



THE WEST COAST KINGDOM NETWORK HUB INVITES YOU!

BECOMING EQUIPPED TO SHARE YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 10:00 – 11:45 AM IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER
(There will be childcare available in the Pre-school area. Sign up at erc.la/childcare)

- 9:40 – 10:00 am COFFEE
- 10:00 – 10:15 am WORSHIP
- 10:15 – 10:25 am AN ATHEIST LED TO CHRIST by a person sharing his faith
Antonio Appling
- 10:25 – 10:40 am THE ROMAN ROAD
Example #1 of sharing your faith in Christ
Pastor Sebastian Gimenez
- 10:40 – 10:55 am THE BRIDGE OF LIFE, GOGO
Example #2 & #3 of sharing your faith in Christ
Pastor Doug Drainville
- 10:55 – 11:10 am DO VS DONE, Crossing the Line of Faith
Example #4 of sharing your faith in Christ
Pastor Klarc Korver
- 11:10 – 11:30 am TESTIMONIES OF PRACTITIONERS
Sharing your faith in everyday life
Pastor Mike Kim & Viviana Escobar
- 11:30 – 11:45 am THE BIG STORY, THE GOSPEL
The Big Picture of sharing your faith
The Essential of sharing your faith
Pastor Ken Korver

PASTORS, ELDERS AND SEMINARY STUDENTS:

Following the morning session, you are invited to the Business Meeting and Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. During the business meeting, all Ministers of Word & Sacrament will be received by the Kingdom Network, Commissioned Pastors and Associate Pastors will be ordained as Ministers of the Kingdom Network and students will be received as Students Under Care. Pastor Dave Izenbart, Movement Leader of the Kingdom Network will be with us. Pastors and Students, please RSVP by October 2nd the number of people attending with you:
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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

Our Christian sympathy to Mary Richardson and family on the sudden passing of Mary's younger sister, Lillie Brown, in Georgia on Tuesday, September 5th.

Our Christian sympathy to Cheryl Longinetti and family on the passing of Cheryl's brother, Carroll Abshier, on Thursday, September 7th.

Our Christian sympathy to Suzanne Seranno on the sudden passing of her brother, Jose Seranno, on Monday, September 11th.

Our Christian sympathy to Mark and Caroline Haprov and family on the passing of Caroline's mother, Edith Elizabeth Culbert, on Monday, September 19th, in Galway County, Ireland. Services will take place at 12pm, Friday, September 22nd, at St. Brendan's Church of Ireland. <https://tinyurl.com/yv7jh2bb>

Congratulations to proud grandparents Lammert and Alice Zwaagstra, proud parents Bastiaan and Monique Hoven, and family on the birth of Abel Hendrik Lammert Hoven on Sunday, September 17th, in Zwolle, the Netherlands.

Congratulations to proud great grandparent Gladys Halma and family on the recent birth of Arthur Halma.

CURRENT CHURCH PLANTS

- Pat & Julie Dirkse | Arnoldo & Viviana Escobar
City Church of Compton | Compton - est.2009
- Larry & Carol Barber
Church of Grace Garden Grove - est.2011
- Samuel Alvarado
Iglesia La Nueva Familia South LA - est.2012
- Navin & Pabitra Bhandari
US Nepalese Christian Church Paramount - est.2012
- Javier & Jenni Alcaraz
La Roca, Panorama City, CA- est.2013
- Cristobal & Virginia Caro
Iglesia Cristiana Evangelica Elohim, Mexico est.2007
- Rudy & Edna Rubio
Reformed Church of Los Angeles Lynwood est.2018
- Jonathan & Charrise Mathew
Compton est.2018

CHURCH PLANTS SUPPORTED

Tommy & Fatimah Forester
Epiphany Fellowship South LA - est.2016

NEW PLANTS OF OUR CLASSIS

Chris Marquez
Reformed Church Of LA, Wilmington est.2020



ABOVE THE RIM welcomes you to our league no matter the skill level or gender!

Ages middle school and up compete against each other in friendly competition. Monday evenings at 6:30pm. Volunteers and athletes are encouraged to join us!

If you have questions, email andrew.hernandez2@erc.la. We hope to see you there!

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

Deacon's Fund offering October 1

Weekly Offering

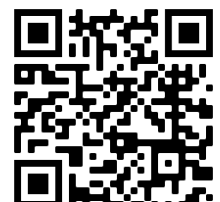
YTD Offering: \$2,259,361.67

YTD Budget: \$2,309,488.00

Last Week's Offering: \$34,666.35

2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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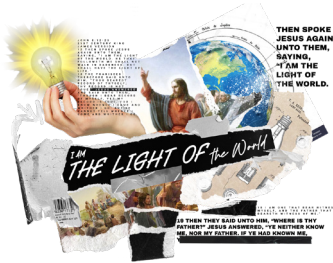


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I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Scripture Reading: John 3:17-21, 8:12

The likely context of Jesus saying "I AM the Light of the World": It was the custom in the evening, of the Feast of Tabernacles, to light up two large golden chandeliers in the court of the women, the light of which illuminated all Jerusalem. All that night they held a festival dance by the light. These golden bowls (reached by ladders) were filled with oil and when they were lit at night (so the rabbis said), all Jerusalem was illuminated. In a world that did not have public lighting after dusk, this light shining from Jerusalem's yellow limestone walls must have been spectacular. Choirs of Levites would sing during the lighting while people danced in the streets, carrying torches and singing hymns. God as LIGHT was huge for the people of God, you can think of many examples throughout the Bible of God as light.



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

Why is this good news for us? Because naturally we are in sin, in darkness and unable to know the truth of God without supernatural intervention (Ephesians 5:8; 2 Cor. 4:4)

Notice right before this passage a woman was caught in the act of adultery and his sin was exposed but Jesus protected and redeemed her. Getting caught in our sin just may be the kindness of God!

Why stay in the darkness and keep on sinning? We usually do this because we're afraid of getting caught, afraid of the consequences of our actions and might believe the way of sin is more enjoyable than the way of Jesus. If you are living in unconfessed sin and think you're getting away with it, it's possible the warning in Romans 1 is applied to you:

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. - Romans 1:24

The truth is that the Lord sees all, knows all and still invites you to repentance, believing and living in the light! (Ephesians 5:8)

Gospel - God leading us from darkness to light (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

When we accept Jesus and experience God's grace, the pressure is off from feeling that we have to live "perfect" or make it look like we have it all together. The light of Jesus shines through our failures

If you want Jesus to be the light of the world to you and through you to others, you must be honest with yourself and others when it comes to our sin and failures (Ephesians 5:11-13)

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. - Colossians 1:13

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. - John 12:46

Time of Reflection

- 1 - How is God reminding you that Jesus is the "light of the world" for you today?
- 2 - How is God calling you to let the light of Jesus shine through you today? How will you share the light of Gospel and through the "cracks of your story" with someone this week?



Come trick or treating at Emmanuel! We have a parking lot full of cars handing out loads of candy! If you'd like to park a car or donate candy email Cathy! Contact: cathy.lewis@erc.la.

We are so grateful you're a part of Emmanuel Church and want to ensure our records are up-to-date to maintain accurate and effective communication. We kindly request you update your information in our database by scanning the ERC Hub QR code or going to the App.

