

# Eastwood Epistle

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Dove Care Group meets next Sunday February 2. We are having spaghetti. We will need salad, garlic bread, fruit, sides and dessert. Please let Teri or Iretha know what you can bring. Teri 915-637-031



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**

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**Men to Serve**  
**Sunday, February 2**

**Song Leader:**  
**Junie Chavez**

**Opening Prayer:**  
**Flaviano Enriquez Spanish**  
**David Davis English**

**Lord's Supper/Contribution:**  
**Samuel Hooper**

**Scripture Reading:**  
**Shawn Mang**

The LORD  
**YOUR GOD**  
has  
**CHOSEN**  
**YOU**

to be a people for his  
treasured possession.

DEUTERONOMY 7:6, ESV

**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.

# Together

You have probably heard the expression, "time flies." Just two months ago we were enjoying Thanksgiving and beginning to prepare for Christmas. Now the month of January is almost gone. "Where does the time go" is another expression that notes how we miss opportunities.

Usually, we allow ourselves to be distracted by other things in life that may or may not be important to us. Note how we become engrossed in things that are interesting, but not important. Perhaps, it is an article on the internet or in a magazine. Long before the computer came along, some would spend hours dealing cards and playing solitaire. Why? Just bored, but don't want to go to bed or do something useful.

It takes maturity to stay focused and to take good decisions. This is not about age, but about the mental ability to focus and do what is best. Rather than reading our Bible or writing a note of encouragement, we sit for hours doing something that is meaningless. In fact, it is probably boring, but we do it.

Most people have some goals, but we do not make them important enough to actually follow through with them. What are the three goals you think about and perhaps even write them down every New Year? But, we don't follow through with them and they become next years goals.

This year you could read the Bible every-day. You could pray everyday for the lost to be saved. You could pray for the troubled and the sick. Pray for the lost (Yes, I know this is the second time.)

Writing things on paper and taping it in a prominent place can help us remember. Or set a reminder on your cell phone. Goals are not automatic and they are frequently hard to accomplish. That is why we made them goals in the first place, they don't happen just because we said it or wrote it down. Give a reminder to yourself.

We want the church to grow, but for the right reasons. Lost souls need to submit to the will of Jesus, but they don't know they are lost. Draw them with your friendship, your great personality and your willingness to be helpful to them.

Set good goals and keep them.

*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



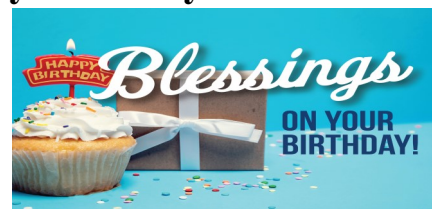
## Attention

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

Feb. 14 Lucille Ochoa  
Feb. 14 Elaine Carrillo  
Feb. 17 Denise Boles  
Feb. 24, Gina Walker



## Happy Anniversary!

Feb 7, Bob & Gina Walker



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## Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

**Sermon: Christianity is Non Denominational**

**Scripture: MT 16:18; Acts 2:47**

## The work of racial reconciliation

Racial reconciliation isn't a new concept. Some 2,000 years ago, the apostle Philip recognized that a man from Ethiopia was just as worthy of baptism into the body of Christ as were the natives of Judea and Galilee.

In *Color-Courageous Discipleship*, Michelle T. Sanchez views racial reconciliation as a personal journey for the greater good. "Jesus seeks to bring about the kind of inner transformation we need to transform our world God's way," she writes. That echoes Martin Luther King Jr.'s statement: "Only through an inner spiritual transformation do we gain the strength to fight vigorously the evils of the world in a humble and loving spirit" (*Strength to Love*).

On Racial Reconciliation Sunday, observed the second Sunday of February, consider how you can address racial issues. Sanchez suggests simple steps such as starting a conversation with someone of another ethnicity or advocating for a friend. Consider how other people's lives and challenges are different from yours. Pray for people of different races and cultures. Ponder how you can come alongside and walk with them — and they with you.

In God's creative and thorough plan, he might transform your own life as you try to transform the world.

—Janna Firestone

Our condolences to Lisa Artebury and her sister Robin for the loss of their mother Betty Clark. Betty passed away Jan 24, peacefully. Lisa & Robin are ok because they know where she is now and that she is free from all of her pain. Send cards to 1504 Robert Wynn, El Paso, TX 79936. **Funeral** will be at Las Cruces church of Christ 2025 North Valley, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Office 575-541-0270. M-Thurs 9am-12pm. Closed F-Sat.



In *Bread for the Journey*, theologian Henri J.M. Nouwen calls consolation — from “to be with” (con-) “the lonely one” (solus) — “one of the most important ways to care.” He writes, “Life is so full of pain, sadness and loneliness that we often wonder what we can do to alleviate the immense suffering we see.” Although consoling doesn't necessarily remove someone's pain, Nouwen notes that it serves a deeper purpose: To console means “to be there and say, ‘You are not alone, I am with you. Together we can carry the burden. Don't be afraid. I am here.’ That is consolation. We all need to give it as well as to receive it.” by churchart

“I AM HERE”



True love



Many of us celebrate Valentine's Day in both fun and serious ways. Children exchange treats and humorous cards with classmates and friends; some bring home handmade cards for the adults in their lives. Romantic partners may go out to eat and present each other flowers, chocolate, a fancy card — maybe even an engagement ring!

As playful as Valentine's Day can be, it's also a great time to remember the serious side of love, as indicated by these quotes:

“When you love someone, you love the whole person as he or she is, and not as you would like them to be.” — Leo Tolstoy

- “You don't love someone because they're perfect; you love them in spite of the fact that they're not.” —Jodi Picoult
  - “Love ... is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. ... It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses.” —Ann Landers
- We can do the difficult work of true love — actions, not just feelings — only because God loved us first. He did (and does) so despite our imperfection, and in Jesus, God shows us how to share true love with others. This Valentine's Day, if you don't remember any other profound quotes, hold this one in your heart:



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## Our Records

### January 26, 2025

Morning Worship - 64  
Wednesday - 11

Regular Offering: \$2959.50

### Year to Date

### Week

Baptisms - 0

Identification - 0

### Year to Date

Year to Date - 3

Year to Date - 0

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# In Our Prayers

### OUR FAMILY

Mike Breitingner - Jan.11 update: Mike was discharged from rehab and is a resident of Rosedale Adult Foster Home, 3111 Edgerock Dr. El Paso tx, 79935. He is doing well & is across from his wife Jill which he enjoys the ease of visiting her. Please keep him and Jill in your prayers...

Rose Cobb - Will continue to stay home for 1 month to strengthen legs. Asking for prayers to adjust high blood pressure & sugars. Sending love to everyone. Thank you for prayers. Insurance will cover rehab...

Leola Deal - Will resume radiation Dec 30....

Hershel & Virginia Honea - Hershel & Virginia are heading to Lubbock Texas Feb. 8, Saturday morning with granddaughter Lachelle. Virginia has recovered from covid. You can go visit with them at their home before they leave on Wednesday, Thurs., Friday. 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....

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....

Tiffany Oliver - (Venson Oliver's wife) Tiffany is recovering at home. Prayers for swift recovery and on-going treatment of abnormal cells....

Toni Porras - (Israel Porras wife) Is having surgery Jan 30..

Ray Rivera - Prayers. Ray is home. Has two broken ribs.

### 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

Tanya Dawkins - (neighborhood guest) Prayers for Tanya's health.

Prayers for Tanya's family for strength & unity...

Linda Hernandez - (Carol Baker's neighbor) Linda is receiving palliative care at home. Please continue to pray for her and her family, especially her husband of 70+ years and her caregiver daughter....

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.....

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..

Martha Mendoza - ( Cristina Morale's sister) Prayer for swift healing and less pain from knee operation.

Consuelo Valenzuela (Vero Morales x sister-in-law) Prayers. Is in the hospital in serious condition. She is intubated and they gave her very little chance of being okay.

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

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.