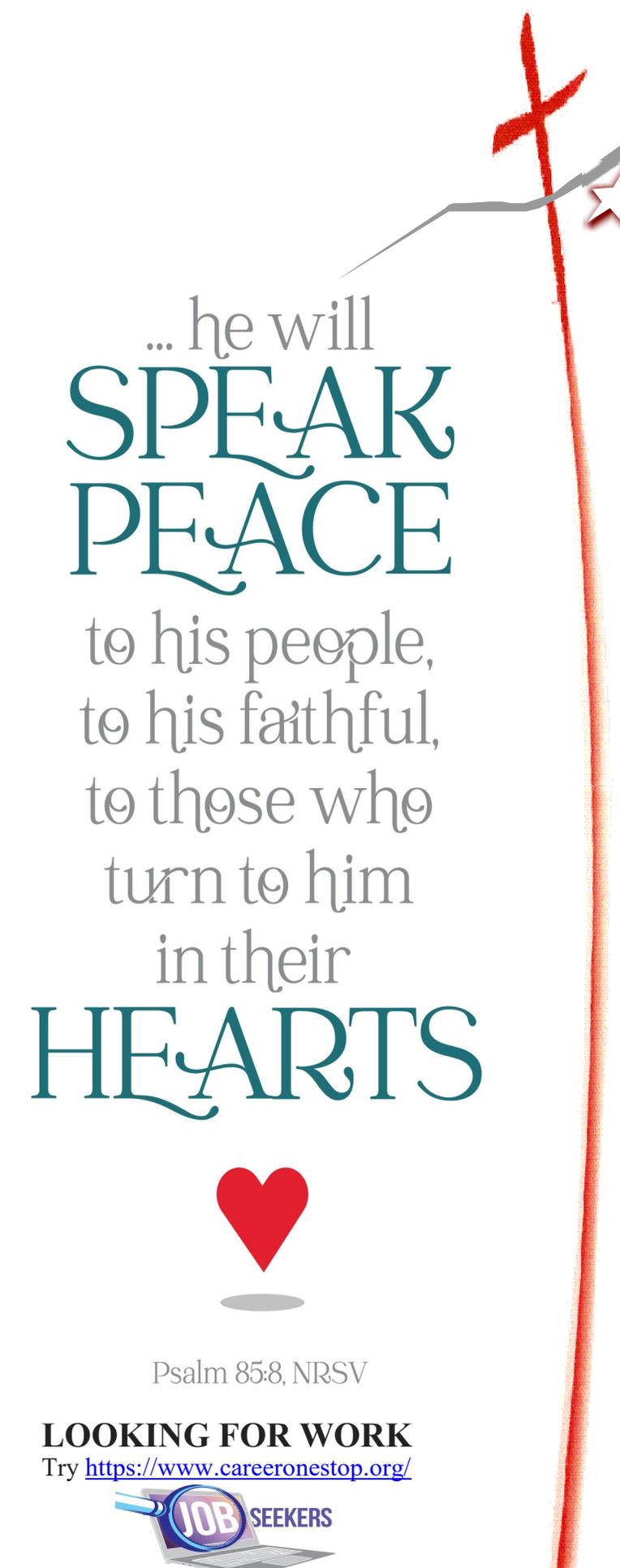


# Eastwood Epistle

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... he will  
**SPEAK  
PEACE**  
to his people,  
to his faithful,  
to those who  
turn to him  
in their  
**HEARTS**



Psalm 85:8, NRSV

## LOOKING FOR WORK

Try <https://www.careeronestop.org/>



### **VBS Postponed until further notice.**

Our theme is "But Wait, God Had a Plan":  
The Story of Joseph. We will be  
making Sharing Bags again as one of our  
crafts. We will need 100 each of the following  
items: color books, puzzles, craft kits, bubbles,  
etc. If you can help, please start bringing  
these items to the building. Thank you for  
your help last year and in advance for this  
year. Teri Dove ,915-822-2419

Please contact the Care Group leaders  
and indicate your participation.

1st Sun Teri and Mike Dove, 915-822-2419

**1st Sun No Care Group until further notice**

2nd Sun Jan and Ray Rivera, 915-915-592-8930

3rd Sun Susie and Junie Chavez, 915-274-3098

4th Sun Need Volunteer

5th Sun Congregational Potluck

**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

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**Men to Serve**

**Sunday, July 9**

**Song Leader:**

**Mike Dove**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Kiki Carrillo Spanish**

**David Davis English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:**

**Ron Lindsey**

**Scripture Reading:**

**John Tyler Abbott**

# Together

“Whoever corrects a mocker brings on insult; whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse.” Prov 9:7

The above has always been true. It is just as true today as it was millenniums ago. The challenge is how to reach those we know, respect and love. Do we just leave them alone and let them continue their journey in sin toward an eternal separation from God? Or do we speak kindly and lovingly with the willingness to be rejected? Jesus chose the latter.

The Old Testament prophets (preachers) were often harsh in their preaching because of their audience. Israelites were taught the word of God from childhood. They knew how they were required to live and failed to do so. The prophets spoke plainly.

Evangelism of the lost is accomplished when disciples first live like a Christian, then teach with love. If the message from the Christ is rejected, we move on, but keep the door open. We don't burn our bridges with those who say no. Perhaps, they will say yes later. Seek the yes sayers.

On occasion, Jesus spoke plainly, but it was to rebellious religious leaders, not to those who were willing to listen. Our Evangelism is not a sports contest, where the lost are the opponents. Evangelism is a life saving effort and disciples are the first responders, the lifeguards. You save souls by leading the lost to Jesus.

In the last 60 years, Bible believers have become the minority in our society. Bible believers are the backbone of our country and are those who hold to a high standard of morality. This means that when talking to the younger generation, we don't need to be discussing the finer points of theology, we need to be talking about Jesus. Who is Jesus, what did he do for us?

If Jesus has not brought change to your life, those around you will not listen. Learn to express that change to others. Jesus gave purpose to life, direction and hope. Jesus relieved guilt and set me on a better path.

*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 Lesson, 10am will be about "Joy In the Morning."

Thank you Teri Dove 915-822-2419

## Care Group

July 23 Need Volunteer

## Happy Birthday

July 2, Mike Dove,  
July 4, Mike Baron,  
July 4, Julio Alcala,  
July 11, Chuck Buckley  
July 15, Venson Oliver Jr,  
July 18, Alice Castillo, July 18, Ron Lindsey,  
July 23, Yolanda Garcia,  
July 23, Ronald Gaenzle, July 24, Cristina Morales



## Happy Anniversary

July 4, Mr & Mrs Ron Lindsey  
July 7, Bob & Irma Pechanec  
July 8, Sam & Christine Hooper,  
July 13, David & Fannie Shearod  
July 28, Venson & Tiffany Oliver



Loving God means obeying his commands. And God's commands are not too hard for us.  
1 John 5:3



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## Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Joshua 1:6-9

Scripture: Battle Begins to Claim the Gift

# DEADLY SIN

“There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies, and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.” Proverbs 6:16-19 NIV

The so called Seven Deadly Sins apparently came from the above passage in the 6th Century. Elaborated on in the 13th Century. The issue of these sins would be first that they are sin, second some disciples feel guilt for the natural feelings of life and third the false doctrine sometimes conceived as prevention.

Let us address them individually.

1 **Pride.** Who has not known one of arrogance because of some achievement. It does not mean God’s people should not seek to excel. In truth, God desires that we do our best in all things. Col 3:23

2 **Greed.** This does not mean wealth is a sin. Some of the faithful followers of YHWH were wealthy. Greed drives theft: whether it is from a store or from an employer. Greed takes from offerings to God. But, disciples are permitted to build their wealth and provide for themselves and family.

3 **Lust.** The bond between a husband and wife is a God given relationship. God wants a couple to be loving and desirable. This natural desire is to be controlled and not allow us to betray our spouse. Just as we serve one God, we serve one spouse.

4 **Envy.** Respect and appreciation of the attainment of others is right. Wishing them harm or being destructive toward them because they are superior in some way is wrong.

5 **Gluttony.** Everyone must eat or die, but overeating is a lack of self control. Gluttony could applied in many ways, including: drinking, drugs, addictions. Did you know the Graham crackers was created by a Presbyterian minister Sylvester Graham because he thought that was as sweet as you should eat.

6 **Wrath.** We experience disappoint toward others. It brings anger but we must not lose control. Injury of others is forbidden: battered spouse or child abuse should never be the case.

7 **Sloth.** Like most of the sins, there are extremes. It does not say you are forbidden to take some time off. The Sabbath Day was a day of rest. But, the disciple should have the reputation of being one of the best workers on the job.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Ladies Bible Class is adopting the Child Crisis Center for a service project for 2023. We are collecting gently used small luggage, backpacks, carry-ons, or large tote bags. Why, you ask. When children leave the Child Crisis Center or move from one foster home to another, they must take their meager possessions in a trash bag if nothing else is available. We hope to put an end to this demoralizing circumstance for as many children as possible. If you can help, we will appreciate it. If you have questions please contact Teri Dove. 915-822-2419



## 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!

915-593-5011



# Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

BWJITJHQHOB LZDGBOK  
DKFQROMTBHJOBSQEXZT  
OKXWJHOBMIZTIJSDQKU  
EWXBHEQNITKISIZNYOU  
RPJZOWBEQRTOAXCZTXJ

DO NOT \_\_\_\_\_

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV

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# In Our Prayers

**OUR FAMILY**

Jose & Maria Del Rasso - Prayers for health..

Teri Dove - Is in Beaumont hospital. Had gallbladder surgery June 26, surgeon thinks they fixed the problem. Prayers for swift healing. Care group and VBS will be postponed until further notice.

Alberto Morales - Prayers for no dizziness & better sugar Level. Need to go to otolaryngologist and cardiologist..

Christine Hooper - is back home from hospital recuperating from surgery, prayers for swift healing..

Bob & Gina Walker - Prayers still needed, cancerous tumor was found in the back of his throat. Receiving Radiation & Chemo treatment, outlook positive. Thanks for prayers....

Lois Wiggins - Prayers for grandson James Arce training in the Marines Camp Pendleton, getting close to end of training...

**SHUT-INS**

Mike Baron - Is on dialysis, prayers

Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

Rudy Ramon - prayers for health issues..

**Our EXTENDED FAMILY**

Maria Alarcon - (Cristina Morales's friend) Recuperated from prayers and back to work. Thank for prayers...

Ruben Avalos - (Susie Chavez's brother) prayers for health

Sylvia Enriquez - prayers needed, recuperating from appendix operation. Jacob is having same difficulties and is undergoing additional treatment. Prayers needed.

Esperanza Martinez Juarez - (Enrique Carrillo aunt) Esperanza's son passed away due to heart attack. Prayers of comfort and condolences.

Luis Juarez - (Tracy Denis Dad, Maria De La Rosa friend) Is on dialysis, not doing well. please have him in your Prayers.

Maria Montanez - (ESL student) Her breast cancer operation was a success she is resting at home. Prayers for swift healing. procedure April 24....

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

Susan Solem - Prayers for issues....

**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 dropped.**

## Our Records

**July 2, 2023**

Morning Worship - 82

Wednesday - 19

Regular Offering: \$3310.00

**Year to Date**

**Week**

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

**Year to Date**

Year to Date - 2

Year to Date - 0

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