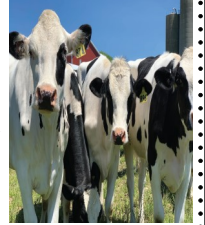


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Family Story Time-Down on the Farm, Saturday, September 21 9:30am-11:00am, Eastwood Church of Christ, 10104 Album, El Paso, TX 79925. Come join the fun! Story, Craft, Snack, Farm Sticker Story



Enchilada fundraiser

September 14, 5-7pm, Eastwood church of Christ fellowship hall, 10104 Album, El Paso, TX 79925, Pre ticket sale, \$10, each ticket, (plate includes Enchilada, beans, rice.) Call Cristina Morales 915-593-2772 or 915-861-9826



Children's Home New Mexico Christian

The Children's Home is not running its truck to pick up groceries this Fall. Instead, they are requesting financial donations be made for their Commissary. Make your check out to the home and write Commissary in the memo. 1356 NM 236, Portales, NM 88130

Men to Serve
Sunday, September 15

Song Leader:
Junie Chavez

Opening Prayer:
Flaviano Enriquez Spanish
Justin Thompson English

Lord's Supper/Contribution:
Jimmy Moore

Scripture Reading:
Lawyer Evans

RESTORE US, O LORD GOD
OF HOSTS! LET YOUR

FACE SHINE

THAT WE MAY BE SAVED!

PSALM 80:19

Looking for employment?
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Together

The culture in which we live is always in a state of flux. The change was normally at a slow pace and barely noticeable. However, it has increased in the last one hundred years and even more so in the past 25 years. The changes are partly because of technology, but also because our nation is shifting in moral standards.

Historically, we looked to the ancients who demonstrated wisdom: like Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Their writings were studied by the men who founded our nation, but they were also students of John Locke and Adam Smith. Their influence was earned by the wisdom and knowledge they demonstrated.

Today, through technology, an influencer is one who can accumulate one million followers on an internet blog. This person does not have to be intelligent, educated nor wise. They only need to catch the attention of those who frequent the internet and that is mostly the youngest of our nation. Who, it seems, eagerly follow without question the message they are given.

Young people have always been eager and aggressive, but they haven't been in charge, until now. In our youth, we are more emotionally inclined. Yes, we can reason, but our first reaction was typically one based on emotion. Our feelings drive us to do things we later regret. What we felt like doing on Saturday night may be regretted on Sunday.

Adults should seek to mentor our young people. Do not think this means you start giving them rules? Just be a friend. Talk with them, listen, and when you can, share your own experience and wisdom. Yes, it can be boring to hear them talk about something you learned decades ago. But, they get bored hearing your old stories.

Mature Christians should encourage the young to follow Jesus' path. Tell them what you see in them, a godly person, seeking to grow spiritually. Encourage them to serve in the Lord's kingdom. Let them know you are grateful for what they do for the Lord and that they are doing a good job.

We do not know what the future will be. It will change. But, we must not turn from our service in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus. Hebrews 3:13

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

Sept. 5, David Davis
Sept. 6, Brenda Alcala
Sept. 7, Sarinah Hernandez
Sept 9, Bob Walker
Sept. 9, Mike Breitingner
Sept.16, Lois Wiggins
Sept. 18, Robert Ochoa
Sept. 18, Kiki Carrillo, Sept. 18, Jeffrey Gutierrez
Sept. 22, Jill Breitingner, Sept. 25, Yolie Hernandez



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



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: Highlights in church history

Scripture: Gal 1:6-9

HOW TO VOTE

The United States of America is unique in its form of government. When victory was achieved in the revolt against being taxed without representation the challenge was: how will we be governed now? After months of debate in the humid heat and in a room with closed windows, the delegates created documents to form a republic. It was not a monarchy, nor a democracy for they recognized the dangers of both. There had been republics in history that eventually fell because of greed, corruption and the growth of power by a few. There is a famous quote credited to Ben Franklin that on the conclusion of the deliberations by the 55 delegates, Franklin was asked, "what have you given us?" He replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

Jesus and the early church lived in the Mediterranean world which was ruled by Rome. Rome began as a republic but became a dictatorship. This may have had some impact on the response by Franklin because there had been republics before. Ours was not the first.

In spite of the evil in government Jesus taught his followers to "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matt 22:21. This is an obvious recognition of the government's existence and perhaps even its necessity. The apostle Peter wrote, "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king." 1 Pet 2:17. The apostle Paul added, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

Disciples recognize "For our struggle is not

against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Eph 6:12. This is because Jesus teaches that his followers "are not of the world." John 17:14. So, even if the government is an enemy, "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Matt 5:44. We are admonished, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." Romans 13:1

There is never a perfect candidate for office, whether it is the least important position or the most important. We must choose from the flawed candidates that we have, to select the one that will do what is best for our nation.

Gallop, Pew, NPR and other pollsters report that an estimated 25 million Christians Do Not Vote in presidential elections, 15 million are not even Registered. And 65 million do not participate in local elections.

All together one third or 80 million of all Americans did not vote in the last presidential election.

Nonvoters' reasons for not voting include:

1. not being registered to vote (29%)
2. not being interested in politics (23%)
3. not liking the candidates (20%)
4. feeling their vote wouldn't make a difference (16%)
5. being undecided on whom to vote for (10%)

Register now and encourage your friends. Your vote does make a difference.

Charles M Clodfelter

Sunday, Sept 29 is our next scheduled Potluck Luncheon. It has been decided to use this opportunity to recognize **CSEP** with an invitation to the staff, children and families to be our guests at worship and for lunch. They will be invited with a requested RSVP, so we will be able to prepare. If everyone accepts, we could have as many as 150 guests.

The help of every member at Eastwood is needed. Obviously, there is the need for each of us to bring food for our family, also extra food to take care of our guests. Even more importantly is the need to make our guests feel welcome. We must remember they will feel like strangers in a foreign land. They will not know what to expect or what is expected of them. Like a "deer in headlights" they will need connection. Some families will know one another and clump together, that is fine, but you must interject yourself into the circle and become a part of it. It is not enough to have their circle and our circle. It must be one circle. And it is up to us.

Staff and children will be recognized and honored during the assembly.



All-Church Potluck

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!

Elders

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Ray Rivera - (915) 592-8930

Deacons

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

Minister

Charles Clodfelter - (915) 433-4227

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Our Records

September 8, 2024

Morning Worship – 70
Wednesday - 14

Regular Offering: 2382.25

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0
Identification - 0

Year to Date

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Rose Cobb - Is in the hospital of Providence Sierra Campus, 1625 Medical Center, room 3017 because of a stroke. She will have tests done.. Please keep her in your prayers. Rose sends her love to all.

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 operation to repair shoulder torn tendon Sept 10

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

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

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...

George Caruthers - (Sharlette Hernandez's dad) Prayers for speedy recovery from heart surgery at home....

Brallan Fierro - (Cassandra Enriquez's husband) Recuperating from stomach operation. Prayers needed....

Linda Hernandez - (Carol Baker's neighbor) Linda is back in the hospital on IV antibiotics for infection. She should be back home Sept 5 if all goes as expected. Thank you all for your prayers. Please continue to pray for Linda and her family..

Charlene Looney (COC Truth or Consequences member) - Her sister Nancy Randlett asking for prayers for Charlene. Charlene was back in UMC hospital for leg infection and will be moved to Las Cruces rehab. 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 with new medication....

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

Clifton Rice (Irene Rice's great grandson) Will have his 3rd (and hopefully last) open heart surgery Sept 27. Prayers requested...

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.