# Eastwood Epistle

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Church Potluck, March 30 after service at Eastwood church of Christ Fellowship hall. Bring Enough For your family and extra to share.



Dove Care Group-April 6: Ham provided. We will need side dishes, salad, bread, and dessert. Please let Teri or Iretha know what you will bring. EVERYONE is invited.



Spring cleaning for gardens includes cutting back dead foliage, but leaving some stems for beneficial insects. Soil testing and adding necessary nutrients are crucial steps in preparing for a successful growing season.

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Men to Serve Sunday, March 30 Song Leader: Mike Dove

Opening Prayer: Enrique Carrillo Spanish Jimmy Moore English

Lord's Supper/Contribution: Ron Lindsey

> Scripture Reading: David Davis



Men's Prayer breakfast, April 5, 8am, Eastwood church fellowship hall, 10104 Album, All men invited



# Together

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." Ps 95:1

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." Eph 5:19

Singing is an important part of our praise and worship to the divine. However, it is a part of our fellowship and encouragement to one another. We are worshiping the Holy when we sing, but we are also encouraging our brothers and sisters. Singing is important.

The New Testament does not speak about mechanical or musical instruments when we sing to God. In fact, as observed in the text above the instrument designated is the heart. Therefore, we sing a cappella, which means to sing without instrumental accompaniment. When you trace "a cappella" back to what it originally meant its "as the church sings."

However, the important issue is for us to SING. Individually, we must sing. It is not enough to proudly say we don't use a piano or band, do we sing? We can fuss over the style but do we sing? One person prefers some songs over others, do you sing? The early church most likely followed the style of the Jewish synagogue, which was chanting. When one side of the assembly sings and the other side responds, it is called antiphony.

Styles change because of the local culture and the next generation. Do you sing?

Perhaps you have compared yourself to a person that is a great singer and said, "I can't do that." Perhaps someone told you that you were not good at singing. Wrong, you can sing! In fact, if you listen to those who make and sell hit records, I personally don't think half of them can sing. You sing better.

Singing changes us. Singing makes us happy, singing brings us together, singing wakes up the creative within us.

Just a few years ago, it was common for people to work and sing. There has also been those who whistled constantly. Singing and music lifts our spirits. You may not have a radio but you can sing anytime.

Why does God want us to sing? It is good for us, mentally, socially and spiritually. Do not hesitate to Sing to the Lord!

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.

Wed<u>nesday</u> 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** 

March 4, Violet Muñoz

March 4, Zoe Morales

March 6, Junior Albert Dominquez

March 9, Shelby Oliver

March 9, Clayton Hamilton

March 10, Janet Hill

March 15, Lorenzo Porras

March 27, Eva Carrillo



#### **Happy Anniversary!**

March 26, Enrique & Anay Carrillo





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**Sunday Morning Sermon Speaker - Charles Clodfelter** 

**Sermon: Love Lessons for Everyone** Scripture: 1 Cor 13:4-7

#### Know who (and whose) you are

Actor Kirk Douglas once picked up a hitchhiker. After the man got settled in Douglas's car, he turned to look more closely at the driver. Surprised to recognize the famous man at the wheel, the hitchhiker exclaimed, "Do you know who you are?!"

We would do well to ask ourselves and each other the same thing. Often, we seem to forget — or perhaps we never knew.

Through much of life, we behave as if our identity depends on our occupation, wealth, family line, daily accomplishments or good deeds. But none of these — not even the last one — determines the core of who we are. All that matters is our Creator's opinion, and God loves us with abundant, unconditional love.

Do you know who you are? You are God's beloved child! And so is everyone else. May we live out that knowledge, treating one another as such. —Heidi Hyland Mann



#### Earth-shaking victory-churchart.com

On Ash Wednesday in 2001, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake shook the Seattle area. Charlie and Ann Lewis, copastors in Snohomish, Washington, reflected on the timing:

"While most years we prefer to think of Lent as a contemplative journey of faith as we walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the cross, this year we are thinking of how God turned the world upside down at Calvary. From the cross, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and his life was finished. Then the earth shook violently, the curtain in the temple was torn in two and rocks were split apart. The God who identified with us in our humanity in the incarnation of Jesus Christ demonstrated in that moment the depth of divine love for us — a love that leads God to choose the path of suffering and sacrifice.

"Three days later, the earth shook again — another violent earthquake, and the stone in front of the tomb was rolled away. Then the crucified Christ threw aside the burial cloths, emerging from the darkness of the tomb to walk in the dew of the grass as dawn was breaking across the sky. God had declared victory over sin and death itself. That victory was for us. ... God has given us a glorious life that extends into eternity."

#### **Positive Parenting Techniques that Work with Teens**

By Jessica Kilpatrick, MA, LPC-S - More at Getparentingtips.com

It seems like only yesterday your child was looking to you for guidance and approval, and now you're more likely to get an eye roll from your teen than a smile.

#### Good Communication = Positive Parenting

As your kids grow and become independent, it might feel like you're replacing fun and togetherness with endless lectures about rules and responsibility. Teens complain that their parents don't listen to them and parents say the same about their teens. Our lives are so busy that we too often try to fit talks in during car rides or between commercial breaks. It's hard to set aside time for meaningful conversations, especially when things seem okay and you don't want to rock the boat. But setting a dedicated time and space to talk to your teen about her life shows that you're serious about communicating. Step away from other tasks so you can give

your full attention to your teen, which should help her be more engaged. Set aside phones, turn off the TV and computer, and focus on listening to each other. 1. Be calm and confident, remind them to follow rule 2. Stay connected by being a good listener. Ask tell me more or how do you feel.

- 3. Avoid lecturing or problem solving. How could they handle next time
- 4. Be empathetic. Listen without judgement and connect with her on an Emotional level. Acknowledge feelings and offer support. Suggest if she wants.

#### **Elders**

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#### Deacons

Enrique Carrillo, Samuel Hooper, Alberto Morales, Venson Oliver, Lorenzo Porras, Bob Walker

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## **Our Records**

#### March 23 2025

Morning Worship – 62 Wednesday - 12

Regular Offering: \$3015.00 Year to Date

#### Week

Year to Date

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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 prayers....

Leola Deal- Is having a check up this month.

<u>Virginia Honea</u>— Our condolences to Virgina & Lashel Rich. Hershel passed away Feb.4 peacefully surrounded by family in Lubbock. Virginia will be staying in Lubbock with granddaughter Lashel. Send cards to 4217 53rd St, Lubbock, TX 79413.....

<u>Alberto Morales</u> - 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....

Ray Rivera will be bedridden for at least another 4-5 weeks. He has two fractured ribs and two fractured vertebrae. There is a possibility of surgery if the vertebrae do not heal...

<u>Gracie Wade</u>—Prayers for work traveling and deployment in Kentucky for another 30 days.

SHUT-INS:

<u>Mike Baron</u> - He is on dialysis and back home from hospital .prayers. <u>Jill Breitinger</u> - In home care with dementia, prayers. Send cards to 3116 Edgerock, El Paso, TX 79935

Rose Cobb-Has been feeling dizzy and legs weak. Will have a cat scan March 14. Will be home with rehab. Asking for prayers. She would appreciate calls, cards, and visits. Please call before visit. 3630 Evelyn Ave., El Paso, Tx 79904, 928-715-9195. Love to everyone.

<u>Teresa Dalke</u> - Teresa Dalke has increased dementia symptoms and is expected to go to an interim facility for about three weeks until she can be moved to a care facility. She has been put on hospice care. <u>Glenna Bunn</u> & her siblings request prayers for the family during this time & respectfully request no visitors since it will cause Teresa to become more agitated... <u>Christine Hooper</u> - home and recuperating

<u>Lulu Ochoa</u> - 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.....

#### Our Extended Family

<u>Tanya Dawkins</u>–Prayers for successful shoulder surgery at Beaumont May13. <u>Family of Adam Hernandez</u> (Carol Baker's neighbor) Adam passed away March 8. Prayers for grieving family..

Norma Hernandez (Carol Baker neighbor's daughter) has cancer. Need prayer Beni Krisko- (Ina Penala's daughter) Is being deployed to Jordan for 6 mths. Starting Nov. 2024. Pray for safety.....

<u>Charlene Looney</u> (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......

<u>Jeremy Marshall</u> -(Rose Cobb great nephew) Thank you for prayers. Should be going home soon because he is doing remarkably well. He is going from Phoenix to Hawaii.

<u>Dan Martinez</u> - (Bel Air church of Christ minister) Had a stroke. Need prayer. <u>Alexas Myre</u> (Jan Myre daughter in law) Has aggressive breast cancer that was caught early. Please pray for her.....

<u>Celia Perez</u> - (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....

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

Martha Mendoza- (Cristina Morale's sister) Prayer for swift healing and less pain from knee operation....send cards to 3421 Durazno, El Paso, Tx 79905.... Crystal Ortiz (Mark Enriquez's daughter). Prayers for Crystal for the medical procedure and swift healing....

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

<u>Ministro Rocky Whiteman</u> (amigo de Rose Cobb en Brian, Texas). Gracias por sus oraciones. Su tumor no es benigno. Es un problema muscular. Necesitamos oraciones. 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.