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**THANK YOU** for sending in your ballots for the annual election of Elders and Deacons and budget approval. We are pleased to announce that the 2024 slate has been approved and the following people are approved for the 2024 Consistory:

Elders: Ken Solomon and Jared Koops. The new Elders and Deacons will be installed during the month of January. The 2024 Budget was also approved. As we move into 2024, please prayerfully consider how you might give regularly and generously toward this budget.

Next week we will be offering Sunday School and Nursery for the 6pm service!

Congratulations to proud parents Sophie Garcia and Jacob Scott, proud grandparents Bob and Nikkie Garcia, and family on the birth of Flint Paul Scott on November 30th.

Our Christian sympathy to Ron Talsma, Donovan and Kelly Talsma, Randy and Melanie Talsma, and family on the passing of Ron's wife, Donovan and Randy's mother, Faith Talsma, on Tuesday, December 19th.

Our Christian sympathy to Juan Barrientos and Claudia Soto and family on the passing of Claudia's mother, Carmen, on Wednesday, December 20th, at the age of 74.

A place to ask questions about God, the Bible, and the Church  
**MONDAYS 6-8PM**  
**JANUARY 8 - MARCH 18**  
**IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
Dinner Included | Free Childcare Available  
For more info contact [christie.palmer@erc.la](mailto:christie.palmer@erc.la)

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am  
(sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)

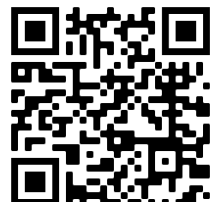
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Additional Giving Opportunities  
Vision Fund offering December 17

**Weekly Offering**  
YTD Offering: \$3,292,698.98  
YTD Budget: \$3,160,352.00  
Last Week's Offering: \$188,301.25  
2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

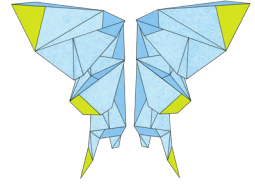
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# BECOME



-2024 - The year of "Become"

**TFAR Model:** Thinking - Feelings - Actions - Results

**Main Takeaway:** Our Thinking Shapes Our Living

**Scripture Reading - Ephesians 4:17-24**

**- The way of the Nonbeliever**

Futile thinking - Darkened spiritual understanding - Sinful behavior  
(Ephesians 4:17-19)

**Renewal of the Mind is a gift from God**

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **to be made new in the attitude of your minds**; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

-Ephesians 4:22-23

**- The Way of the Believer**

Relational knowledge of Christ - Spiritual enlightenment - Godly behavior  
(Ephesians 4:20-24)

**- 3 Ways to focus our thinking on God**

1- Read the Word: We meditate, God illuminates (2 Timothy 2:7)

2- Hear the Word: Biblical sermons and teachings are essential (Ephesians 4:20-22)

**Questions to ask yourself after hearing Sunday's sermons:**

1- What did I learn about God? What did I learn about myself?

2- In what ways does Jesus save me when I fall short?

3- How was I convicted by the Holy Spirit?

4- What realistic changes can I make to live out the Word?

5- What's a way I can apply this in the coming week?

6- Who is one person I can share this to?

3- Do theology: You already have thoughts and ideas about God.  
Do those ideas reflect what the Bible teaches?

**Reflection Thoughts:**

1- Your mind was designed to know and love God.

How will you get to know and love God more this week?

2- What adjustments will you make in your everyday life to know Jesus more deeply?

3- Our thinking shapes our living. Take some time to pray and ask God to renew your mind.

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