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July 23, 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

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

Our Christian sympathy to David Iantorno, Kevin and Matrice McConnell, and family on the passing of David's wife, Matrice's mother, Sheila Iantorno, on Monday, July 10th. A Celebration of Life will take place at 11am, Saturday, August 5th, at Emmanuel Reformed Church.

Our Christian sympathy to Martin and Virginia Collis and family on the passing of Virginia's father Guillermo Trejo in El Paso sometime before Sunday, July 16th.

STARTING IN AUGUST

PRAYER & WORSHIP
SERVICE

WILL BE STARTING AT 6PM
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE SANCTUARY

FAMILY
Nights

With Pastor Klarc & Bobbie

Tonight @ 8:30pm

Join them on ZOOM!!!
Get the link from christie.palmer@erc.la



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
Leadership Development Fund offering Aug 6

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Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$1,765,484.38
YTD Budget: \$1,762,504.00

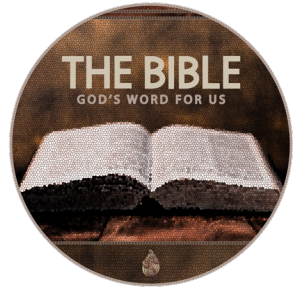
Last Week's Offering: \$33,611.11
2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00



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Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:11-25



- Peter is writing to people who have been displaced because of their faith (1 Peter 1:1)
- One of our greatest battles as "foreigners" is to cave in to the culture around us. Peter is saying don't give in to the ways of the world but submit yourselves to God and God's way. (1 Peter 2:11)
- Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. - 1 Peter 2:12
- In the context of this passage Christians were accused of many things. Today Christians are accused of being: bigots, oppressive and close-minded. There is a temptation to straddle the line and hold on to Jesus while participating in worldly activities. This leads to confusion and an infertile and fruitless life.
- As an exile there is a call to submit to God and his way. Live such a beautiful and godly life that people will be open to the Gospel. Peter calls us to submit to:
 - The government (1 Peter 2:13-17)
 - Bosses and those in authority over you (1 Peter 2:18-25)
 - Family at home (1 Peter 3:1-7)
 - Church family (1 Peter 3:8-12)
- Follow laws, be the best employee, work hard, pay taxes so long as you don't compromise your faith (Acts 5:29). Here is what Peter tells us to do practically:
 - Abstain from sin and live a godly life then accusers will glorify God (v.12)
 - Submit to those in authority (without sinning) then you will silence the talk of foolish people (v.15)
 - Live as slaves to God and endure then you will be commended before God (v.20)

- The Gospel (1 Peter 2:22-25)

So how do we respond to life in exile as foreigners? We do what Jesus did. **We entrust ourselves to God and his word** (1 Peter 2:23). When I entrust myself to another I am:

- Submitting something of value (my life) under someone else's authority
- Not operating out of my own power
- Believing the other will guide me to what is right
 - Non-spiritual examples:
 - Parents ENTRUST their children to babysitters
 - Adults ENTRUST their money to financial planners
 - Travelers ENTRUST their lives to their pilot
- Like Jesus, will you entrust yourself to obey and live out God's Word as an exile in today's culture? Will you be faithful to God's word even when it's not popular? Will you speak the truth graciously even when it might make the moment awkward? Will you abstain from sin even when everything in your body is craving it?
- When you entrust yourself to God and obey the scriptures know that God's plan has been set forth since before creation:
 - The Father, Son and Spirit have been actively working together since before creation (John 17:24)
 - It has always been God's plan to create us to be with him (Ephesians 1:3-5)
 - God knew what creation would require of him. It would require Jesus going to the cross (1 Peter 1)
- When you do what Jesus did and entrust yourself to God's plan you'll be freed up and empowered to love people who are really hard to love. In order to do this we must "in your heart revere Christ as Lord" (1 Peter 3:15)

- Reflection Questions

- How is God speaking to you today through the sermon and scriptures?
 - You cannot entrust yourself to God and his plan apart from his Word. Pray that God would show you the steps you need to take to be guided by the Scriptures.
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