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Paramount, CA

EMMANUEL

C H U R C H

Jan 22, 2023
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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

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- 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

FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

Wednesdays January 25-March 29
6:30pm | In the chapel

Become debt free! This is a 9-week class teaching sure-fire ways to build up savings and get out of debt. No matter your life stage this class will get you motivated and moving in the right direction with your finances!

Contact: Jill Gutierrez 4gutz@msn.com
For childcare please register at erc.la/childcare

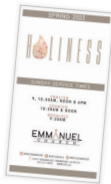
CHURCH PLANTS SUPPORTED

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

NEW PLANTS OF OUR CLASSIS

- Chris Marquez
Reformed Church Of LA, Wilmington est.2020

Get connected! Learn about everything going on at Emmanuel in the Spring Brochure. Grab one at any entrance or scan the QR code below to access the digital version.



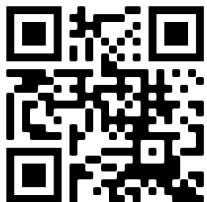
DATE NIGHT

1st and 3rd Saturday from 4-8pm in the Education Building. Parents, we encourage you to date your spouse! Go out to dinner and a movie or just stay home and eat pizza! Your kiddos will have fun playing at church and making new friends! We'll feed them dinner! Date Night is \$12/child for 4 hours. Contact: jessica.higgins@erc.la or 562-272-4994.

Our Christian sympathy to Eliseo and Patsy Chavarria and family on the passing of Eliseo's father, Efren Alvaro Chavarria, who went home to the Lord on Friday, January 13th, 2023.

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

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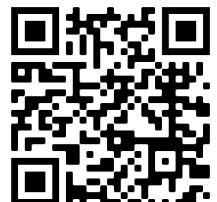
Additional Giving Opportunities
Christian Care Organizations offering Feb 5

Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$92,606.47
YTD Budget: \$182,328.00

Last Week's Offering: \$28,643.84
2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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GIVE



FAITH IN THE FIRE



August Landmesser stood alone in the midst of the Nazi salute

Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:1-30

The world will demand you bow down to its idols (Daniel 3:5-6)

- Christians in American may not have their lives threatened but expect social discrimination

Three young men refused to bow down even when the rest of their people did (Daniel 3:12)

- Your life may not be threatened right now but you are tempted to: autonomy and individualism, buying things you don't need at the expense of other people, sexual exploration and ungodly pleasure, the worship of politicians in a divided time, a felt need for more money motivated by greed

The Prosperity Gospel has crept into many of our minds without us realizing it. This way of thinking goes like this, "If I'm good then God will give me good things."

A History of Hardship

- Jesus said to expect it (John 16:33)

- Paul's life was marked by hardship (2 Corinthians 11:25-27)

- Early Church History

- Greek King Antiochus IV Epiphanes brutally killed believers

- Roman Emperor Hadrian also brutally killed believers

- Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius also brutally killed believers

- 21 believers in orange jumpsuits killed by ISIS in 2015

- 6,000 Christians killed in 2021

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up. - Daniel 3:17-18

God sent help to the men in the fire (Daniel 3:24-25)

Jesus had "Faith in the Fire" (Luke 22:42)

There was another in the fire
Standing next to me
There was another in the waters
Holding back the seas
And should I ever need reminding
Of how I've been set free
There is a cross that bears the burden
Where another died for me
- Lyrics from "Another in the Fire"

King Nebuchadnezzar praised God (Daniel 3:28)

The death and resurrection proves God's willing to get in the fire with you (Romans 8:31-32)

Time of Reflection

In what area of your life is God calling you to stand for Him and holiness?

In what ways is God calling you to have faith in the fire?
