

Eastwood Epistle

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Our bank has informed us that in the future all offering checks must be made out to the legal corporate name of the church. **Church of Christ in Eastwood.** This has been the rule for some time, but because they are now scanning checks electronically the rule must be enforced. AI is not smart enough to know that checks made to: church of Christ or Eastwood church of Christ or Eastwood church should be accepted. So, please write your offering check payable to **Church of Christ in Eastwood.**

Makeup offering is Sunday, Oct 6

is to cover expenditures projected. If there are those who wish to give immediately, it will be welcomed. This offering will not be for a specific project, purchase or mission. We are asking that each member be regular in their offerings, increase offering if possible and give extra.

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: Dove Care Group will meet Sunday Oct. 6
: Potluck Lunch. Everyone is welcome! Please just
: let Teri Dove Or Iretha Banks know if you are
: coming & what you will bring..822-2419,
: 422-7846
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Christian Schools of El Paso,
CSEP is selling Papa Eric's
Burgers, \$10 each ticket
(Includes Burger or Cheeseburger,
fries, soda)
Call 915-593-5011 for tickets.



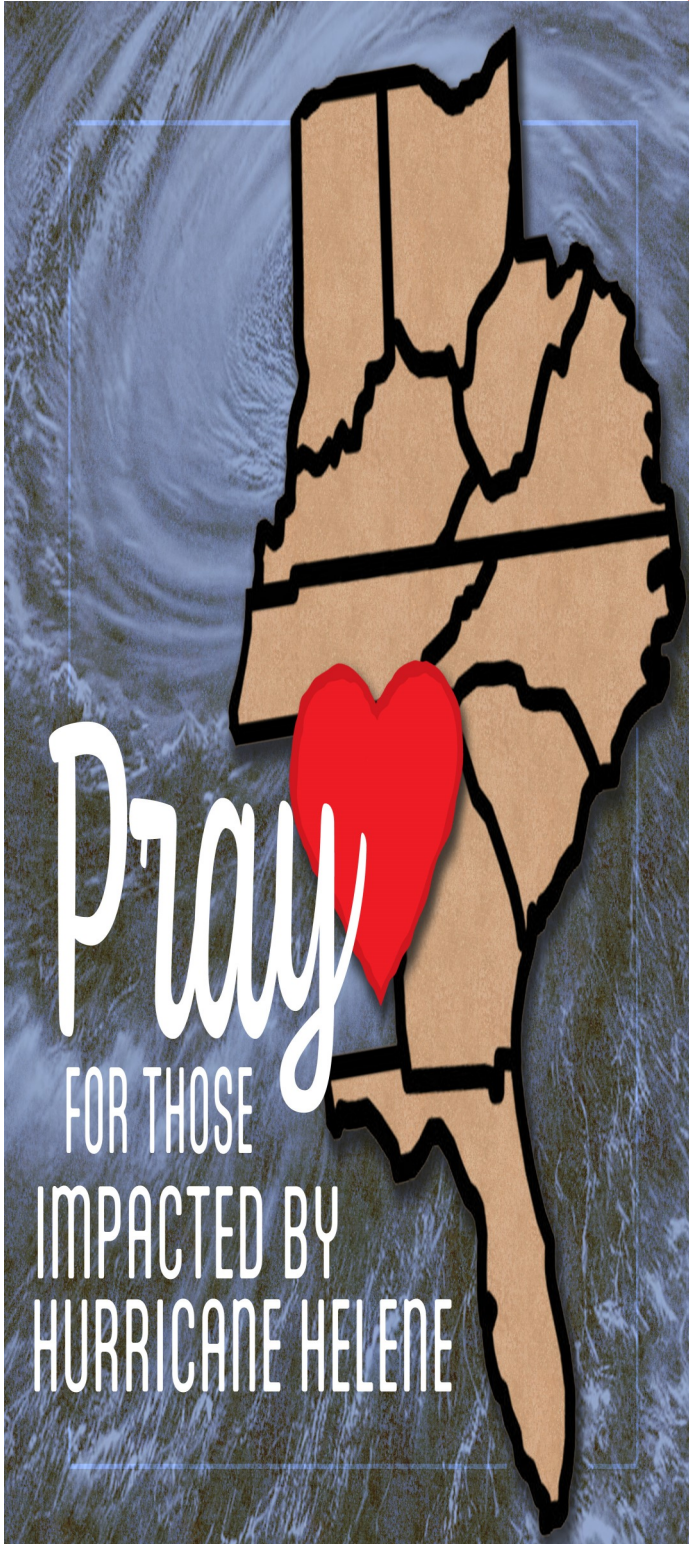
**Men to Serve
Sunday, October 6**

**Song Leader:
Mike Dove**

**Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Ron Lindsey English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Jimmy Moore**

**Scripture Reading:
Kiki Carrillo**



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Together

THANK YOU to everyone who worked to make our family Potluck a success. I know it is difficult to prepare food at home and then bring it to the building to share. It takes work to set up the fellowship hall and clean up it and the kitchen afterwards. Thank you to all who did something and especially those who did a LOT. It was GREAT!

These occasions are a joy for us to have a time of fellowship with one another, but it is more important for us to welcome those who are guests. Guests always feel out of place and need us to welcome them warmly and let them feel comfortable and at home. Guests are potential members of Eastwood and also potential children of God.

A pleasant smile is the least we can do, but to join in a conversation means even more to any guest that comes to a worship assembly. Every guest is in hopes of being accepted and connected by those who are a part of Eastwood. Guests want to be wanted.

When we show an interest in them and ask simple questions and invite them to sit with us, they are impressed by your hospitality. So take advantage of the opportunity to greet and welcome every guest you see.

In fact, be on the search for guests. Keep your eyes in roaming mode for faces you do not recognize. I cannot tell you the number of time I have observed members in great conversation with one another as guests had to force they way past the members to enter the auditorium. On occasion a member will glance over to see who is interrupting the members conversation, but do nothing to greet the guests.

It would be a blessing if every member would arrive ten minutes before time to begin our worship assembly and then be on the alert to greet and welcome any guests who might attend. When you invite a friend to attend, you want them to feel welcome. Well, we also need to welcome the friends of others. We help one another by welcoming all who come in search of the Lord's way.

Personally, I enjoy our love feasts and the time we have together. I look forward to each one and just wish there was time to be with each and every one of you.

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Look for them.
www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

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



Happy Birthday

Oct. 6, Mary Ann Whipple
Oct. 7, Abel Hernandez
Oct. 11, Mary Porras
Oct. 15, Jan Rivera
Oct. 22, Crystal Alvarado
Oct. 28, Bob Pechanec



Hospitality groups
looking for volunteers to
have Sunday lunch once a month.
Questions Call 915-593-2772 or
Charles 915-433-4227



www.facebook.com/groups/ecocmembers/

Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Ten Things God does not Expect

Scripture: Micah 6:6-8

A MILLION DOESN'T BUY WHAT IT USED TO

Many parents make a practice of giving their children money to put into the offering basket when it is passed during the worship assembly. As a youngster, I was given a coin to give each Sunday. Around 1949, the preacher in our congregation suggested that parents should give their children paper money instead of coins to teach them the importance of giving. At that time, the minimum wage was 40 cents an hour which would amount to \$16 a week. I was given a dollar and most of my peers were also giving paper money, usually a dollar. My parents gave their greater offering. Think about that in terms of today's economics. Two and a half times the hourly minimum wage for a child to give. January 1950, the minimum wage was increased to 75 cents which would make that dollar worth ten dollars in today's money.

When I graduated high school, my father purchased a \$5k life insurance policy because at my age it was cheap. The amount was the average annual income for men in America.

My private college tuition was \$15 per hour or about \$450 a year, room and board was about the same. I worked 40 hours a week at a variety of jobs during my four years, plus working every summer.

I purchased a 3 bd, 1 ba, brick house in 1965 for \$11,400. Then sold it 18 months later for the same amount, today Zillow estimates the value at \$190k+.

Inflation is not good, but politicians like it because it makes the national debt easier to pay, while hurting the American taxpayer. The church is also impacted because every thing increases in price. A dollar doesn't buy what it used to.

Charles M Clodfelter

Total immersion

In college, I took an American Sign Language class from a Deaf instructor who couldn't speak. On the first day, another staff member explained that we'd be experiencing total immersion. She left, and the classroom remained silently engaged for the rest of the semester.

Creatively, the instructor began by writing "same" and "different" on the whiteboard and demonstrating those signs. Then he took us through several examples where we were to use the signs to identify what was the same or different. That's how he taught ASL, graciously guiding us without audible voices. We embraced a brand-new approach to communicating.

The church can do that too. We can use "all that is within" us to praise God's holy name (Psalm 103:1). We can get creative and harness everything — all our senses — to worship.

This might mean removing distractions, learning a new style of music, using visual arts or engaging with a different culture — all while offering praise. Instead of feeling bound by what's familiar and comfortable, try to be immersed and all-in while worshipping the Lord!—Janna Firestone



GOD LOVES ME

Common ground

"Christianity was never intended to be a solo walk with God," says pastor Jeremy Basset. "A conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the body of Christ, the church."

That's a fitting reminder as we observe World Communion Sunday in October. Christians don't take Holy Communion alone; the very name of this sacrament refers to unity with God and others. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't learn Scripture or Christian theology and history alone. We can't have Christian fellowship by ourselves.

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30) and "belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10, NIV). As you gather for worship and receive Holy Communion, thank God for "our common salvation" (Jude 3, ESV) granted to all followers of Jesus.



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.

Christian Schools of El Paso 915-593-5011
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!

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Our Records

September 29, 2024

Morning Worship – 79
Wednesday - 15

Regular Offering: \$1833.00

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Rose Cobb– Is back home. Thank you so much for prayers.

Brenda Foster and family– To Briggid Escobar, Brenda Foster, James Wiggins & family our condolences for the death of their mother Lois Wiggins. Send cards to Brenda Foster and family, 2817 Brady, El Paso, TX 79935..

Alberto Morales - Prayers. Sugar level is high causing dizziness & headaches. Need to go to otolaryngologist and cardiologist.

Robert Muñoz Jr - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson) Thank you for prayers, need prayers for successful legal Issues...

Lulu Ochoa - Still need Prayers. Sending greetings to everyone. Will be on chemo therapy for a long time. God has been so good to her for cancer treatment....

Ray Rivera - Ray has hurt his back. Prayers are needed...

Fannie Shearod - Prayers for swift healing for operation to repair shoulder torn tendon Sept 10...

Gracie Wade- Prayers. Gracie is having issues with thyroid and is scheduled for hysterectomy in October....prayers are still needed

SHUT-INS:

Mike Baron - He is on dialysis and back home from hospital .prayers.

Jill Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers,. Send cards to 3116 Edgerock, El Paso, TX 79935

Teresa Dalke - Teresa Dalke has been admitted to a hospital for evaluation of increased dementia symptoms and should be there about three days. From there she 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. [Glenna Bunn](#) and her siblings request prayers for the family during this time and respectfully request no visitors since it will cause Teresa to become more agitated...

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Amanda Buckley- (Chuck Buckley's daughter). Amanda asking for prayers for her job issues...

Hayden Cooper - (Chuck Buckley's friend grandson, lives with parents) update: Thank you all for your prayers Hayden has no cancer. Will be going to follow up appointments...

Allen Finney- (Denise Finney's son) Please pray for the proper diagnosis and treatment for 15 yea old..

Linda Hernandez - (Carol Baker's neighbor) Linda is back home. Thank you all for prayers. Please continue to pray for Linda and her family...

Yolie Kashiwabara - Thank you for prayers. Yolie only had rain in her area. from the hurricane Helene in Callaway near Panama City..

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..

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 & eating better..

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

Clifton Rice (Irene Rice's great grandson) was readmitted to the hospital Sept 23, night and is in the ICU for fluid in his chest. He will have a tube inserted Sept 24 to drain it. Please pray for him and his family during this difficult time. Will have his 3rd (and hopefully last) open heart surgery Sept 27. Prayers requested....

Lucy San Miguel - (Mark Enriquez friend) Suffered a stroke and is hospitalized.

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

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 deleted.