

Eastwood Epistle

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Friends Day, Sept. 14,

Invite young couples to
join us for lunch as your
guest, after service



Bring a friend to Church

Please write your offering check payable to
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No Dove Care group in September.
We will help support friends Day.

Welcome to the family of
God. (Junie & Susie Chavez
Niece) Michelle Rubio was
Baptized August 28.



Men to Serve
Sunday, September 7
Song Leader:
Mike Dove

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Ron Lindsey English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Shawn Mang

Scripture Reading:
Lawyer Evans

Teach
us to number
our days,
that we may gain a
heart of
wisdom.

Psalm 90:12, NIV

Our condolences to
Iretha Banks
for the loss of her sister
Leola Deal who passed
away Sept. 1. No funeral
information yet. Send cards to
7409 WH Burges, El Paso, TX
79925



Together

Friends Day is **Sept 14!** Yea, I got it right. As you read this you have about ten days to invite your guests. Yes, you can ask more than one young couple or family to join us in worship.

When we are really interested in sharing the Gospel, saving souls and growing the kingdom, we reach out. Young people today are seeking something greater than themselves and to find purpose in their lives. Invite the young people you know, make new friends, reach out to those around you.

There are different ways to invite others. One way is general advertising that is an open and broad invitation to everyone. We do that with our website, Facebook and last week, 304 postcards were sent to those who have recently moved into our area. The return on this type of invitation is small, but there can be some who will respond. Some people like to do this because they think it relieves them of any personal responsibility. Its kind of like standing up in a crowded restaurant and yelling, "I want to invite everyone to church with me on Sunday." They feel better.

A better way is the **personal invitation** from you. A note is good, but looking them in the eye and asking them is better. Its real. Give your warm smile and ask, "Would you join me in church on **Sept 14**? The church is having Friends Day and I would like for you and your family to be my guest and also eat lunch with us afterwards." Pause for their answer, which may be, talk to my spouse, etc. Give them the card and ask, "Please call me so I can be prepared. If you need a ride, I can pick you up. I really want you to come."

A genuine sincere invitation is powerful. You should plan to follow up with a visit or phone call. If they say no, respond in a cheerful way. "I understand, thanks for getting back with me. Maybe you can come on another Sunday. I would love to have you.

MEN, you can invite others to join us on the first Saturdays of each month for breakfast. There are young men that you know that are looking for spiritually mature men they can emulate. They may not say it, but they are. You may be that man, if you give them a chance to know you better. Use the opportunity to make a connection.

Charles M. Clodfelter

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

Schedule Services

Sunday

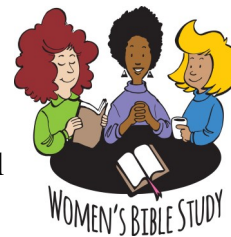
Bible Class - 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 10:00 A.M.
Children's Class 9:00A.M.

Wednesday

Bible study 7:00pm
Children's hour
after communion

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class, Rm 63

10am, Attention all Ladies!
You are invited to join us with the study of "The Fruit of the Spirit". Join us for study scripture, coffee, snacks and fellowship. Teri Dove will be teaching. If you need book call 915-637-0351



Happy Birthday

September 2, Mark Enriquez
September 5, David Davis
September 6, Brenda Alcala
September 7, Sarinah Hernandez
September 9, Mike Breitingner
September 18, Robert Ochoa
September 18, Kiki Carrillo
September 18, Jeffry Gutierrez
September 25, Yolie Hernandez



Children's Storytime
September 20, 9:30am-11:30,
Eastwood Church of Christ
multipurpose room,
RSVP, Teri Dove ,
915-637-0351



Lost Toyota key chain with
Key Sept 2. at Ladies Bible
Class. Please call Marcia
Gamino if you found.
915-490-9287.



www.facebook.com/groups/ecocmembers/

Sunday Morning Sermon Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Go Third Class
Scripture: Luke 22:24-27

WHY "SAME SEX MARRIAGE" IS A BAD IDEA

"Same-sex marriage" may be winning the polls, but it will lose every time against God's word in the Bible. Consider several reasons. First, it fails to recognize God's role in marriage (Matt. 19:6). God does not join anyone in marriage contrary to his law, and if God doesn't do the joining, then there is no marriage in God's eyes. For that reason alone, no homosexuals will ever have a God endorsed marriage. Second, it cannot harmonize with Jesus' teaching on marriage (Matt. 19:4-5). Jesus endorsed a concept of marriage dating back to Creation, when they were made male and female, and in which a man leaves his parents to cling to his wife. No other definition of marriage meets with Jesus' approval. Third, it tries to make the unnatural into the normal. A simple reading of Romans 1:26-27 should convince anyone that God deems homosexuality dishonorable, unnatural, shameless, and erroneous. Fourth, it makes marriage an elastic institution (but cf. 1 Cor. 7:2). If marriage can be redefined to include homosexuality, then there is no sustainable argument against redefining it to include polygamy, bestiality, and whatever perverse behavior lurks in man's darkest imagination. Fifth, it cannot produce children (cf. 1 Tim. 5:14) and, since some

homosexual couples inevitably demand to raise children, it creates all kinds of twisted scenarios in which children grow up with multiple fathers or mothers, while implying that neither a mother nor father is necessary to a child's well-being. Biologically, only a man and woman can produce a child. Biblically, only a man and woman married to each other can produce a child. Sixth, it can only be maintained by perpetual sin (cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-10). That is, if homosexuality is inherently sinful, then there is no way to create a marital bond between homosexuals that would not also be inherently sinful. Seventh, it dishonors marriage, which all of society is obligated to hold in honor. Marriage cannot be honored while trampling what Jesus taught on the subject. Marriage cannot be redefined without compromising its God-given integrity. "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous" (Heb. 13:4, ESV). Political correctness won't get anyone to heaven. We need to repent and get back to God's word, for it will judge us all eventually (John 12:48).

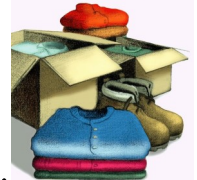
Weylan Deaver

Montana Church of Christ (3101 Montana Ave,) Spanish Ladies Bible class inviting all Ladies to women's meeting, Sept. 27, 9:30am, starting with breakfast and then guest speaker, sister Paly Martinez from Pecos, TX. All for God's honor and Glory.

Contact Maria Estrada 915-217-7019, Salvador Estrada 915-217-7678

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.

Clothes for those in need



Captivity transformed

In Jesus' first sermon in Nazareth, he read from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... to bring good news to the poor ... to proclaim release to the captives" (Luke 4:18, NRSV). Then he declared this Scripture fulfilled — in him. Ever since, in countless ways, Jesus has transformed captivity and dead ends into freedom and new beginnings.

A modern instance is a lovely new apartment complex built out of Lorton (Virginia) Reformatory, a prison that operated from 1910 to 2001. The beautifully renovated apartments — fittingly named Liberty Crest — opened in 2017. This project demonstrates wise stewardship by channeling new life into an old space, and care for people in need by reserving more than 25% of the units for low-income renters. Whether this project's developers are disciples of Jesus or not, the divine power of resurrection has been at work through them.

We're all held captive by something: illness, debt, oppression, violence, our own sin or another sort of dead end. But Jesus brings liberty where only prison was known. He transforms death into life, despair into hope, endings into bright new beginnings. May we who follow him do the same.

Annalise Mang (Shawn Mang's daughter) left for college and would not mind if you send a card to her. Send to Analise Mang, 8125 48th Ave Apt 511-B, College Park MD 20740



"If God is your copilot, swap seats."

—Anonymous



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Wednesday - 19

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Week

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Mike Breiting - 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..

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

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 Breiting - 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

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.....

Note for Johnny Roberson from Sharon Armendariz: Still missing you. Hope you are feeling better. Call if you need anything. If I can help you I will In. Christian Love Sharon Armendariz..

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

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, had surgery in San Antonio, .Aug12. Prayer for swift recovery..

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....

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 - He is doing great, rare disease not affecting his kidney. Thank you for prayers..

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 is feeling good even though 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.