



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



Let us come with our hearts and lives ready to receive from the Lord. "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup."
1 Cor. 11:28.

Register Today!!

EMMANUEL ARTS
for more info go to erc.la/arts

Our Christian sympathy to Shane and Carla Matos on the sudden passing of Carla's uncle, Jim Hynes, on Thursday, September 21st.

- 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

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: \$2,372,769.27
YTD Budget: \$2,370,264.00
Last Week's Offering: \$143,407.60
2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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I AM THE GATE & THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- Sheep are not smart and they have terrible eyesight which requires them to be guided by listening to the Good Shepherd's voice! There have been and will continue to be "false teachers and bad shepherds" (Ezekiel 34:2-4,10)
- This passage happens around the time of the "Festival of Dedication", also known as Hanukkah. People would remember the rededication of the temple and reflect on how well the shepherds of Israel were doing (John 10:22-23)
- The problem was, and still is, there are false teachers and bad shepherds were luring God's people away from the way of God and teachings of Jesus.

- Scripture Reading: John 10:1-18

- Jesus is the "Gate" (John 10:7-9)

- Sheep pen had no ceiling but had walls around the sheep pen. There was one entry point, one gate to get in and out
- Good shepherds would lay down across the entrance to the sheep pen by the gate
- Jesus set himself up against false teachers and other religions. Jesus is exclusive and says his way is narrow. In our cultural landscape this goes against options, overall acceptance of all.

- Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" who laid his life down for his sheep (John 10:11)

- Jesus squashes any idea of accepting the "victim mentality" ... there is no 'poor Jesus' or 'woe is me'. Jesus came for this very reason! (John 10:17-18)
- Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is saying that others are "jumping the fence" and trying to lure people away with the motivation of stealing, killing and destroying. Examples of this today are:
 - Altering of scripture
 - Revisionist history
 - Diverting from orthodoxy
- Jesus opponents want to kill him because he is claiming to be God (John 10:33)

- We must be able to hear the Good Shepherd's voice (John 10:3-4)

- Jesus was not like the driving shepherd's of Australia. He was and is a leading shepherd like those of the Middle East. He is not pushing you from behind, he is calling you forward.
- The difference between conviction and condemnation:

CONVICTION is often specific and accurate with clear examples.

CONDEMNATION is often vague, general, accusatory and leads to spiraling thoughts

- If you want to learn to hear Jesus's voice you must spend more time with him than the other voices of the world. Spend time with him:
 - In scriptures alone and with others
 - In prayer, speaking and learning to listen
 - In silence and solitude
- As Christians we believe God has revealed himself fully and most clearly in the person of Jesus. We also believe that God speaks directly to us through his word in the Bible and provides everything we need for salvation. The Holy Spirit is the one who allows God's work to be active and experienced in our hearts
 - There are times God does speak and guide you through specific situations. Remember, is God's voice the prominent voice in your life?
 - There are times God does not speak clearly about the circumstances in your life. In these moments remember the Holy Spirit lives in the believer, seek to glorify God in whatever decision you make and move forward in peace.

- Time of Reflection

- 1 - Who are the most influential voices in your life?
Are those voices helping you become more or less like Jesus?
- 2 - How is the Holy Spirit calling you to make space and time to hear him speak to you through His word and prayer?



FAMILY Nights

With Pastor Klarc & Bobbie

Tonight at 8:30pm

Topic: BIBLICAL SEXUALITY
Join them on ZOOM!!! Get the link from christie.palmer@erc.la

INFORMATION GOES OUT OF DATE!

HELP US BY UPDATING YOUR INFORMATION. SIMPLY, SCAN THE QR CODE.

October 31st

TRUNK OR TREAT

6-8PM

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.