

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

**Please keep the following people & their families in daily prayer...**

(To update this prayer list, submit a prayer request on [erc.la/prayer](http://erc.la/prayer) and let us know in the notes to also update the Prayer Page)

- RICHARD GRIFFIN: Issues with blood flow and circulation to legs & feet
- GREG ENGLE: Inclusion Body Myositis
- TROY KUBINSKI: Inclusion Body Myositis
- GAY WALKER: Lung cancer
- TANYA COLLIS: Severe pain 24 hrs/day
- JADEN MALDONADO: (teen)  
Congenital cytomegalovirus
- TANYA MCKOWN: Lupus, Health issues
- EMMA ROMERO (Teen): Seizures
- RAQUEL MALDONADO (24): MS
- WILLIAM SUAREZ: CHF
- SELENE VELASCO: kidney transplant
- BRUCE THOMSON: Liver cancer

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)



**KINDER- 5TH GRADE / TUESDAYS 6-8 PM**



**EMMANUEL ARTS**

Registration Open! Go to [erc.la/arts](http://erc.la/arts)

Our Christian sympathy to Louise Berger and family on the passing of Louise's husband, Bill Berger, a longtime former member of ERC who passed away on August 8th at his son's house in Menifee at the age of 91.

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

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ERC's Hub!



**Additional Giving Opportunities**

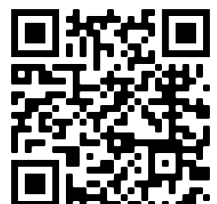
Vision Fund Aug 18

**Weekly Offering**

YTD Total: \$2,026,789.85  
YTD Budget: \$2,022,255.50

Last Week's Offering: \$36,084.33  
2024 Weekly Budget: \$63,195.50

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# WHO ARE WE BECOMING? A GOSPEL SHAPED COMMUNITY.



God's desire is that we would be a part of, and create a community that:

- a. Has been and is being transformed by the gospel
- b. Showcases the gospel to the world around us

In other words- **Gospel Shaped Community**

A Gospel Shaped Community contains an internal component - the way that we relate to each other  
- and an external component - the way that we relate to outsiders

## Internal

- We are family. Dick Lucas: "The miracle of the grace of God is not just that sinful man can be reconciled to a holy God, but that sinners could be reconciled to each other."
- We outdo one another in showing honor.
- We rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
- We meet needs and show hospitality.

## External

- We bless those who persecute us.
- We lead others to repentance through our kindness.
- We are a transformed people who transform the places where God has placed us.
- Don't worry about the forest; look at the tree in front of you.

All of this is possible because of an external power - the person and work of Jesus

Reflection questions:

1. To whom can you love life into today?
  2. What might it look like to long for the good of one who is longing for your downfall?
  3. Who is an outsider God has placed around you? How can you love them?
  4. In what ways can you look to the Gospel to fuel you for these things?
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