanent residence in a new country. The quota is unlimited ([Heb. 11:6](#)).

AIR PASSAGE: Travelers going directly by air are advised to be ready for imminent departure ([1 Thess 4:17](#)).

VACCINATION / INOCULATIONS: Injections are not needed, as there are no illnesses or diseases there ([Revelation 21:4](#)).

CURRENCY: Deposits may be forwarded to await passenger's arrival ([Matthew 6:20](#)).

CLOTHING: A complete and appropriate new wardrobe is provided for each traveler ([Isaiah 61:10](#)).

RESERVATIONS: Booking is now open. Since departure time is unknown you should apply at once. If you

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Our Records

July 20, 2025

Morning Worship – 54
Wednesday - 18

Regular Offering: \$3801.00

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 1
Identification - 0

Year to Date

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Mike Breitingner - Mike will be a resident of Rosedale Adult Foster Home, 3111 Edgerock Dr. El Paso TX, 79935. He across from his wife Jill which he enjoys the ease of visiting her. Please keep him and Jill in your prayer..

Leola Deal - Prayers. For 2 tumors to diminish with medication....

Clay Hamilton - Prayers for swift healing for July 14 hernia surgery, No infection so far. July 25 follow-up appointment..

Abel Hernandez - swift healing from shoulder operation..

Alberto Morales - Prayers. Sugar level is high causing dizziness & headaches, chest pressure & heel spur pain....

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

Gracie Wade - deployed to Saint Lois, MS for 30 days, prayers for travels....

SHUT-INS:

Mike Baron - He is on dialysis and back home from hospital .prayers.

Jill Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers. Send cards to 3116 Edgerock, El Paso, TX 79935

Rose Cobb - Leg Rehab Thank you for prayers. In between therapies. Appreciates calls, cards, and visits. Please call before visit. 3630 Evelyn Ave., El Paso, Tx 79904, 928-715-9195. Love to all

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

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

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Audry Acquisto - loves the bulletin. Sends her love and appreciates everyone. Bob & Gina Walker, Teresa's family, Betty Lewis, Jan Myers....

Amanda Buckley - (Chuck Buckley daughter) Prayers to find job quickly. Also has personal problem....

Toribio de la Cruz - (Eneida's dad) prayers for swift healing from broken ribs at home....

Tanya Dawkins - Prayers for swift healing from shoulder & back pain..

Family of Norma Hernandez (Carol Baker neighbor's daughter) Our condolences to the family Norma, she passed away 7/20. prayers for family..

Jesus Licon - (Cristina Morales's cousin) prayers recovering from 2 strokes, he is receiving therapy at home...Send cards to 530 Cloud View, Chaparral, NM, 88081...

Linda Licón (Cristina Morales's sister in law) Thank you for prayers she is recuperating well at home from her aneurysm operation. Send cards to 8012 Bethany, El Paso, TX 79925 ..

Charlene Looney (COC Truth or Consequences member) - Her sister Nancy Randlett asking for prayers for Charlene. Charlene is in Casa del Sol rehab, Las Cruces, #207. Prayers are needed still in rehab. She's walking...

Jeremy Marshall - Has a very rare blood disease that is destroying his kidney. Prayers needed..

Alexas Myre (Jan Myre daughter in law) Has aggressive breast cancer that was caught early. Please pray for her....

Celia Perez - (COC Montana member) Prayers needed. She was moved to Pebble Creek Nursing Center Room #108. Thank you for prayers her leg pain has decreased, more active & eating better....

Maria Gutierrez - (Rivera/Luna COC) prayers, in Pebble Creek Nursing Center room, she has less pain #414....

Luna Reyes De Ramos - Sharon Swanson for health for spine surgery..

Keith Russell - Prayers. Keith has been diagnosed with cancer....

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

Juanita Seley - (Cristina Morales's cousin) Prayers for swift healing after her head injury. She is in Rehab Hospital of Southern NM, 4441 East Lohman Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88011,

Joseph Shepherd - While I'm still in the process of moving in Cumming,, GA. I attend Pilgrim Rd Church of Christ....

Rosa Trevino - (Cristina Morales friend) Prayers for stomach & leg pain....

Rocky Whiteman minister (Rose Cobb friend in Brian TX) He has a tumor on a hip nerve, under observation at MD Anderson, in Houston. Prayers Please remember in prayers the military & policeman, fireman in harms way. Please call the office to update our prayer list. Names not updated 4 weeks will be deleted.