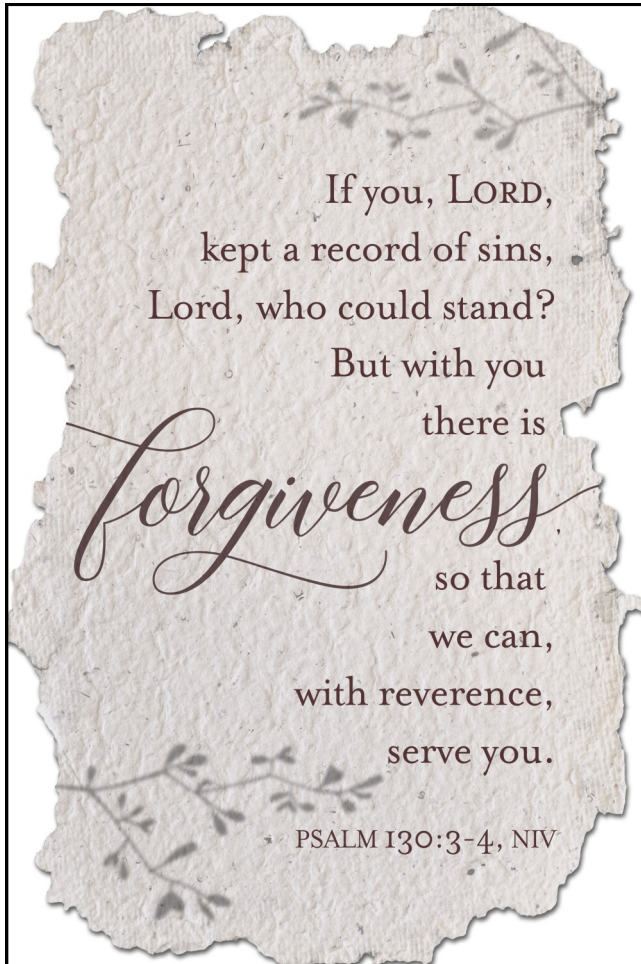


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**Recycle** - Remember to save your aluminum cans and other aluminum for recycling. You may bring them in the foyer or toss your bag into the fenced compound to the trailer. If you crush the cans, we can get more in the trailer. We usually get several hundred dollars when the trailer is taken into the recycler.

Ladies Bible Class , 10 am  
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.



## 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!  
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**Men to Serve**  
**Sunday, February 11**  
**Song Leader:**  
**Mike Dove**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Flaviano Enriquez Spanish**  
**James Grant English**  
**Lord's Supper/Contribution:**  
**Ron Lindsey**

**Scripture Reading:**  
**Mike Breitinger**



February 19,  
Office  
Closed to  
observe  
Presidents  
Day



# Together

It has always been the mission of the New Testament church to reach lost souls with the Gospel of Christ. It has always been a challenge. It is a challenge because most are comfortable in their present situation.

The first century Apostles and Disciples had challenges because people worshiped idols and in general idol worship centered around physical pleasures. However, they thought they were doing the right thing and were committed to the religion of their god.

Today the church is also challenged. In some ways the challenge is the same and in some ways it is different. Cultural change is constant. As someone said, "The only thing that stays the same is change." The church needs to adjust to changes in culture without changing the message of Jesus.

Change can be difficult for a people who believe the inspired Word should be closely followed. The difficulty comes in seeing the distinction in tradition and scriptural doctrine. This is not always as easy as one would tend to think. When all we have known is a certain practice, changing it in some way seems wrong. This experience came when some congregations moved the observance of the Lord's Supper from before the sermon to after the sermon. When the largest church in Dallas decided to put in air conditioning in the 40's it caused an uproar.

When the apostles entered a city to preach they often performed miracles. These were to demonstrate the power of Jesus and give validity to the message they were preaching. But the miracles also drew attention and a crowd. The age of miracles passed with the apostles, but we can still do things to gain the attention of the citizens.

This does not require a violation of the Holy Word of God. It does require that we be innovative so we can draw the lost to hear the message of salvation. An activity can even be fun but if members do not participate or do not encourage outsiders to come with them, it fails in the purpose.

The Tabernacle Experience will be our opportunity to attract people and get their attention. It will require the full support of all of us to help and afterwards to follow up. It needs to be more than fun or interesting. Mark your calendar for April 11-22.

*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  
Children's hour  
after communion

Our Ladies Tuesday Class 10am  
Ladies Bible Class. 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 18, Lucian Muñoz  
Feb 24, Gina Walker



## Happy Anniversary

Feb. 7, Bob & Gina Walker



"...Everyone who Lives and Believes in me  
Will never Die. Do you believe this?"  
John 11:26



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## Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter  
Sermon: Preach the Cross

Scripture: Rom 1:14-17

# FEAR

Fear is common to us all. Fear is not a bad thing, in fact, fear can be beneficial. It is said that children are born with two fears: fear of falling and fear of loud noise. We learn to fear others things as we experience life. Fear keeps us safe, fear helps us pay attention, fear causes us to act. Fear that is uncontrolled will cause us to despair and regret our situation or even regret being alive.

Fear is used to control other people. Those with power hope to force others to live in a certain way for fear of the consequences. It may be parents, bosses, politicians or religious leaders, who seek to instill fear in the hearts of those in oversight. It was recently noted that election years seem to have an abundance of fear mongering as the media and politicians seek to manipulate voters.

Those who love God and follow Jesus Christ do not

live in fear of this world. Of course, we drive safely, see our doctor, avoid carbohydrates and vote for the best candidate. We even go to the storm cellar when the tornado alarm sounds, well some of the time. We certainly do not fear the end of this world and the coming of Jesus! Disciples fear death no more than the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise God, Jesus is Coming!

There is a difference in a healthy fear and panic. We exercise situational awareness, so as to not bump our head on a cabinet door or to be mugged in the parking lot after shopping. We do not check three times to see if the door is locked before going to bed. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin." 1 John 1:7

Charles M Clodfelter

## Puzzle!

Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.

1. When the going gets tough, the tough \_\_\_\_\_ going.
2. People who live in glass houses should \_\_\_\_\_ throw stones.
3. If the shoe fits, \_\_\_\_\_ it.
4. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the kingdom of God."
5. Good things come \_\_\_\_\_ those who wait.
6. When in Rome, \_\_\_\_\_ as the Romans do.
7. Don't wear \_\_\_\_\_ your welcome.
8. If you want something done right, do it \_\_\_\_\_.

Write the unscrambled proverb here:

PROVERBS 23:4

Answer: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Proverbs 23:4



## Learning to forgive

### From ChurchArtPro

Forgiveness is great in theory, and it's a wonderful blessing to receive. But granting forgiveness can be another story. As C.S. Lewis said, "Everybody says forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive." Likewise, forgiveness doesn't simply happen over time, as forgetting often does. Instead, it's "an act of volition," said Simon Wiesenthal, "and only the sufferer is qualified to make the decision."

Because forgiveness has many spiritual, emotional and even physical benefits, the secular world is taking notice. Colleges now offer classes about forgiveness skills and strategies. "You practically never hear sermons on forgiveness that are practical and give clear instructions on how to approach it," Professor Robert Enright tells the Washington Post.

Graduate student Shyanne Sporrer says a forgiveness class helped her realize the danger of holding grudges. "Forgiving does not mean you are giving up power," she says. "On the contrary, when you forgive, you are the person who is in control. By forgiving, you can empower yourself to move forward from the anger and resentment to be a better version of yourself."

Psalm 130:3-4-forgiveness

## Bible Quiz

What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples – twice – when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding?

- A. "Love one another as I have loved you."
- B. "Peace be with you."
- C. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."
- D. "I am risen!"



Answer: B (See John 20:19, 21.)

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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.

**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, 47<sup>th</sup> 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** - Fell recently and sprained her ankle. Prayers needed.

**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** - 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**

**Haynes** - Our condolences to the family for the passing of Bob-bye 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 is at Del Sol Hospital....

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

**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

**February 4,2024**

Morning Worship – 68

Wednesday - 15

Regular Offering: \$5244.00

**Year to Date**

**Week**

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

**Year to Date**

Year to Date - 2

Year to Date - 0

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