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1 CHRONICLES 16:11, ESV HIS PRESENCE CONTINUALLY

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Please join us as we come together to honor and celebrate the life of Ruben Avalos (Susie Chavez brother) memorial service. December 16, 11 am, Eastwood Church of Christ, 10104 Album, El Paso, TX 79925, Join us to afterwards for pot luck, chicken will be provided please bring a side dish to share.



Christian Schools of El Paso CSEP is having a Papa Eric's Burgers fundraiser, \$8.00 per ticket. Tickets expires at the end of December. call Diana Williams for Info. 915-593-5011



**<u>Recycle</u>** - 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.

> Men to Serve Sunday, December 17 *Song Leader:* Ray Rivera

*Opening Prayer:* Kiki Carrillo Spanish James Grant English

Lord's Supper/Contribution: Ron Lindsey Scripture Reading: Chuck Buckley

Together

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psa 91:1-2

The last verse of our National Anthem has these words. "Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, And this be our motto - "In God is our trust."" The phase "In God we trust," was first added to coins in 1864. It was officially adopted as the nation's motto in 1955.

It seems obvious that our nation was built on a belief in the Almighty and the precepts of His Word. Generations of Americans held to the principles of morality taught in scripture.

Having seen how England and European nations used religion for control, founders made it a point that there would be freedom of religion, thereby removing government control. It was not their purpose to stop religion from having influence in the affairs of life, including government.

During the revolutionary war, there was a group designated with the term, "Black Regiment." It referred to the ministers who generally wore black suits and coats and spoke up in favor of the revolution in their sermons and publicly. They were not using control, but influence to support the war.

Disciples harken to the words of David in stating "My God, in whom I trust." Our first trust is in the Almighty God, Creator and Savior. Yes, we trust others, especially our fellow Christians, but God is foremost in our confidence. We trust Him now and in eternity.

What human do you trust the most? Is it a spouse, parent, sibling, child? Well you can trust God a zillion times more. Sometimes we are the hand of God, when we help or encourage another. Other times they are the ones who help us. We are not in a contest, we are trusting in God and helping others.

God loves you beyond belief, Trust Him. 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. No Children's hour Children's Class 9:00A.M.

Wed<u>nesday</u> Bible study 7:00pm after communion

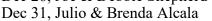
Our Ladies Tuesday Class 10am Ouestions call Teri Dove 915-822-2419

# Happy Birthday

Dec 1, Israel Alvarado, Dec 8, Joe Shepherd Dec 8, Israel Alvarado Jr, Dec 10, Howell Ramsey Dec 11. Robert Muñoz Jr Dec. 12, Christy Gutierrez Dec 12, Venson Oliver Sr Dec 19. Carol Baker Dec 31, Sharlette Hernandez

## **Happy Anniversary**

Dec 4, Hershel & Virginia Honea Dec 4, Howell & Kim Ramsey Dec 10, Juan & Virginia Najera Dec 12, Terence & Gricelda Wade Dec 26, Joe & Debbie Shepherd





#### Positive Things to say to your Child

- 1.Being kind does not make you weak.
- 2.Your ideas are great.
- 3. You don't have to do what everyone else is doing.
- 4. Anything is possible.
- 5. You can make a difference.
- 6.I love how you said that.
- 7.I'm listening
- 8. You did that so well.
- 9.You make my heart full.
- 10.Not everyone will like you, and that is okay.

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**Sunday Morning Sermon Speaker - Charles Clodfelter** Sermon: The Power of Enthusiasm

Scripture: 1 Jo 3:24

Dutch Catholic priest and theologian Henri Nouwen found it useful to reflect on several questions at the end of the day: "Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing?" Pondering such questions may prove valuable at the end of a year as well: "How did I contribute to peace in the world this past year? Did I bring smiles to others' faces? Did I offer words of healing?" Nouwen continued, and we can too: "Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?"

Many of us set New Year's resolutions for self-improvement, asking, "What are my goals? How can I better myself, my weight, my work-life balance, my habits?" But Nouwen said of his self-inquiry: "These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and [in] the life to come." His resolution was to share God's love with others. With God's help, it can be ours as well, for each new day and each new year. Written by Churchart.com

#### Dear All,

I would like take this time to thank everyone for all of the amazing support that made these Mission Trips possible this year especially the Ladies Bible Class. Your donations and prayers meant the world to me and I did my best to pass along that love and support to others.

These trips was an eye– opening experiences for me . Not only because I met women outside of the country seeking the lord, but because I was finally a first –hand witness to the severe hardships that these people face. I know now that I was called to serve as an instrument of God, and to spread His love and His word to those in need.

If you'd like to know the progress we made when I attended as a team member for the women's ministry, please contact me reference missions for these places: Granbury, TX and Mexico" Thank you all for making it possible.

Appreciatively, Margaret Lee 915-269-9584



# WHEN YOU GO THROUGH DEEP WATERS, I WILL BE WITH YOU.

Isaiah 43:2



Church Potluck, December 31 please bring a dish for everyone to share. All invited after service at our fellowship hall.

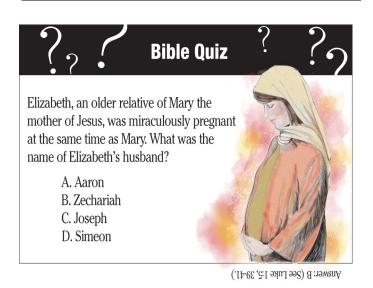


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Directory Pictures December 31. We will set up at church foyer for those who would like to update your picture in the membership Directory.

#### Ladies Bible Class

To Thank Each One of Your Knowing people nice as you gives life a brighter touch, And so, to each and all of you—thanks very, very much! Thank you for all of your prayers and cards,. We needed them, I'm getting better, In Christ Bob & Gina Walker



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# **Our Records**

December 10,2023

Morning Worship – 62 Wednesday - 16

Regular Offering: \$2389.00

#### Year to Date

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# **In Our Prayers**

### **Our Family**

<u>Anay Carrillo</u> - Prayers of healing . She had a stroke and is recovering at home slowly. Your welcome to stop by . Send your donations or cards to help her recover at 3323 Donegal Rd, El Paso, TX 79925.

<u>Teri Dove</u> - Teri is back home from taking lab test . Prayers for continued healing .Teri can be contacted on her cell phone at 915-637-0351.

<u>Alberto Morales</u> - Prayers for no dizziness & better sugar Level. Need to go to otolaryngologist and cardiologist... <u>Robert Muñoz Jr</u> - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson) Thank you for prayers, need prayers for successful legal Issues.

<u>Lulu Ochoa</u> - Thank you for Prayers and thanks to the Ladies Bible Class for cards. Just started chemo therapy. Lulu has had no cancer pain lately. God has been so good to her for cancer treatment....

<u>Venson Oliver</u> - 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... <u>Bob Walker</u> - Thank you for prayers. Thank you for cards. Waiting for results on radiation, chemo tests if needing more radiation.....

#### SHUT-INS

<u>Mike Baron</u> - Is on dialysis, prayers <u>Jill Breitinger</u> - In home care with dementia, prayers <u>Teresa Dalke</u> - Prayers for stronger immune system <u>Christine Hooper</u> - home and recuperating **Our EXTENDED FAMILY** 

<u>Maria Montanez</u> - (ESL student) Prayers. Swift healing from cancer procedure..

<u>River Russell</u> - Keep him in your Prayers (Ida Russell's son) for his deployment ..

Fred Sierra—Prayers for good results from MRI....

Javier Trevino( Rosa Trevino's brother) – prayers, recovering from cancer removal in liver. Prayers for swift healing.

<u>Cesar Venegas</u> - Prayers, he is back home from Houston hospital after his car accident, prayers for healing, prayers for his mom Lupe. (Cristina Morales's friend Rosa Trevino)....

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.