# Eastwood Epistle

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\*\* Ladies Bible Class will take a summer break. Last 

\* class will be a devotional & Pot luck on May 27.

Class will resume Sept 2.

Teri will teach "Fruit of the Spirit."

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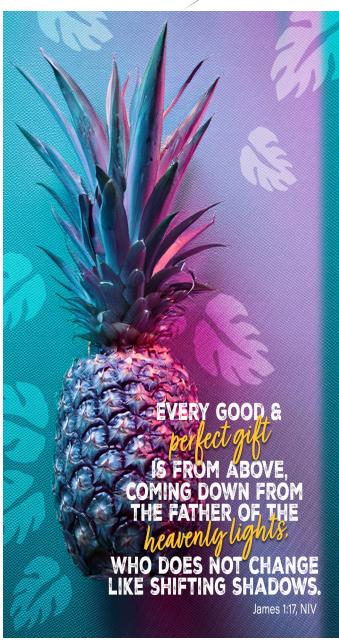
Pot luck June 15— Father's Day & Graduation/ Honors .Immediately after service at our fellowship hall. All invited. May have special guests so bring a lot!

> Men to Serve Sunday, May 25 Song Leader: Mike Dove

Opening Prayer: Flaviano Enriquez Spanish Shawn Mang English

Lord's Supper/Contribution: Samuel Hooper

Scripture Reading: Jimmy Moore





Office Closed May 26 to observe Memorial

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#### DO YOU READ THE BULLETIN?

I know you are busy with many things, but do you take the time to read the church bulletin? Yes, there is some repetition of news or announcements, but there is also breaking news. New names added to the sick list for you to pray for are printed in bold, check it out every week. Also if you are ill or have an update for yourself or someone else, call the office and let us know.

Frequently articles are printed that have been written on important subjects. Some are by me and others from better writers that we trust. For the last several weeks, I have been writing on doctrine. These are not deep, I like to keep things simple and clear. However, they are thought provoking and worthy of your brief time to read.

Recently, I talked with a couple who were former members and still receive the *Epistle* and were appreciative of these recent articles. I was happy to know that someone read them.

The Eastwood Epistle is shared by mail and email. When a change to your mailing address is made and you do not notify the church office the US Mail will return the bulletin to the church office and charge us 75 cents. It usually takes two or three weeks before the first return is made so more than one charge is made.

Some do not use email frequently and a few prefer the printed paper. We want to have the opportunity to communicate with you and will send by either or both methods.

The *Eastwood Epistle* is intended as a way for us to be connected, to be Together in the effort to serve and glorify Jesus Christ. We are always looking for ways to improve and would love to hear good ideas from you.

Several decades ago, I knew an elder that just glanced to see if he was down to lead in a prayer and never looked at anything else. What a the waste of time and work in the effort to create a bulletin.

Yes, you can scan and No, you don't have to memorize it. But, don't treat it as junk mail. Help us make it a more effective tool of communication for our spiritual family.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Welcome our guests.

#### **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. Rm #63.All ladies are cordially invited to join us for a study in scripture, coffee, conversation. More info call Teri Dove Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419. Gina Walker teaching Song of Solomon



### **Attention** Eastwood Members

The 2025 Church of Christ in Eastwood, Inc. Operating Budget Report is available for you to view located in the auditorium on the communion table. Albert Morales

#### Happy Birthday

May 4, Rosaline B. Ashu

May 10, Irene Rice

May 11, Gwendolyn Gale

May 12, Esmeralda Flores

May 14, Leola Deal

May 14, Tresa Trumbla

May 17, Maria Alvarado

May 20, Christine Hooper

May 20 Vanessa Melendez

May 26, Virginia Honea



#### **Happy Anniversary!**

May 21. Abel & Sharlette Hernandez





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#### **Sunday Morning Sermon** Speaker - Enrique Carrillo

**Sermon: The Empty Tomb** Scripture: Mt 28:1-6

#### **Baptism Purpose Doctrinal Error**

If we want to know why immersion is important in the teaching of Jesus. We need to go to the source of his revelation, the New Testament. We observed from the NT that baptism is immersion. Accepted, but why do we have to do it? It is so much trouble, that a large tub is kept filled with warm water and a change of clothes is provided and during the time of expensive and fancy hairdo's a swimming cap was available. We have tried to make it easy and convenient.

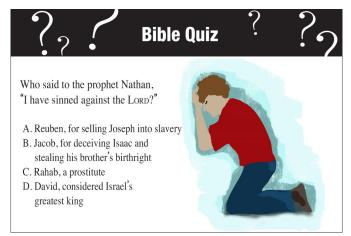
The first gospel sermon in Acts 2:38, we are told it is "for the remission of sins." Ceremonial washings were well known to the Jews, but this was different! Acts 22:16 records where the future apostle Paul was told to "be immersed and wash away your sins." In every recorded case of conversation in the book of Acts, all were told to be immersed and it is a good assumption it was always for the same purpose.

However, there are multiple things involved. This is not in the order of importance, but in addition to

#### Powered by God

God made us: invented us as a [person] invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else.

Now God designed the human machine to run on himself. He himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from himself, because it is not there.—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianit* 



Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 12:13.)

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having our sins forgiven, we are immersed into Christ Gal 3:27, into one body (church) 1 Cor 12:13 and we receive the gift of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:28. They are all part of the salvation package.

When our faith/belief is on the same level as those who were converted in the book of Acts, we will do all that Jesus has commanded. They were baptized with all their clothes on. Just a century ago, converts would go to a river where the ice would need to be broken so they could enter and be immersed. It was not easy or convenient, but it was important by its Purpose.

There is a record of a group of God believing souls who wanted to follow the Messiah, but they had been immersed after the day of Pentecost in the immersion of John. Acts 19:4-5 They were immersed again into Jesus. So it is possible to be immersed but for the wrong reason and the solution is to be immersed in the name of Jesus for the remission of your sins.

Charles M Clodfelter

#### Perspectives on patriotism

While pondering differences between patriotism and nationalism, Ryan Hamm looks to Jesus' example in Luke 19:41-44. "Jesus, it seems, loved his people, his city, his nation — so much so that he cried over it," he writes in Christianity Today. "He didn't despise his country or wish ill upon it — instead, he wanted nothing but the best for it, and it grieved him to see how his people had rejected his teachings."

This example of "patriotism perfected" can serve as a guide for modern-day Christians, according to Hamm. "It's an example that's both pragmatic and romantic, shot through with justice, truth and love. It's not a nationalistic patriotism — it's a love for nation that doesn't pit it against other nations. Instead, it's a recognition of love followed by a mournful recognition of shortcomings."

Put another way, God doesn't love America more than any other nation. And he doesn't want us to worship our nation alongside him, because that is idolatry. Instead, we are to love and proclaim God above any earthly realm. By churchart.com

**Are you listening?** A father asked his 7-year-old son to say the mealtime prayer. "All right," the boy said. "Let's pray. "When every head was bowed, the boy prayed, "Lord, we thank you for the pancakes we're going to eat tonight. Amen."

"Jimmy," his mother said. "I think you should know we're having chicken, not pancakes, tonight." "I know," Jimmy answered. "I just wanted to see if God was paying attention." by churchart.com

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## Our Records

#### May 18, 2025

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#### Year to Date

#### Week

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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. Eneida de la Cruz-Our condolences to Eneida and family, Toni Tovar passed away April 12. No service info. Send cards to 10915 Cardigan,

Teri Dove-prayers. She is experiencing complications from her cataract surgery. She will see a retina specialist June 30. Prayers for a positive outcome treatment.

Maria del Rasso-Our condolences to Maria for the death of her son Salvador Contreras, Send cards to 1836 Charlie Smith Dr.El Paso, tx 79936 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....

#### **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 April 15. Asking for prayers. 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

Lulu Ochoa - 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.....

Ray Rivera - Prayers for swift vertebrae healing. Waiting on results and possible surgery.

#### Our Extended Family

<u>TullyBoizer-(Rose Cobb's son-in law)</u>, prayers, Cancer chin surgery 5/20.. Sergio Armando Camargo-sick, prayers.

Tanya Dawkins-Prayers for successful shoulder surgery at Beaumont 5/13 Ernestina De La Cruz-(Eneida de la Cruz mom) Need prayers. Has high blood pressure & knee pain...

Katlin Enriquez (Mark Enriquez's daughter) She will have surgery April

Norma Hernandez (Carol Baker neighbor's daughter) Test results are promising, as cancer seems to be treatable. Norma was transferred to Houston MD Anderson. Please continue to pray for her & her family..

Beni Krisko- (Ina Penala's daughter) Is being deployed to Jordan for 6 mths. Starting Nov. 2024. Pray for safety.....

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.....

Jeremy Marshall -(Rose Cobb great nephew) Thank you for prayers. Is home in Hawaii. He's doing well .Prayers for kidney adjustment year.... 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....

Luna Reves De Ramos - Asking prayers for a friend who may need neck operation and Mike, Kat for liberation, friend Efrain Villalobos health and Luna's daughter Danya guidance. .Sharon Swanson spinal surgery in June. Keith Russell- Prayers. Keith has been diagnosed with cancer...

Maria Gutierrez- (Rivera/Luna COC) prayers, in Pebble Creek Nursing Center room, she has less pain #414....

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

Ministro Rocky Whiteman (Rose Cobb friend in Brian, Texas). Had successful surgery April 7. broke 2 ribs to get to lungs & removed 1/2 of one lung. In pain. Prayers needed for swift healing....

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.