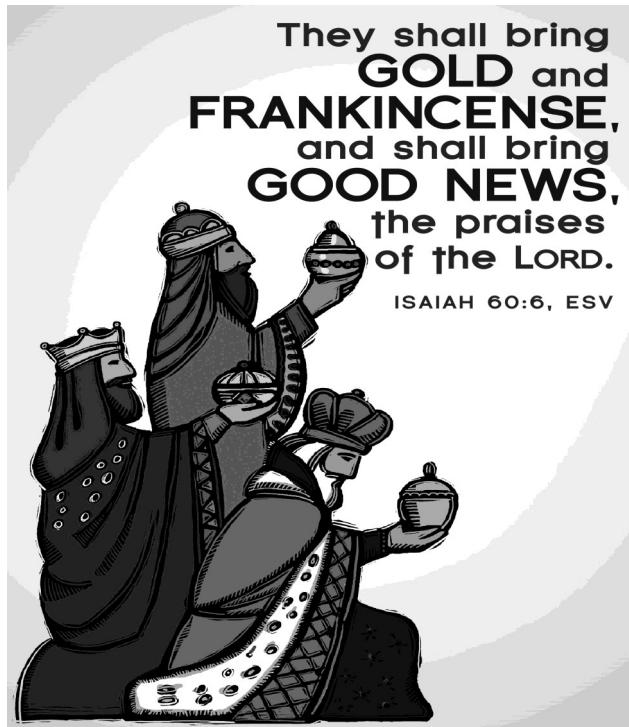


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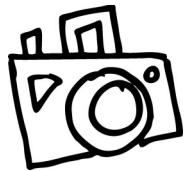
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Church Potluck, December 31 please bring a dish for everyone to share. All invited after service at our fellowship hall.



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



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



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.



Men to Serve
Sunday, December 24
Song Leader:
Mike Dove

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Ron Lindsey English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Jimmy Moore

Scripture Reading:
Chuck Buckley

Office closed
December 22 and
25 to Observe
Christmas Holiday

No bulletin will be sent out next week December 26

Together

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." **Isaiah 7:14**

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel'" – which means, 'God with us'" **Mt 1:22-23**

The promise by YaHWeH to Abraham was well known by the Jews and they were looking forward to the anointed or chosen one to arrive and deliver Israel.

While we are not told to celebrate the birth of the Christ or Messiah, personally I am glad so many recognize the coming of the Christ. Rather than chastise friends for celebrating, use the Apostle Paul's tactic in Acts 17:23, you might say: let's talk about this Jesus and what he teaches.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come is a fitting song and attitude all year long. Live Life with JOY. Yes, bad things happen and we have disappointments and sorrows, but Jesus lifts us above this physical world and promises a home with the DIVINE. What joy we should have all year long.

If the richest person in the world, told you they were adopting you and putting your name on all their accounts, stocks, real estate and every asset they owned, would you be excited? –That's rhetorical.

The excitement and anticipation of a child should be a reflection of the disciple who is looking forward to the Coming of Jesus. It is great to see the joy in a child's face when the decorations go up and they realize Christmas is getting near. They know there will be presents and family and food treats. As the day draws nearer, some even have difficulty getting to sleep. They can't wait for Santa to come.

Let your anticipation for Jesus brighten every day of your life. Joy to the world, the Lord has come and is coming again. Think of the best Christmas you ever had, either as a child or adult. Multiply by a zillion.

God loves you beyond belief, Trust Him.

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

**No Children's hour
after communion**

Our Ladies Tuesday Class 10am

Questions 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

Dec 31, Julio & Brenda Alcala



Positive Things to say to your Child

1. You have a choice.
2. That's a great question.
3. I'm so excited to spend time with you..
4. That was a really good choice.
5. You can make a difference.
6. I trust you.
7. I hear you.
8. Your attitude can change any situation.
9. You are a great friend.
10. I'll always love you.



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: A Savior is Born

Scripture: Matt 1:18-25

YOUR GREATEST CHALLENGES ARE ACTUALLY OPPORTUNITIES.

Life is full of challenges. It does not matter what stage of life you are enjoying, there will be challenges. We may look into our past and remember with fondness the challenges we faced and how we overcame it. It is a good memory. But the present challenge – no so much.

My son, wanted to take his parents to a movie that he had enjoyed. The first minutes of the movie were calm, then the action began for several minutes and it was intense. When it stopped, he turned to his mother and said, you can relax for awhile. Sometimes, life is like that, extremely intense, then we get a break and relax. Other times there is no break, it is just one thing after another.

When we read a book or watch a video the hero is

always trying to solve a problem. It may be a big problem or a series of smaller troubles. What we admire is the fact they overcome. They win and in the process, become a hero. We want to do that also. The “come back” when we win against the odds or when all seems lost and we come back to win.

The Greatest Challenges are Opportunities. We don't see it at the time. We are not thinking, “Wonderful this is going to make me a better person or allow me to become wealthy, et cetera.” Challenges are Opportunities.

May you have a wonderful Christmas and a totally awesome New Year. When the challenges come, may you see them as opportunities.

Charles M Clodfelter

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JOIN US
For
The wedding of
Michelle Martinez
And
Tyler Jet Sander
Saturday, January 6, 2024
2' O'clock in the afternoon
Eastwood Church of Christ
El Paso, TX 79925
Reception to Follow



A season of relationship

For his Christmas album *Milk & Cookies*, worship leader David Crowder wanted to focus on the relationship aspect of the holidays and the mixed emotions involved. Deaths of loved ones, absence from home or having “no home to get back to,” he says, can wrap sadness into what’s supposed to be a joyful season.

Yet pain and separation perfectly mirror the meaning of Christmas, according to Crowder. “It’s about the created being at a distance from their Maker and ... God making a way back into communion with [them].” He adds, “I feel like most of the stuff that we experience around the season points to what is the miraculous — that there was the best gift ever given, and it was to make a way back into relationship with our Creator.”

Celebrate the Light

Bursting through December nights
that could be long and cold,
our Christmas lights bring warmth and joy
with colors soft or bold.

Cascading from the rooftops,
and from trees both small and tall,
the lights cry out, “We have good news!
We want to shout to all.

“You’ve seen the darkness earth can hold,
the sorrow, war and fear;
but God has sent his Son for all,
to show his Love is here.

“The darkness can’t put out God’s Light.
Christ’s with us day by day,
Illuminating paths so we
can follow in his way.”

Light homes and streets and candles.
Make your world shine clear and bright.
God’s love surrounds and blesses us.
Come, celebrate God’s Light!

Be Completely Humble and
Gentle;
Be Patient
Bearing with one another in
Love.
Ephesians 4:2

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Wednesday - 10

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Anay Carrillo - Prayers of healing . She had a stroke and is recovering at home slowly. She having trouble with a leg but she is getting therapy at home. Your welcome to stop by . Send your donations or cards to help her recover at 3323 Donegal Rd, El Paso, TX 79925..

Teri Dove - Teri is back home from taking lab test .

Prayers for continued healing .Teri can be contacted on her cell phone at 915-637-0351..

Alberto Morales - Prayers for no dizziness & better sugar Level. 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 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....

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...

Bob Walker - Thank you for prayers. Thank you for cards. Waiting for results on radiation, chemo tests if needing more radiation.....

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - Is 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

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..

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.

Cesar Venegas - 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.**