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# EMMANUEL

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August 1st, 2021  
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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

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

**RICHARD GRIFFIN:** Issues with blood flow  
and circulation to legs & feet

**KATHY MATHEWS:** Severe foot infection  
and kidney failure/diabetes

**GREG ENGLE:** Inclusion Body Myositis

**SHEILA IANTORNO:** Lupus, Breast Cancer

**TROY KUBINSKI:** Muscular Dystrophy

**VANCE RICHARDS:** Complete healing from stroke

**LILLIAN & WESLEY MICHAELS:** Overall Health

**GAY WALKER:** Lung cancer

**TANYA COLLIS:** severe pain 24 hrs/day

**CHARRON GAYDEN:** Mental Health

**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



**Next Sunday is all church Communion.** The elements will be provided. 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.

**Our Christian sympathy** to the Korver family on the passing of Rev Harold Korver. Rev Harold went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 27th.

**Our Christian sympathy** to Roy & Gracia Gilham, Scott & Karen Gilham, Dan Gilham, Matt & Lori Gilham and extended family on the passing of their son and brother. Jarrod passed away on Thursday, July 22nd.

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 7pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Napelese: 9:30am  
(sanctuary) (outside) (activity center) (blue building)

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## 2nd Offerings

8/1 Leadership Development | 8/15 Vision

### Weekly Offering

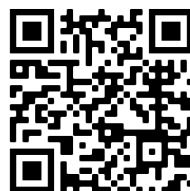
YTD Offering: \$1,786,857.74

YTD Budget: \$1,620,000.00

Last Week's Offering: \$116,540.31

2021 Weekly Budget: \$54,000.00

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**Lie - God won't give us  
more than we can handle**

**Truth - Sometimes God gives  
us more than we can handle  
but he never gives us more  
than he can handle through us**

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:5-10

Who gave Paul the thorn in his flesh?  
Who allowed Paul to have a thorn in his flesh?  
- Answer: God (2 Corinthians 12:7-8)

Pastoral Note: Nowhere in this passage does Paul seem to say he was given the "thorn" has punishment because he did something wrong, it wasn't an unconfessed sin that "forced God's hand" and dealt Paul a thorn.

"Pleaded" beg, begged, implored, requested, urged (2 Corinthians 12:7-8)

Examples of "thorns" in Christian leaders:

- Spurgeon - lifelong depression, kidney disease
- Mother Teresa - struggled with God's absence for long periods of her life she described as "dark".

When pain and suffering come upon us, we finally see not only that we are not in control of our lives but that we never were.

- Timothy Keller in "Walking with God through Pain and Suffering"

Why would God give us or allow us to have "thorns" in our lives?

- Answer: in order to keep me from becoming conceited (2 Cor 12:7-8)

"Visions and dreams get us excited and build passion, thorns keep us authentic and dependent"

- Anonymous Commentator

**The Gospel** (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

**Reflection Time:**

God gives and allows us to be in situations that are "more than we can handle".

Think of a situation you, or someone else, are currently in and pray that God would move and bring his kingdom and his love there.