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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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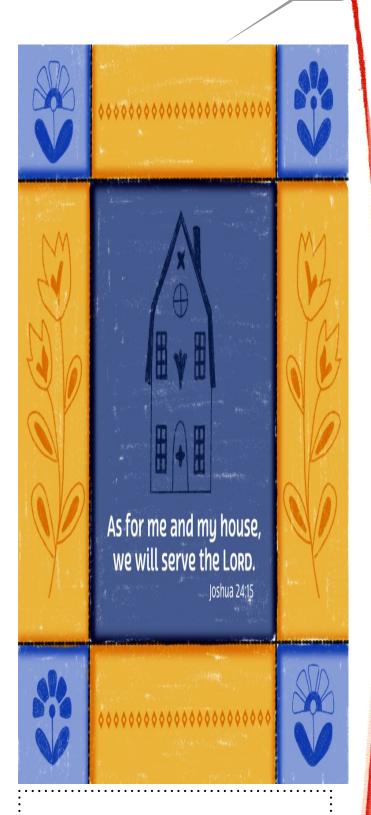
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Men to Serve Sunday, May 11 Song Leader: Mike Dove

Opening Prayer:
Martin Palomequez Spanish
Samuel Hooper English

Lord's Supper/Contribution: Terence Wade

> Scripture Reading: Jimmy Moore



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Life and how we live is usually a part of our perspective. A young child may think they are so limited in what they can do that they almost feel like prisoners. They long to be "Big," so they can do whatever they want to do. When only a few years old, ten years seems like forever, 20? 30?

James 4:14 tells us that life is like a mist or vapor. It is brief, momentary, short and over before you realize what happened? The perspective changes when you are standing near the end, rather than the beginning.

The brevity of life also means that the opportunities we have to serve Jesus and do good to others is also brief. Disciples should not delay in doing good. When will we write that letter or make that phone call or extend the invitation worship? Don't say later, for the mist, fog, vapor quickly disappears and your chance to do right will be gone.

Instead of doing the things in life that have a long term blessing, we tend to deal with what seems to be urgent. I do believe there are some people who could be running out of a burning building, but would stop to take a text or call. Of course, that is not us, but what does prevent us from doing what we know should be done?

In 1954 a popular song was written that expressed the idea that "little things mean a lot." This is true. Perhaps, we don't always use our opportunities because we want it to be a big deal. The problem is we keep waiting for the big deal and never get it done. So act now!

Do you have some regret because you did not invite someone to worship and they have since move away? Did you fail to write the letter of appreciation and encouragement to someone special and now they are deceased? Or could you have encouraged a struggling child of God, who has now fallen away?

The end of life is closer than it has ever been before. The return of Jesus in all his glory is nearer. The mist will disappear, as will the opportunities to do the many good deeds we have before us. Do not let them slip away because think we still have plenty of time or because we distract ourselves with the busy work of life.

Charles M. Clodfelter

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: Honor Your Mother Scripture: Matt 15:4-9

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Welcome our guests.

Doctrinal Issue #5

The Perseverance of the Saints or Once saved always saved is a doctrinal error that preachers have addressed in the pulpit and classroom. There have even been debates between Gospel evangelists and denominational preachers. Once saved always saved is not taught in the New Testament. As a result, many Christians are unsure of their salvation. When asked if they are saved, they might reply: "I'll find out at on judgment day." This is an effort to show they do not believe in once saved always saved.

It is understandable when one wants to be Biblical or scriptural in their beliefs or teaching. However, the truth does not always need to be in the extreme. Let us briefly look at the Assurance of Salvation.

There are many passages that address the issue and one of the best is 1 John 1:7-9. Writing to disciples, John says we must walk in the light, if we do, we will be cleansed of our sins. Walk in the light is a euphemism for being faithful to Jesus. As you fail in your

service to Jesus, you are forgiven. Intentionally get out of the light or turn away from God and there is no forgiveness.

Have you ever known anyone that claimed to be perfect? The Apostle Paul called himself the chief of sinners, are we better? Yet Paul knew he was saved and took comfort in encouraging fellow disciples with the promise of heaven. Christians are saved.

The foundation of this confidence is faith in Jesus and our faithfulness to him. There was a video of a woman being interviewed. After using questions to establish she was not a follower of Jesus, she was asked if she was going to heaven. She replied, Yes. Asked how or why, she responded, because I want to.

Sorry lady, scripture is clear that God requires, faith, obedience and faithfulness. Just because we want something does not mean we get it.

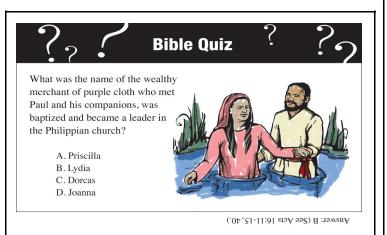
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CONGRATULATIONS to Anay Carrillo in earning her Masters in Business that includes certification in financial services, Financial Strategies, Market Strategies and Marketing.

Powered by God

God made us: invented us as a [person] invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else.

Now God designed the human machine to run on himself. He himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from himself, because it is not there. —C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



Seizing holy opportunities

In *Holy Moments*, Matthew Kelly discusses the world's need for more small (but sometimes large) instances of people caring for others, cultivating joy, encouragement and love instead of anger, envy, fear. Kelly defines a Holy Moment as "a single moment in which you open yourself to God. ... You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is telling you to do."

This may mean mowing the lawn for a neighbor with a broken leg, praising a child on his artwork, buying a surprise snack for someone having a bad day, working extra shifts for a coworker with cancer so she can receive her full salary while out sick, paying for the next car's drive-thru order. Anyone can create a Holy Moment, because you don't need special skills, position or wealth. "If you want to see miracles, make yourself available to God," Kelly suggests.

He adds that God has a track record of collaborating with "the most unlikely people to make amazing things happen, and now He wants to collaborate with you." When we're open to God's leading, holy opportunities abound. And we will experience as much joy as the ones to whom we show care. By churchart.com



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In Our Prayers

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..

<u>Maria del Rasso</u>— Our condolences to Maria for the death of her son Salvador Contreras, Send cards to 1836 Charlie Smith Dr,El Paso, tx 79936 <u>Alberto Morales</u> - 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:

<u>Mike Baron</u> - He is on dialysis and back home from hospital .prayers. <u>Jill Breitinger</u> - 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.....

<u>Ray Rivera</u>— Prayers for swift vertebrae healing. Waiting on results and possible surgery.

Our Extended Family

<u>Tanya Dawkins</u>-Prayers for successful shoulder surgery at Beaumont 5/13 <u>TullyBoizer</u>-(Rose Cobb's son-in law), prayers, Cancer chin surgery 5/6.. <u>Ernestina De La Cruz</u>-(Eneida de la Cruz mom) Need prayers. Has high blood pressure & knee pain..

<u>Katlin Enriquez</u> (Mark Enriquez's daughter) She will have surgery April

<u>Norma Hernandez</u> (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.....

<u>Charlene Looney</u> (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......

<u>Jeremy Marshall</u> -(Rose Cobb great nephew) Thank you for prayers. Is home in Hawaii. Prayers for kidney adjustment..

Alexas Myre (Jan Myre daughter in law) Has aggressive breast cancer that was caught early. Please pray for her.....

<u>Celia Perez</u> - (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....

<u>Maria Salazar</u> - (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. 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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