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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

## Lent ANOINTING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 14 | 6 PM

Worship, Prayer Teams, Anointing with oil  
Join us as we prepare for this Lent Season

Women's  
**Lent.** Event

Monday, February 5  
6:30-8:30pm  
Dessert, Worship, Message  
Free child care available.  
Contact: sarah.shevlin@erc.la

## COMMUNION SUNDAY

Next Week

do this in remembrance of me

## Project Hope

Project Hope serves our local community with a weekly Food Bank distribution every Friday from 8-10am at 8206 Alondra Blvd.

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

Our Christian sympathy to the DeMaster family on the passing of Grandpa Curt O'Bryan on Thursday, January 25th.

Our Christian sympathy to parents Jose and Amelia Bracamontes, siblings Juanita, George, and Tony Bracamontes, and family on the passing of Michael Bracamontes on Friday morning, December 29th, at the age of 38. Services will take place at 7pm on Friday, Feb 16th, at Bellflower Brethren Church.

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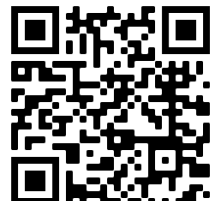


Additional Giving Opportunities  
Christian Care Organizations offering Feb 4

### Weekly Offering

YTD Total: \$330,782.92  
YTD Budget: \$252,781.50

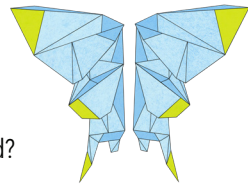
Last Week's Offering: \$37,581.80  
2024 Weekly Budget: \$63,195.50



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# WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?



Have you ever wondered why we should leave all final judgments to God?  
Why should people avoid a judgmental attitude toward others?

**As humanity, we invariably struggle with partiality** and can easily slip into a feeling of self-righteousness. We see the bad things that occur in our culture and can begin to think of ourselves as better than others. Paul addresses these attitudes as he moves into chapter 2 of Romans.

**- Scripture Reading: Romans 2: 1-16** (Gods righteous judgment)

Sin blocks the relationship between humans and God. Paul wants people to understand that the problem is sin because it drives people to the solution, Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:18-32)

**"It is God alone who judges;** he decides who will rise and who will fall." (Psalm 75:7, Romans 2:16, John 5:22). Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6)

When human beings judge other people in a self-righteous manner it contributes to a false sense of security, blinds people to their own shortcomings, and assumes God's responsibility as judge. The actions we take truly shape us as people and **the person you are becoming is a choice.**

**Judge:** κρίνω (krinō). vb. to make a judgment in a judicial process. A legal word that means to judge a person to be guilty and liable to punishment. It is often used with a forensic sense to signify condemnation.

"What we are often doing is seeing our faults in others and judging them vicariously; that way we experience the pleasure of self-righteousness without the pain of penitence" John Stott

In the greater context of the book of Romans we find that **salvation is based on God's grace and our faith in the finished work of Jesus to pay the penalty for our sins.** (Romans 3:21-29)

God is just. He is not moved by external appearances and circumstances. No one can stand based on family heritage, works, morality or merits. (Romans 2:11, Deuteronomy 10:17)

**We follow the example of Jesus and have compassion on other people.** (Psalm 86:15, Matthew 20:34, Mark 1:41, Luke 7:13, John 6:5-13). "The God of all grace" (1 Peter 5:10)

"Hypocritical judgments are not bad because they are false-the judgment itself may be true. They are bad because they are given in a spirit of self-righteousness; **absent is self-scrutiny.**"

Robert M. Bowman Jr

Scenarios to help with self-examination. These examples are not all-inclusive but are a great start as **we are mindful of who we are becoming:**

- If we observe arrogance, ask: are there areas in my life where I think I am better than others?
- If we see someone ignoring the Lord, ask: are there areas of my life where God is overlooked?
- If we see someone "stealing", ask: am I robbing others in more subtle ways?
- If we witness offensive behavior, ask: Is my conduct toward others consistent with Christian beliefs?
- If we witness others struggling with substance abuse, ask: is there anything in my life that has control over me (car, sports, social media etc.)?

## Reflection Questions:

- What steps will you take so that a non-judgmental attitude is maintained in your daily life?
  - How are your decisions pushing you towards or away from God? What actions will you implement to grow closer to God?
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