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# EMMANUEL

C H U R C H

Jan 15, 2023  
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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
- GREG ENGLE: Inclusion Body Myositis
- SHEILA IANTORNO: Lupus, Breast Cancer
- TROY KUBINSKI: Inclusion Body Myositis
- 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
- RAQUEL MALDONADO (23): Recently diagnosed with MS
- WILLIAM SUAREZ: CHF
- JOSE PAGAN: Malignant tumor located near front of ear

Death, imprisonment, violence, isolation, oppression, and eviction from home are the day-to-day reality of many of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. The persecution faced by Christians is global, spreading from the Middle East, through Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Due to the growing number of deaths and Christian refugees, many experts now consider this an act of genocide. While strong in their faith, our brothers and sisters have lost their homes, churches, livelihoods, and many have lost their lives. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with the Church as we seek to support our brothers and sisters overseas?

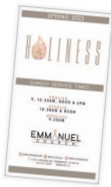
[opendoorsuk.org](http://opendoorsuk.org) - [barnabasfund.org](http://barnabasfund.org)  
[samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) - [worldhelp.net](http://worldhelp.net)

## FINANCIAL *Peace* UNIVERSITY

Wednesdays January 25-March 29  
6:30pm | In the chapel

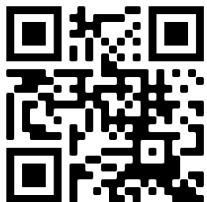
Become debt free! This is a 9-week class teaching sure-fire ways to build up savings and get out of debt. No matter your life stage this class will get you motivated and moving in the right direction with your finances! For childcare please register at [erc.la/childcare](http://erc.la/childcare)

Get connected! Learn about everything going on at Emmanuel in the Spring Brochure. Grab one at any entrance or scan the QR code below to access the digital version.



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 fund offering Jan 15

### Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$63,963.47

YTD Budget: \$121,552.00

Last Week's Offering: \$34,345.84

2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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# PRAYER + PRAISE = PERSPECTIVE



- Fable: Good Luck or Bad Luck?

Scripture teaches the sovereignty of God, it says that is in control and that God has a plan  
- Genesis 1:1, 50:20, Psalm 115:3, Proverbs 21:1, Isaiah 45:7, John 6:65, Acts 2:23, Ephesians 1:11, Romans 8:28, Revelation 4:11

The King was terrified by his dream (Daniel 2:1-11)

The King threatened to kill all of the wisemen (Daniel 2:12-13)

- What do you do when everything that could go wrong goes wrong?

Prayer + Praise = Perspective (Daniel 2:19-23)

God alone controls human affairs and all that happens in the world (Daniel 2:21)

When Daniel had his chance to shine he used his influence to glorify God (Daniel 2:27-28)

The statue from the dream (Daniel 2:34-35)

- Gold - Babylon
- Silver - Medo-Persia
- Bronze - Greece
- Iron - Rome
- The Rock - Jesus Christ

Our problem with the "sovereignty of God" is the pain in this world and often our felt experience has become the most important thing

The rock, Jesus Christ, is not immune to pain and suffering. He knows your pain because he willingly entered into it himself (Isaiah 53:3-5)

One day every human being will bow down and profess Christ as Lord  
(Daniel 2:46-47, Philippians 2:9-11)

## **Time of Reflection**

1 - How is God inviting you to exert your influence for good? Are there any difficult circumstances in your life God can get glory in?

2 - Next time hard times hit, remember: prayer + praise = perspective. Create a reminder in your phone or on a note that **God is in control**

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