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<u>Ladies Bible Class</u> will take a summer break.

Class will resume September 2,

Teri will teach "Fruit of the Spirit."

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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.



Men's Prayer Breakfast, Sept 6, 8am, Eastwood church of Christ fellowship hall, 10104 Album, El Paso, TX 79925



Men to Serve Sunday, August 17 Song Leader: Mike Dove

Opening Prayer: Flaviano Enriquez Spanish Terence Wade English

Lord's Supper/Contribution: Jimmy Moore

Scripture Reading:
David Davis



Together

Summer is over and school has started, it is a time when lives have a more set routine. It is a good time to invite people to attend our worship assembly.

Our **Men's breakfast** will resume on the first Saturday of each month—Sept 6, 8:00. All men are encouraged to attend AND to bring a friend for fellowship for about an hour. Men lead their families, invite a young husband and it is a big step toward reaching the family.

A **FRIEND DAY** is planned for Sunday, Sept 14. Invite young couples to join us for lunch as your guest. Activitely seek out a young family and let them know you want them to join you for worship and lunch.

There are people who are seeking God and Jesus. However, most are looking for a place to belong, to fit in with others. You don't have to have a Bible study with them, just bring them. When they are comfortable, they will be open to a Bible Study.

The answer to growing the church is for the members to bring guests. Be a friend to young families, find out if they have a church home and invite them to join you at worship. Sit with them and introduce them to others. You do not need to wait for a Friend's Day, but it will be a wonderful opportunity to ask them to join you for worship and lunch.

We love one another and it is always good to talk with our friends. However, have your eyes open for our guests. Almost every Sunday, I see two friends catching up with one another and really enjoying their friendship, while a guest tries to squeeze around them to get by. Often you may think I am rude because I do not look you in the eye when we are talking, that is because I am looking for guests. Even if you have not brought a guest, be on the alert to make other guests feel welcome and accepted.

Remember the 5 minute rule. The first five minutes after dismissal, you do not talk to members, you seek out and engage the guests. Don't run for your car. Cultivate a relationship with a potential Christian. It may be the most important conversation in their life. Many fear going to church because they are afraid they will not accepted because of something about them. Show it's not true.

Charles M. Clodfelter

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

Ladies Bible Class-

Attention all Ladies!

You are invited to the kick-off of our new study of The Fruit of the Spirit on **Sept 2.** We will meet in the fellowship hall. There will be a devotional to get



our study started. We will share a potluck lunch and then do something fun! Please bring a wrapped kitchen item for a kitchen shower for our kitchen. We need to restock: serving utensils, tongs, pie servers, meat forks, dish towels, dish cloths, pot holders, hot pads to put under hot pots, measuring Spoons & cups, funnel, can opener, etc. Come share in the fun!

KITCHEN SHOWER



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: Creating Believers Scripture: Rom 10:17

? Bible Quiz ? ??

For years, King David showed special kindness to the son of King Saul's son Jonathan, because David and Jonathan had been dear friends.

Which of the following statements is not accurate?

- A. The name of King Saul's grandson was Mephibosheth.
- B. He was lame in both feet.
- C. His feet had been injured when he was 5.
- D. He was injured while playing with his brothers.



Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-7; 21:7.)

Lifelong learners

"If you don't have wisdom that goes with knowledge, you are only a walking encyclopedia," wrote Jack Wellman, a Kansas pastor. "A book of knowledge is useless without the wisdom to know how to apply that knowledge. ... Information without transformation leads only to frustration."

Consider the many benefits of wisdom — and how you can use what you've acquired to serve God, your church and your community. To better fulfill your calling, what wisdom might you yet need to acquire?

As another school year begins, here's a prayer for students of all ages: All-wise, all-knowing God, make us willing learners and seekers of your wisdom, not for the gain of knowledge for its own sake, but that we might handle every situation we face with the wisdom of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

-adapted from The Wired Word



Summer is peak time for home renovations and remodeling projects.

Those can be super stressful, starting with the selection of a contractor. In a blog about her own family's construction plans, Laura Elliott explains the challenge: "It's not just any builder I want. I want one who has impeccable workmanship, is completely trustworthy and delivers our long-awaited [projects] early and under-budget."

After sifting through bids and reviews, she discovered that most builders "look like they do pretty similar work for a pretty similar price."

For spiritual renovations, however, the choice is clear. "God is the builder of everything," says Hebrews 3:4 (NIV). Elliott writes, "Jesus is not only the *builder* of His Father's house, but He is the *buyer*, and the *heir* as well." And what he's building, she adds, is "a better Bride," his church.

Faith upgrades are an ongoing, lifelong process. "The renewal of our natures is a work of great importance," said 18th-century minister George Whitefield. "It is not to be done in a day. We have not only a new house to build up, but an old one to pull down." It's a good thing God oversees this project! —Stephanie Martin

Your Self-Concept and God's Concept of You

Dr. Joe F. Alexander has had a stellar career as a professor in higher education. In teaching "Self-Concept Theory," he tells his students that there are four pieces to the way our self-image is formed:

- 1. *Actual self* who we think we know ourselves to be.
- 2. Ideal self who we would like to be if we could.
- 3. Actual other who we think others think we are.
- 4. Ideal other who we would like others to think we are.

Dr. Alexander imagines how much happier we would be if we focused on how God sees us, instead of how we see ourselves or how others see us. He points out that how God sees us caused him to pay the ultimate price on our behalf.. God's love for you is so great *You dare not belittle your worth*. Joe Barnett

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Mike Breitinger—: 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....

Abrahan Favela- Asking for prayers and guidance. Will be checking into a hospital for a month for PTSD & Depression..

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....

GracieWade-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 Breitinger - 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

<u>Lulu Ochoa</u> - 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

Antonio Avila Jr-(Margaret Lee's dad) In ICU at WBAMC for observation for passing out during treatments.

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

Margarita Banuelos – please pray for my son Sergio (30yr old). He is sick. David Blanke-former member, will undergo surgery in San Antonio, Aug12. Please pray for successful outcome for this procedure & therapy. 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.... 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 recovery from 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...

Rocky Whiteman minister (Rose Cobb friend in Brian TX) He has a tumor on a hip nerve, no solution yet 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.

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