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July 25, 2021
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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

CURRENT CHURCH PLANTS

- Pat & Julie Dirkse | Amoldo & Viviana Escobar
City Church of Compton | Compton - est.2009
- Larry & Carol Barber
Church of Grace Garden Grove - est.2011
- Samuel & Irma 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

- Brian & Laura Warth
Chapel of Change Paramount - est.2012
- Jon & Janna Ziegler
Goldline Church North East LA est.2015
- Tommy & Fatimah Forester
Epiphany Fellowship South LA - est.2016

NEW PLANTS OF OUR CLASSIS

- Chris Marquez
Reformed Church Of LA, Wilmington est.2020

CHURCH REVITALIZATION

- Larry & Yolanda Dove
Park Hills, Los Angeles - est.2012

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



Every Wednesday in July, from 7pm to 9pm.
This is a family-friendly event.
We hope to see you there!

PRAYER & WORSHIP

ONLINE & IN PERSON

join us in the Sanctuary or on
YouTube, Facebook, & ERCLA.TV
at 7pm every Wednesday.

Congratulations to proud parents Mariano and Stella Allende and proud big sister Destiny on the birth of Ryder Caleb Allende at 2:20am on Sunday, July 18th, at 71b 14oz.

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2nd Offerings

7/4 RCA Missions | 7/16 Vision Fund

Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$1,670,317.43
YTD Budget: \$1,566,000.00

Last Week's Offering: \$38,603.00
2021 Weekly Budget: \$54,000.00

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Psalm 88: "Walking with the Lord even in the Darkness"

The Lord is the God of my salvation. (Psalm 88:1)

Scripture reading: Psalm 88

Christians are not exempt from difficulty.

- Jesus was very clear that trouble and persecution would occur. (John 15:18-20)
- It is important for Christians to manage their expectations during difficult times and when experiencing darkness.
- Regardless of what is going on, Christians should trust in the LORD like the Psalmist and continue to go to him in prayer.
- *"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." Charles Swindol*

Navigating difficult times - Maintaining our connection with God.

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is [God's] megaphone to rouse a deaf world"

C.S. Lewis (Book: The Problem of Pain)

Though the Psalmist feels hopeless, punished, confused and alone, he tells God all about it. He keeps walking with God.

Scripture example of continual prayer from Psalm 88

- V 1 day and night I cry out to you.
- V 9 I call to you, LORD, every day.
- V13 in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

"The very presence of these prayers in Scripture is a witness to God's understanding. He knows how men and women speak when they are desperate." Unknown Commentator

The grace of God in darkness

The Psalm wants us to see that God identifies with people who lament, are in darkness and pray like Psalm 88.

God's grace goes to and through Christians to other people. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4: "so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God"

Time of Reflection:

- Pray the difficult prayer of where we as individuals might be at this time.
- If you are not experiencing difficulty, is there anyone that you know who is going through a difficult time? Pray how you can help them.