

Eastwood Epistle

July 28, 2024 Volume 45 Number 30
Available on-line at www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

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



Christian Schools of El Paso

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!
915-593-5011



Looking for employment?
Try jobs2careers.com

Men to Serve

Sunday, July 28

Song Leader:
Mike Dove

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Venson Oliver English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Ron Lindsey

Scripture Reading:
Justin Thompson

"Knowledge
is knowing
a tomato is a fruit;
wisdom is not putting
it in a fruit salad."

- Miles Kington



Together

"Happy are the poor in spirit: for the kingdom of heaven is theirs." Matt 5. Jesus is not stating that the poor will be happy. In fact scripture teaches that neither riches nor being poor causes happiness. It is our relationship with God. When mankind understands the awesomeness of God and humbles one self before the Lord, they will be Happy.

God created mankind and said it was "very good." Each person is created in the image of God and has been labeled by the Creator as "very good." This is how you are seen by God. He loves his creation, his child and that means you and me.

Our trouble is being humble or submissive to God. At birth, we know nothing but what we want. Hopefully, maturity will come as we grow older and we become less selfish. Some seem to never grow out of the total selfishness and are termed as narcissist. But all of us will struggle with pride through life.

"The LORD says, 'This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.'" Isa 66:2.

In some field of endeavor, you may be the best in the world. So? It has been said that "records are made to be broken." There will be a time when your accomplishments will be surpassed by another. In a society where men want to be their own God and make the rules for how others should live, we need to listen to the Word of God. Will we? The Apostle Paul wrote to us, "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you." Rom 12:3

See yourself, not in the eyes of our world which is hedonist. We are not here to just have pleasure and to give pleasure as selfish being. We are made in the image of God and have a goal to do His Will. See yourself as the Lord God sees you.

I am reminded of a boy, sixty years ago, in either the first grade or kindergarten, being asked by his teacher, "what do you want to be when you grow up?" He replied, "I don't know, but I am going to be a Christian one."

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

July 2, Mike Dove
July 4, Mike Baron, July 4, Julio Alcala
July 8, Christine Muñoz,
July 8, Luis Gomez, July 11, Chuck Buckley
July 15, Venson Wm Oliver, July 18, Alice Castillo
July 18, Ron Lindsey, July 23, Yolanda Garcia
July 23, Ronald Gaenzle,
July 24, Cristina Morales, July 28, Romelia Ramon



Happy Anniversary

July 4, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Lindsey
July 7, Bob & Irma Pechanec
July 8, Samuel & Christine Hooper
July 13, Fannie & David Shearod
July 28, Venson & Tiffany Oliver



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.



www.facebook.com/groups/ecocmembers/

Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter
Sermon: Happy Successful Life

Scripture: John 9:4

HABITS

The disciples came to Jesus and requested that he teach them to pray. We must remember these were disciples who grew up in Jewish homes, observed the Sabbath, had Passover and Pentecost meals in their homes. Their entire lives they have been exposed to prayer and have prayed. But, they felt to be lacking when they saw the disciples of John the immerser. Jesus then gave a model or example of prayer, which is commonly called to the “Lord’s Prayer.” (Lk 11:1; Mt 6:5)

This prayer was not intended to be memorized and repeated, it is a guide by which we develop our own prayer. Prayer is a conversation we have with our God and use these ideas. Someone has offered an acronym of ACTS for prayer: Acknowledgement, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication. When you are called on to lead prayer for a group, remember ACTS.

Another helpful tool is to use your hand. The thumb represents those closest to you, the index stands for our leaders and teachers, the middle finger for those in authority, the ring finger for those who are weak or sick, the little and last finger is for myself.

It is likely that most of us tend to pray for ourselves more than we do the other four fingers. Jesus even said to pray for “those who persecute you.” Which is

meant to be a positive prayer, I am sure, not a request for their destruction. We are to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Rom 12:12

Prayer is about our honoring God in a respectful conversation. There are no special words that must be memorized and used, it is about expressing our faith and trust in our creator and savior.

Perhaps you have heard of the Serenity Prayer. Serenity Prayer – Full Version

God grant me the serenity

To accept the things I cannot change;

Courage to change the things I can;

And wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this sinful world.

As it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make all things right

If I surrender to His Will;

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life.

And supremely happy with Him

Forever and ever in the next.

Amen.

Charles M Clodfelter

The extraordinary amid the ordinary

A violinist once performed in the New York City subway, entertaining passersby for 45 minutes. A few tossed him cash, totaling about \$30 by the time he concluded.

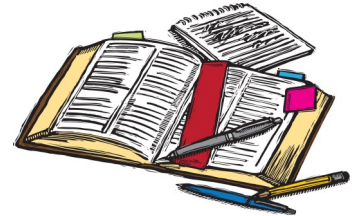
Little did anyone know, Joshua Bell was one of the world’s best violinists. That day, he played one of the most complex musical pieces ever written on an instrument worth \$3.5 million. Indeed, a few days earlier Bell had performed a sold-out concert in Boston, where tickets averaged \$100.

Sometimes God does extraordinary things right in the middle of our ordinary lives, yet we don’t notice. You’re offered an opportunity you almost pass up, thinking it’s not worth your time or effort. But upon taking part, you find it leads to your life’s calling. Or someone crosses your path, but overlooking their worth, you brush them aside, missing out on a blessing God had for you through them.

And what about you? Do you undervalue yourself as “nothing special,” just an “ordinary” person? Look closer; think again. For an ordinary baby born long ago to an ordinary couple in an ordinary stable in an ordinary town was none other than ... God’s Son! And you? Why, you are also an extraordinary child of God!

Romans 14:1

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.



The Imitation of CHRIST by Gerhard Groote Of Obedience and Subjection

It is much safer to obey than to govern. Go wither thou wilt, thou shalt find no rest, but in humble subjection under the government of a superior. Many have deceived themselves, imagining to find happiness in change.

True it is, that every one willingly doeth that which agreeth with his own liking, and inclineth most to those that are of his own mind.

But if God be amongst us, we must sometimes cease for the sake of peace to adhere to our own opinion.

Who is so wise that he can fully know all things?

Be not therefore too confident in thine own opinion; but be willing to hear the judgement of others.

I have often heard, that is safer to hear and to take counsel than to give it.

Elders

Mike Dove - (915) 822-2419
Abel Hernandez - (915) 449-1546
Ray Rivera - (915) 592-8930

Deacons

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

Minister

Charles Clodfelter - (915) 433-4227

Church of Christ in Eastwood

Office - (915) 593-2772
Español - (915) 593-2880
(Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)
Fax - (915) 593-2775

E-mail: coceastwood@gmail.com

Website: www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Susie Chavez - Our condolences to Susie for the death of her sister Margarita Eye who passed away recently in Louisville, Kentucky. Send cards to Susie & Junie Chavez, 1469 Sara Danielle, El Paso, TX 79936....

Junie Chavez - Our condolences to Junie for the death of his mom Lucy Chavez, who passed away June 29..Send cards to Susie & Junie Chavez, 1469 Sara Danielle, El Paso, TX 79936....

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....

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

Bob Walker - update: Exam & PET (positron emission tomography) scan are both negative. No sign of cancer. Follow up in 3 months. Thank you so much for prayers.

Lois Wiggins—Lois is in Cimarron Park rehabilitation. 7441 Paseo del Norte, El Paso, TX 79911, 915-842-8700. Prayers for swift recovery.

SHUT-INS

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

Jill Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers

Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Dwight Cobb - (Rose Cobb's son) Is recovering from a successful nose surgery July 22. Prayers for swift recovery.

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

Mary Licón - (Cristina Morales sister in-law) Prayers of comfort. Her mom Evelina Castañon passed away recently this week.

Send cards to Mary Licon,

Charlene Looney (COC Truth or Consequences member) - Her sister Nancy Randlett asking for prayers for Charlene. Charlene was moved to Las Cruces rehab recovering from infected leg and fluid in her lungs.

Celia Perez - (COC Montana member) Prayers needed. She was moved to Pebble Creek Nursing Center Room #414. Thank you for prayers her leg pain has decreased with new medication...

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

Jeremy Marshall - (Rose Cobb great nephew) Jeremy is in the hospital with an infection in the stomach area where the blood dialysis inserts.

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.**

Our Records

July 28 2024

Morning Worship – 66
Wednesday - 12

Regular Offering: \$958.00

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 1

Year to Date - 0

Can Contribute on-line at www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

TIME VALUE

EASTWOOD EPISTLE
(USPS 394-450) IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY
EXCEPT Thanksgiving & Christmas by the
Eastwood Church of Christ, 10104 Album, El Paso, TX
79925. Periodicals postage paid
at El Paso, TX.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:
EASTWOOD EPISTLE,
10104 Album, El Paso, TX 79925

Periodical Postage
Paid at El Paso, TX
(USPS 394-450)