

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.



All-Church Potluck

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.



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Men to Serve
Sunday, March 16
Song Leader:
Mike Dove

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish

Ron Lindsey English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Jimmy Moore

Scripture Reading:
David Davis

FOR AS THE EARTH
brings forth ITS SPROUTS,
AND AS A GARDEN CAUSES WHAT
IS SOWN IN IT TO
sprout up,
SO THE LORD GOD WILL
CAUSE **righteousness**
& **praise**
TO SPROUT UP BEFORE ALL
the nations.

ISAIAH 61:11, ESV

Together

The resurrection of Jesus from the tomb is the core of the Gospel. The resurrection tells all mankind that Jesus is Divine, the Son of God, the Messiah, anointed by YHWH to be the Savior for all of humanity, who will be his disciples. Disciples celebrate his coming forth from the tomb every first day of the week with the communion or Lord's Supper.

Resurrection is discussed in great detail in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 15. It seems the resurrection was difficult for some of the early Christians to understand. Earlier Paul appears to address a misunderstanding in 1 Thessalonians 4, where some had come to the position that those who died before Jesus returned would miss heaven.

In First Corinthians, it appears that a few were giving up on the idea of resurrection all together. Paul addresses this by asking the question, why are we doing this?

Just because we do not and cannot have a complete understanding of every question that might be raised, does not mean that the resurrection is not true. He began chapter 15 with the witnesses to the resurrection, none of whom recanted their testimony even at the point of death. Even Paul faced wild beasts as a result of his preaching the Gospel.

If there is no resurrection, Paul wrote, we should all just live lives of self indulgence because it doesn't matter what we do in this world. Then he explains with an example all can understand, planting a seed. Even today, we know enough about planting seed that we can understand. There is a difference in the heavenly and the earthly. We cannot go to heaven with our present bodies, we must be changed and death is part of that change.

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."
"Where, O death, is Your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

Death is part of the process that helps us be able to go to the heavenly place we all desire. Victory over death is ours because of the resurrection of Jesus and our resurrection. Death is not to be feared, but embraced. Yes, we love others and want the best for them. Just as Paul wrote, "I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart to be with Christ...but remain on your account." Phil 1:23.

Thank you Lord for the resurrection

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

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 - Enrique Carrillo

Sermon: The Privilege of Serving

Scripture: John 13:1-17

God wants us to love others as He loves us

Years ago a young sociology professor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore assigned his class a project. They were to interview 200 city teen boys residing in downtown slums and predict their futures. The students predicted that ninety percent of the teens would end up in prison at some point.

Twenty-five years later the same professor asked another class to track down the original boys. One hundred eighty were located but only four had ever been in jail. Why were the predictions so wrong? Looking for common factors, the students noticed that more than one hundred boys had mentioned the same teacher, Mrs. O'Rourke, from their local public school. The sociology students searched for and finally located a seventy-year-old Sheila O'Rourke in a Memphis nursing home. Puzzled by the interest in her, she said simply, "All I ever did was love each of them."² The more we love Him, the more we love those around us.

Do I really matter? Oh, yes!— Allen Webster John 13:13-35

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Our condolences to Carol Baker's neighbor family for the death of Adam Hernandez who passed away March 7. Pray for grieving family.



The Lenten desert

During the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year), Christians figuratively follow Jesus into the desert. Just as our Savior spent 40 days fasting and facing temptation, we focus on self-reflection and contrition.



In an 1873 hymn, Claudia Hernaman wrote, "O Lord, throughout these forty days, you prayed and kept the fast. Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past."

The desert experience of Lent serves a clear purpose, filling us up rather than depleting us. "This is what Lent is meant to be," writes theologian Ron Rolheiser. "Time in the desert to courageously face the chaos and the demons within us and to let God do battle with them through us. The result is that we are purified, made ready, so the intoxicating joy of Easter might then bind us more closely to God and each other."

Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

A place to live
1 2 3 4 5

Opposite of dark
6 7 8 9 10

Companion
11 12 13 14 15 16

Hand greeting
17 18 19 20

Male adult
21 22 23



8 2 16 13 4 6 2 19 5

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13 15 8 2 16 18 15 16

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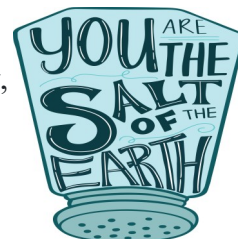
1 John 4:16 NIV

Answers: house; light; friend; wave; many; God is love; Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16, NIV

Jesus, the model of salt and light by churchart.com

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus tells his followers, "You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world." Through his example, our Savior showed us what that means.

"The remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person," writes Bible scholar N.T. Wright in *Matthew for Everyone*. "He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hilltop, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his [F]ather, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest [fulfillment] of the law and the prophets."



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Our Records

March 9, 2025

Morning Worship – 64
Wednesday - 16

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Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0
Identification - 0

Year to Date

Year to Date - 3
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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY—Mike Breiting— : 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...

Junie Chavez— Our condolences to Junie for the death of his brother Rueben Chavez. Send cards to 1469 Sara Danielle, El Paso, TX 79936....
Leola Deal— Will resume radiation Dec 30....

Virginia Honea— Our condolences to Virgina & Lashel Rich. Hershel passed away Feb. 4 peacefully surrounded by family in Lubbock. Arrangements late March for El Paso Service. Virginia will be staying in Lubbock with granddaughter Lashel. Send cards to 4217 53rd St, Lubbock, TX 79413....

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....

Tiffany Oliver - (Venson Oliver's wife) Recovering from surgery. Keep her in your prayers...

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.

Gracie Wade— Prayers for work traveling and deployment in Kentucky for 30 days...

SHUT-INS:

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

Jill Breiting - 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.

Teresa Dalke - 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. [Glenna Bunn](#) & her siblings request prayers for the family during this time & respectfully request no visitors since it will cause Teresa to become more agitated...

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

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.....

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Family of Adam Hernandez (Carol Baker's neighbor) Adam passed away March 8. Prayers for grieving 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) Kidney surgery was successful March 8. Plan to go home in April after follow up check. Prayers for safe travels.. He will travel from Hawaii to Phoenix.

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....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..

Isaac Porras- (Mary Porras Nephew, lives in NC) Is very sick and needs Prayers...

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.**