Fastwood Epistle

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Dove Group will meet March 3. Our theme will Be Easter. Ham will be provided for lunch. We will need bread, salad, sweet potatoes, green beans other vegetables as you choose, and dessert. Please let Teri or Iretha know what you will bring. Thank You! Teri Dove:915-822-2419 or

Iretha Banks: 915-422-7846

Yard Sale fundraiser for Robert Muñoz and Women's Ministry. Saturday, March 2, 8am–12pm at Eastwood church or Christ .10104 Album, northside hall.



All Men are invited to our Men's Prayer breakfast, March 2, 8 am Eastwood Church of Christ fellowship hall, 10104 album, El Paso, TX 79925



******* Men to Serve Sunday, February 25

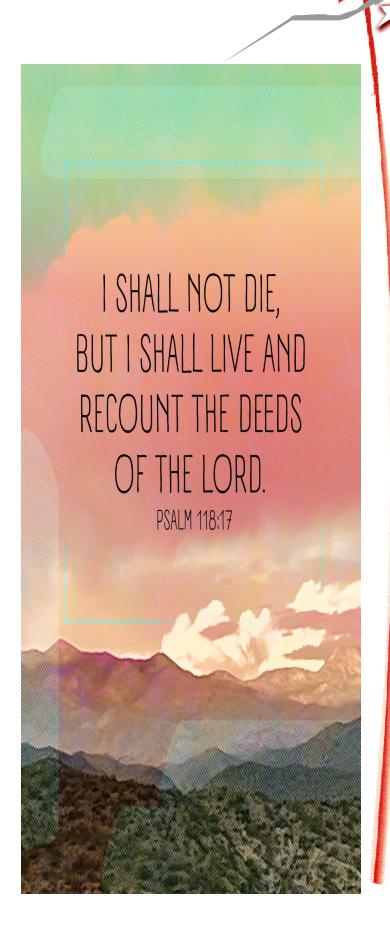
> Song Leader: Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:

Flaviano Enriquez Spanish Samuel Hooper English

Lord's Supper/Contribution: **James Grant**

> Scripture Reading: Mike Breitinger



Together

Our purpose as individuals and a church family is to bring others to Jesus Christ. It is our reason for being on this earth, we must tell others about the Gospel. We do this by being a living example of obedience and love. An example that draws others to us and our church family. Make people want to be with us because we are Christlike.

However, there are many who do not feel comfortable just showing up to a service. Yes, the sign may say everyone welcome, but guests think they will standout and not be accepted. This has happened, but you may prevent this with two practices. One, invite others to join with you for our worship service. Make it a regular practice and when they do — sit with them. Two, when you see guests present for any service, speak to them and make them feel welcome. Then ask them to sit with you. Feeling welcomed and accepted is the goal we have for guests.

Now, let us take an important step by making a list of unchurched friends that you can begin to pray for on a daily basis. You know several, just write down their names and pray for them every day. Three people you know, who are not worshiping with any group. They are described as unchurched. Also, many younger adults are described as "nones" because they hold no allegiance to any religion or faith and may be unbelievers. It is entirely possible that some have never in their lives, attended a worship assembly. They have no idea what to expect. Their emotional state could be one of fear or one of belligerence when they walk in the building.

Many religious groups will be observing Easter in about five weeks. Easter Sunday is the greatest attendance in the entire year. This is a good time to connect with people, but it would be best if you start now! Do not wait. Make your list and begin praying for them and for yourself.

People are seeking connection with others, they want to be accepted, they want to belong and they will respond to a kind invitation from you. Check with the Care group on that Sunday, bring a dish and join them. Or take your guest to a fast food and ask someone else to join you. Your goal is to help the guests feel welcome— accepted as one of us.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Look for them. www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

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. All ladies are cordially invited to join us for a study in scripture, coffee, conversation. We will be studying the Psalms. See Teri Dove about getting a book. Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419



Happy Birthday

Feb 13, Marcos Morales

Feb 14, Lucille Ochoa,

Feb 14, Elaine Carrillo

Feb 17, Denise Boles

Feb 18, Lucian Muñoz Feb 24, Gina Walker



Happy Anniversary

Feb. 7, Bob & Gina Walker



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.



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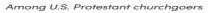
Sunday Morning Sermon Speaker - Charles Clodfelter Sermon: Nothing Can Stay Won

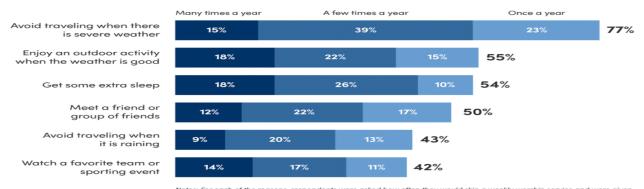
Scripture: 1 Cor 9:24-27

MISSED WORSHIPING GOD BECAUSE

A survey was taken as to why people skip the worship assembly. Thought you might like to see it.

Severe or sunny: weather tops reasons why regular churchgoers say they skip worship services at least once a year





Lifeway research

It is odd how some feel on the importance of worshiping God. There is such a small window of temperature, humidity, wind and sun for some disciples. Mostly, it has to do with our attitude: don't feel like, don't want to, got something better, or any of a million other excuses. Luke 14:15-24

Ground rules for love

In *Let Me Be a Woman*, missionary Elisabeth Elliot writes about the "ground rules" for "how this thing called love really works — in a marriage, in the world." Her list reflects many of the principles found in 1 Corinthians 13, the Bible's love chapter.

- This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience. It looks for a way of being constructive.
- Love is not possessive.
- Love is not anxious to impress, nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own ideas.
- Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage.
- Love is not touchy.
- Love does not keep account of evil or gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it is glad ... when truth prevails.

Love knows no limits to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that stands when all else has fallen.

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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Use one word (perhaps in different forms) for all the blanks to complete this Scripture passage: "Dear friends, let us one another, for comes from God. Everyone who has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not does not know God, because God is" A. believe B. help C. love D. forgive	0	
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Our Records

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Alice Bautista - Please have Alice in your prayers. She is having trouble with her lower disk with a lot of pain and may have surgery. Thank you for cards from Ladies Bible Class..

Ernie Bautista - Prayers to get well from his esophagus, check up on Feb 1 and will have heart monitor next Thursday...

Anay Carrillo—Prayers, healing slowly..

<u>Virginia Honea</u> - Virginia is feeling better but still not feeling very good. Please pray for us, we really need your prayers. 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...

Lorenzo Porras - Thank you for your prayers, Lorenzo is back at home and will continue to recover completely..

Fanny Shearod - Prayers for swift healing, ankle surgery Feb14. Gracie Wade - Prayers for good results on biopsy Feb 20 also for new job at Fema, prayers for smooth transition.

Bob Walker - Brothers and sisters, Her is an update. My doctor have found no sign of the throat cancer. But I am wasting away. So, my doctors have placed me on a regimen of diet, exercise, and occupational therapy for long term cancer recovery. The doctors believe by the way I am healing that I should be back to normal within 6-12 mths. Please continue to pray that I have patience. Bob Walker..

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - In Del Sol hospital for a week. On dialysis, prayers Jill Breitinger - 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 has brain cancer. Improving with cancer treatments. Need Prayers. <u>Aaron Enriquez</u> - Is out of hospital, home recovering, thank you for prayers. Prayers for spiritual help.

Carla Field - (Glenna Bunn's cousin & Anita Vickers' daughter) Carla had liver transplant surgery and has been in ICU 6 weeks so far with body going through the ups and downs associated with a transplant. <u>Haynes</u> - Our condolences to the family for the passing of Bobbye Haynes. She went to the lord Jan. 29. Visitation Feb 19, 10-11am, New Braunfels Church of Christ, funeral service to follow at 11am.. James Jones Jr—Need prayers. He was dismissed from rehab Feb 23 to go home.

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

<u>Celia Perez</u> - (COC Montana member) Prayers needed. She is in the Del Sol Hospital #585A. Will have test done.

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.