Paramount, CA



Feb 18, 2024 (562) 531-6820

connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

## Please keep the following people & their families in daily prayer...

(To update this prayer list, submit a prayer request on erc.la/prayer and let us know in the notes to also update the Prayer Page)

- -RICHARD GRIFFIN: Issues with blood flow and circulation to legs & feet -GREG ENGLE: Inclusion Body Myositis
- -TROY KUBINSKI: Inclusion Body Myositis
- -GAY WALKER: Lung cancer
- -TANYA COLLIS: Severe pain 24 hrs/day -JADEN MALDONADO: (child)
- Congenital cytomegalovirus
- -TANYA MCKOWN: Lupus, Health issues
- -EMMA ROMERO (Teen): Seizures
- -BERTHA MARTINES: Stroke/complete healing
- -FRANCES HOLTON: Full recovery of knees
- -RAQUEL MALDONADO (23): MS
- -WILLIAM SUAREZ: CHF
- -SELENE VELASCO: needing kidney transplant



Join us in the Sanctuary or on YouTube & Facebook at 6pm every Wednesday.

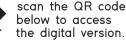


Why did Jesus have to come in on a donkey? Why is Good Friday good? This year we'll unpack the distinct parts of the Easter story, focusing on the theology of the Easter season. Sign up to receive the video devotionals right to your inbox at www.erc.la

Our Christian sympathy to Jack VanZwaluwenburg, Erin VanZwaluwenburg, and family on the passing of Jack's wife, Erin's mother, Donna VanZwaluwenburg, on Sunday, February 11th.

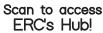
Services will take place at 11am on Saturday, February 24th, at Emmanuel Reformed Church.

Get connected! Learn about everything going on at Emmanuel in the spring Brochure. Grab one at any entrance or





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





Additional Giving Opportunities Vision Fund offerina Feb 18

Weekly Offering

YTD Total: \$414.020.34 YTD Budget: \$379,172.50

Last Week's Offering: \$32,543.28 2024 Weekly Budget: \$63,195.50



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## FLESH WAY (MANY) VS FAITH WAY (ONE)



- <u>Romans 4:1-5</u> What then shall we say that **Abraham**, our forefather, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about--but not before God. What does the Scripture say? "<u>Abraham believed God</u>, and it was <u>credited to him as righteousness</u>."However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, <u>his faith</u> is <u>credited as</u> <u>righteousness</u>.
- <u>Romans 4:6-8</u> David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom <u>God credits righteousness apart from works</u>: "Blessed are they whose <u>transgressions are forgiven</u>, whose <u>sins are covered</u>. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him."
- <u>Romans 4:9-10</u> Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that <u>Abraham" faith was credited to him as righteousness. Under what circumstances</u> was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before!
- <u>Romans 4:13</u> It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the <u>righteousness that comes by faith</u>.

## Flesh Way - Many Ways

- Flesh #1 Abra Who?... Fleshly & Worldly Secularism
  - Romans 1
  - Secularism, Secular Elite
- Flesh #2 Abraham plus...Fleshly-Pharisaical-Judaism
  Romans 2, Romans 3, Romans 4
- Flesh #3 Abraham plus...Fleshly Ken/You!
  - Romans 1, Romans 2, Romans 3, Romans 4
  - Licentious Ken/You, Legalistically Ken/You
  - Prodigal Brothers!
- Flesh #4 Abraham plus...Fleshly Mohammed
  - 5 Pillars & Jihad
  - Abram in flesh Hagar & Ishmael (Gen 16)
  - Mohammed, 5 Pillars, Jihad & Salvation

## Faith Way - One Way Abraham & Faith Alone=Salvation

- Jesus Christ Matthew 1:1 A record of the genealogy of **Jesus** Christ the son of **David**, the son of Abraham.
- How was Abraham saved? Faith (Rom 4:3)
- How was David forgiven? Grace (Rom 4:6-8)
- How are we saved? Romans 4:23-25 The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom <u>God will credit righteousness</u>--for <u>us who believe in him</u> who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was <u>delivered over to death for our sins</u> and was <u>raised to life</u> for our justification.