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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Children's Storytime May 17, 9:30am-11am Eastwood church of christ multipurpose room Come over and listen to our wonderful reader with a great story, craft, snack. (God loves me) RSVP Teri Dove 915-637-0351 teridove25



Story Time

If you have a high school graduate this year please send us the complete name, school to honor him or her. Call office 915-593-2772 www.coceastwood@gmail.com

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 18 Song Leader: Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Ron Lindsey English

Lord's Supper/Contribution: Shawn Mang

Scripture Reading: Jimmy Moore



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The schedule of life is often determined by our outside influences. Farmers must work with the seasons. School schedules determine when parents take vacations. Businesses may only give vacation time in the summer.

Do not let the outside influences in life set your schedule for worshiping and serving God. Yes, there are things we enjoy doing, but these should not precede our worship and service to the Lord Jesus Christ. We take the decision and determine the course of life.

There was a family that lived near a large lake. They enjoyed fishing and water skiing to much that as soon as the temperature was bearable they spent every weekend there. In our state that can mean almost five complete months of the year or more.

They were not participating in anything we would designate as sinful, but they were not using their lives for anything positive for the Lord. It is hard to invite others to join in worship with us, when we are not attending.

Before we get too critical of these folk, ask what determines when or if we are going to assemble with the saints to worship? Does it depend on when we wake up? Or did we over do in activities and don't feel like it? Did we schedule something else to do? Did we in someway indicate to God that he is in a secondary role in our life?

Under the Law of Moses, the Jews were all required to observe the Sabbath. After Jesus was resurrected on the First Day of the week, his disciples gather together on the First day to worship. Following Jesus as the Christ or Messiah was superior to the Law of Moses, because Jesus fulfilled the Law and brought in a new dispensation that brought salvation to the Jew and the Gentile.

Serving Jesus the Messiah is better. We serve him voluntary and we give our all. We do not expect less from those who serve the King of Kings. Let us be more committed and better servants to Him. How often have we been critical of the Israelites in their failures of serving YHWH in the Old Covenant?

Let us not only assemble to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, invite a guest to be with us as we encourage one another to be the best we can be for Jesus.

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 Vanessa Melendez

May 20, Virginia Honea



Happy Anniversary!

May 21, Abel & Sharlette Hernandez





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Sunday Morning Sermon Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: State of Man: Where are the Dead?

Scripture: Rev 21:1-13

Ignorance, Arrogance, Patience

Generation	Time Frame	Age Now
Silent Generation	1928-1945	79-96 years old
Baby Boomers	1946-1964	60-78 years old
Gen X	1965-1980	44-59 years old
Millennials	1981-1996	28-43 years old
Gen Z	1997-2012	12-27 years old
Gen Alpha	Early 2010s-2025	0-approx. 11 years old

Those who study generations have come up with labels for the various age groups, determined in part by the events surrounding them. The Silent generation begins right before the stock market crash in 1929 and ends with the close of WWII. The point being that we are often shaped by the world around us and the battles we face. In evangelism, we need to understand the mind set of the seeker.

While there is wisdom to be found in this information, it is good to understand that we are not always so easily categorized. Everyday people have birthdays and often believe it is the big day that gives them all wisdom. It doesn't matter if it is the 13th, 16th, 18th, 21st. They have reached a point when they think they are smarter than those who older, especially much older. While still ignorant of how the world works, they totally believe they have greater wisdom. An old

The long-awaited ride home

In September 2024, NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams headed to space for what was supposed to be an eight-day mission. Due to technical problems, that expedition exceeded nine months. Despite the unexpected delay, Williams said the astronauts didn't feel stuck or abandoned. Instead, they viewed the extended voyage as an opportunity to do more research.

Almost 30 years ago, another astronaut also faced setbacks with her return trip to earth. Shannon Lucid had to stay at the Russian Mir space station six months because of hurricanes and various mechanical problems. Before catching a ride back home on the space shuttle *Atlantis*, Lucid said, "You can rest assured I am not going to be on the wrong side of the hatch when they close it."

Followers of Jesus need not worry about being on the "wrong side of the hatch" someday. Although the gate to heaven is narrow, Jesus himself is the way and leads us safely home.

—adapted from an illustration by Craig Brian Larson

quote credited to Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) goes something like this: "It's amazing how much wisdom grew in my father, from when I was 17 to 21.

Sadly the ignorance of many is made even more difficult by their arrogance. In their petrified opinion, it is impossible for them to change or grow. Refusing to listen to other's ideas or learn from other's experience and mistakes, commits one to repeat the same mistakes of the past.

What is the Christian to do in their effort to reach the lost with the Good News of Jesus? The first tendency may be to give up. Ignorance and arrogance must be met with patience. We all would like to have an Acts chapter two, Day of Pentecost experience: Teach one lesson and 3,000 were baptized into Christ. What we are not told is, how many turned away, never to become Christians? Yes, some may have been born again later, but not all. Did the Apostles and disciples stop teaching? No, they did not, even when the Gospel was rejected. Patience is our faithfulness to the great commission. We do it again. We invite, we teach, we treat others with kindness and love, we never stop.

The world is lost! Many because of Ignorance and Arrogance have not turned to Jesus, we on the other hand do not quit. Let your love shine through even to those who may think you are a little crazy. Keep it up.

Charles M Clodfelter

Rushing past the warning signs

Being in a hurry rarely ends well. Case in point: Up against a deadline to pay for my son's youth trip, I once paid hundreds of dollars to the wrong church! I went online, typed in our church's name and clicked on the first search result. The website colors were different, and I didn't recognize any faces. "That's odd," I thought. "They must have redesigned the website." Yet, I continued.

I clicked on the giving page and noticed the church accepted credit cards. This was different too, but I welcomed the change. After the large sum was processed, I received an emailed receipt. Only then did I realize the church had a similar name but was in another state. My heart sank. I was concerned about the hundreds of dollars but also troubled with my own foolishness. I had ignored and rushed past clear warning signs.

I immediately emailed the church office, alerting them about my mistake. When I called the next business day, the bookkeeper graciously refunded my payment.

The next time you're in a rush, remember this wisdom from Proverbs 19:2. "If you want to do something but you do not how know to do it, that is dangerous! If you hurry to do it, you will get into trouble" (*EasyEnglish Bible*).—Janna Firestone

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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, El Paso, TX 79936...

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

<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....

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

Our Extended Family

TullyBoizer-(Rose Cobb's son-in law), prayers, Cancer chin surgery 5/20... <u>Tanya Dawkins</u>-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 Reyes 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.

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.

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