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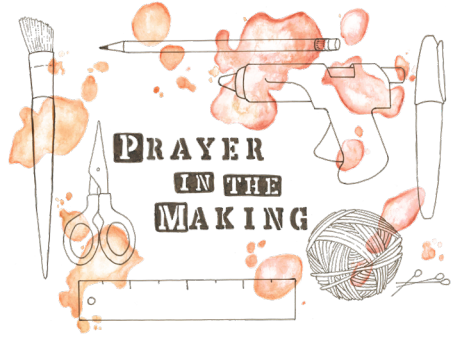
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Feb 12, 2023
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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission



ABOVE THE RIM Basketball will be kicking off the spring season on March 6! The 10-Week season will take place in the Activity Center and the parking lot basketball courts on Monday evenings at 6:30pm. Invite your friends or show up solo! Anyone 4th Grade and older is invited! Volunteers and athletes are encouraged to join us! If you have questions, email Christian.Korver@erc.la. We hope to see you there!



Wednesday 15th | 7pm - Join us this Wednesday for Prayer in the Making! An art and worship experience. There will be art stations for people of all ages and all levels of artists. The worship team will be playing worship music over you while you make your art!

Women's
Lent. Event
Monday, February 27
7:00-8:30pm
Dessert, Worship, Message
Free child care available.
Contact: sarah.shevlin@erc.la

Additional Giving Opportunities
Stock, Real Estate, and other assets
IRA

Donor-Advised Fund
Estate Planning
If you are interested,
please contact Ruth Zymkowitz
at ruth.zymkowitz@erc.la

Our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Jill Humphrey who passed on Friday, February 3rd.

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
Vision offering Feb 19

Weekly Offering
YTD Offering: \$345,904.62
YTD Budget: \$364,656.00
Last Week's Offering: \$41,371.78
2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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THE SON OF MAN



The "evil empires" are not just a far distant history but a symbolic pattern that still exist today

- The empires spoke boastfully (Daniel 7:8)
- The empires war against the holy people and defeat them for a time (Daniel 7:20-21)
- The empires speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people (Daniel 7:25)

Signs of an "Empire"

1. Strongest military
2. Economic influence in the world
3. Political leaders in the world
4. Convincing ideology of "their good life"

Signs of a "post-Christian" world

1. The highest good is individual freedom, happiness, self-definition, and self-expression
2. Traditions and religions that restrict individual freedom need to be deconstructed or destroyed
3. The world will improve as individual freedom grows.
4. The primary social ethic is tolerance of everyone's self-defined quest for individual freedom and self-expression
5. Humans are inherently good
6. Large scale structures and institutions are suspicious at best and evil at worst
7. Forms of external authority are rejected and personal authenticity is lauded
 - Mark Sayers in "Disappearing Church"

God's people will be oppressed (Daniel 7:21,25)

The Ancient of Days and Son of Man offer hope and salvation! (Daniel 7:11-14)

The "Son of Man" is Jesus!

- The empires of this world use military force to establish their "kingdom" but the Son of Man offers healing and life (Matthew 9:6)
- The empires of this world seek to make **money** and to establish a life of comfort whereas the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28)
- The empires of this world convince us to worship **politicians and the class of the elites** whereas the Son of Man came eating and drinking and was a friend of tax collectors and sinners (Matthew 11:19)
- The empires of this world push their **ideologies** of self-help and achievement but the Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28)

When we repent of the sin that put us in exile and celebrate the faithfulness of God we are liberated to love our neighbor in the midst of exile (Jeremiah 29:4-7)

Seek the peace and prosperity of your city by following the Son of Man

- Establish your family and community in exile on the Word of God and way of Jesus
- Story of man loving the city by redeeming a mismanaged sports program
- Story of woman buying toys for children who wouldn't get any at Christmas

Lastly, this is important because it is preparing us to reign and rule with God. Think of this as a return to God's intended plan in Genesis 1-2 (Daniel 7:18,22)

Time of Reflection

When we repent of our sin and thank God for sending Jesus (Son of Man) we are freed up to love our neighbor unconditionally.

How is God calling you to seek the "peace and prosperity" of your city?
