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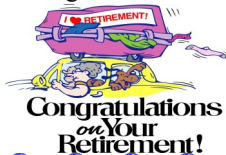
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DOOR

ABEL'S RETIREMENT PARTY

July 12, 2025, from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Dinner provided. Please RSVP to Sharlette. No gifts, please. Join us in celebrating Abel's second retirement. He served 24 years in the Army and 17 years at Clint ISD. Abel began working in 1975 at age 14 for a grand total of 50 years!



★ **Ladies Bible Class** will take a summer break. ★
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★ 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,
Registration 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.

VBS beginning and ending assembly will be in
auditorium. Group leaders will meet their kids.
Songs and prayer before released to the fellowship
hall. Storytime: Children will gather on the floor
surrounding old Joseph.

Men to Serve
Sunday, June 22
Song Leader:
Mike Dove

Opening Prayer:
Enrique Carrillo Spanish
Samuel Hooper English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Shawn Mang
Scripture Reading:
Carlos Garcia

Together

The Revelation given to John was a coded message about the coming hardship by the Roman empire and the ultimate victory by Jesus Christ. The Revelation was intended for the disciples of that time, it was not about our present day situation. It is not until the chapters 20, 21, 22 and the description of the return of Jesus that speaks to all disciples.

Of course, all scripture is inspired and has application to today's disciple. We must read the text in the context to understand what applies to us.

The 1,000 years is a figurative number for the reign of the church. Disciples who are faithful to Jesus during a lifetime of hardship will enjoy an eternity with Jesus. The plea is for disciples to remain steadfast and not give up in the effort to share the Gospel and to live like Jesus. A thousand years seems long but is short compared to eternity.

"Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years." Immersion into Christ is the first death and sets our course for Jesus, so the second death or separation from God is not something we fear. We serve in love.

"Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book." Time is often relative to our situation. A four year old sees a year as 25% of their life, to adults, it seems like a blink of the eye. The message is, we should expect Jesus to return at anytime and collect those who have been faithful.

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city." Jesus is speaking of those who have been born again and follow Jesus. It is also an encouragement for disciples to share the good news, the hope and joy that prevails in the disciple. We are to be steadfast and tell others about Jesus.

"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life."

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

June 5, Anay Carrillo, June 6, Miguel Castro,
June 10, Alberto Morales
June 12, Junie Chavez
June 13, Susie Chavez
June 21, Marisol Alvarado
June 27, David Shearod,
June 29, Amanda Thomas,
June 30, Rosie Guerra



Happy Anniversary!

Junie 13, Robert & Lulu Ochoa
June 19, Brandon & Linda Ripley



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Kindness

Scripture: Galatians 5:22

Salvation Doctrinal Error

Previously, we discussed the error of inherited sin. Many in the protestant denominations teach there is nothing a person can do to receive salvation, except believe. However, this faith can only be received if God individually selects you to be saved. In the past, they would have a mourner's bench wrapped around the speakers platform (pulpit) intended to be a place for people to kneel and pray, asking God to save them.

The anticipation was that God would send them a feeling or message to let them know they had been saved. Since then the process has evolved to raising your hand or coming down to the front to be prayed for and with by another person. The mourner's bench might fail to bring a response, but the later activity is understood to be always successful.

After what they believe has been a salvation event, the "new Christian" is told they should be baptized to join the church. Baptism is not a part of God's plan of salvation, but you must be immersed to be in the church. They cannot see the contradiction

Their position is, you cannot earn your salvation. It is a true concept, no one can earn or deserve salvation, but that does not mean we must not obey God given commands. Naaman was told to dip seven times in the river Jordan. The blind man was told to wash the mud from his eyes in the pool of Siloam. What if Naaman went to a different river or only dipped 5 times? What if the blind man was given a jug of water or wine and told, here use this? All would agree the commands of God must be obeyed. Obeying is not equal to earning.

New Testament verses like Acts 13:39 and Rom 3:22 are used because they are translated believe, but fail to recognize that the original Greek word is an on going or continuous believing which would include obeying everything Jesus commanded.

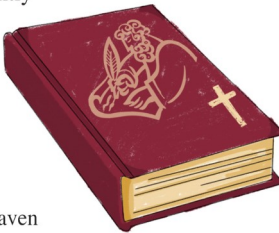
Yes, mankind must believe, but that is not a hand raising or walking to the front. It is pushing yourself off the top of a giant slide, or steep #10 ski slope or jumping out of a 5 story building into a fireman's net. You are all in, committed that is your belief.

Charles M Clodfelter

Bible Quiz

In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man's gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven



Answer: C (See Luke 16:19-31.)

The first day of vacation Bible school

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One summer afternoon, a grandfather picked up his 4-year-old grandson at church. "Well, Jason, how did you like your first day of vacation Bible school?"

"It was great!" the boy replied. "We heard some stories and drew some pictures. Then we went out to play, and when we came back in God had juice and cookies waiting for us!"



Loving my "enemies"

In polarized times, when people view huge concepts such as justice, government policy and care for neighbors differently, how do we follow Jesus' command to love our enemies? I prefer the word *opponents*, but our Lord's instructions still stand.

In the Bible, "love" doesn't mean liking someone; it means caring for them, treating them kindly. I find *The Message* paraphrase of Luke 6:27-36 helpful: "Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst," Jesus says about one's enemies. So, when I contact government leaders to express my opinions, I address them with respect, whether I agree with them or not. When I encounter a neighbor whose views oppose mine, I ask myself what I would want them to do for me, whether help with an errand or be friendly. Then, as *The Message* puts it, I "grab the initiative and do it for *them*."

And this, which might be the hardest: Amid tough times, Jesus says, "Respond with the supple moves of prayer." It's human nature to pray that God change our enemies' or opponents' minds. But it's more Christlike to pray for their health, their families and whatever *God* desires for them, not what *I* want.

Can I do this? With God's help, yes. —Heidi Hyland Mann



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Wednesday - 13

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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....

Teri Dove - prayers. She is experiencing complications from her cataract surgery. She will see a retina specialist June 30. Prayers for a positive outcome treatment.....

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

Tere Morales & Jr and family - Traveling to San Antonio for grandson Antonio Amador Airforce graduation. Prayers for safe travels & congrats. Robert Muñoz Jr - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson) Thank you for prayers, Please continue to pray for successful legal Issues....

Irene Rice - Prayers for complete healing, health and follow up appt.6/16 Loretta Strickland - Will have cataract surgery...

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 April 15. Asking for prayers. Appreciates calls, cards, and visits. Please call before visit. 3630 Evelyn Ave., El Paso, Tx 79904, 928-715-9195. Love to all. She is doing better.

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.....

Ray Rivera - Prayers for swift vertebrae healing. Waiting on results and possible surgery.

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

TullyBoizer - (Rose Cobb's son-in law), prayers, Cancer chin surgery 5/20.. He is cancer free, back to work....

Sergio Armando Camargo - sick, prayers....

Tanya Dawkins - Prayers recovery from shoulder surgery back pain...

Norma Hernandez (Carol Baker neighbor's daughter) Norma is continuing to receive treatment, returning to MD Anderson every 3 weeks. Progress is slow. Please continue to keep Norma and her family in your prayers.

Beni Krisko - (Ina Penala's daughter) Is being deployed to Jordan for 6 mths. Starting Nov. 2024. Pray for safety.....

Jesus Licon - (Cristina Morales's cousin) prayers recovering from 2 strokes, he is receiving therapy at home....

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.....

Jeremy Marshall - (Rose Cobb great nephew) Jeremy is doing super good. Thank you for prayers. Is home in Hawaii. He's doing well .Prayers for kidney adjustment...

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....

Luna Reyes De Ramos - Asking prayers for a friend who may need neck operation and Mike, Kat for liberation, friend Efrain Villalobos health and Luna's daughter Danya guidance. .Sharon Swanson spinal surgery in June.....

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

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

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

Rocky Whiteman minister - (Rose Cobb friend in Brian Texas)Has therapy for his broken ribs.. **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.**