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

Christmas
EVE SERVICES

SATURDAY 23th | 6PM
SUNDAY 24th | 9AM, 10:30AM,
Noon & 4PM

EMMANUEL

Emmanuel Arts Presents A

Christmas
SHOWCASE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
6:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY

Per tradition at Emmanuel, with Christmas comes a beautiful display of **Poinsettias in the Worship Center**, sponsored in honor or memory of loved ones. Order your poinsettia on the **ERC App**, at erc.la, or by scanning the **ERC Hub QR code** below!

COMMUNION SUNDAY
NEXT WEEK
Do this in remembrance of me

Congratulations to proud parents Alberto Duran and Ashlee Marinez, proud big siblings Rocky, Beni-Rae, and Ezio, and family, on the birth of daughter Atzi Liat Ruiz Duran on Wednesday, Nov. 15th.

Our Christian sympathy to Laura Van Hofwegen, Jayne Nord, Danny Van Hofwegen, and family, on the sudden passing of their sister, Susie Yarger, on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, at the age of 67.

Our Christian sympathy to Diana Maldonado, Abraham & Debbie Gutierrez, and family, on the passing of Diana's mother, Debbie's grandmother, Ligia Ramirez, on Wednesday, November 22nd, at the age of 95.

Our Christian sympathy to Maria Martinez, Ivan & Roxy Velazquez, and family, on the passing of Maria's brother, Roxy's uncle, Benedicto Martinez, on Friday, November 24th.

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
Church Planting offering December 3

Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$2,990,186.53
YTD Budget: \$2,917,248.00

Thanksgiving offering: \$20,562.55
Last Week's Offering: \$140,810.43
2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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"HOPE=GOD REMEMBERS"



Ordinary hope: A feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.

Biblical hope: Is a confident expectation based on a sure foundation; God's character.

Main takeaway: Don't forget that God remembers.

Scripture reading: Luke 1:5-38

Parallels between the events leading up to the birth of John the baptist and Jesus.

- The arrival of the angel Gabriel (v 19, 26-28).
- The news of a seemingly impossible pregnancy (v 13, 31).
- An initial response of fear (v 12, 29-30).
- A promise about the child's future and identity (v 17, 32-33, 35).

Difference between Zechariah and Mary's response:

Zechariah doubted. Mary trusted.

Why does God discipline?

God is holy. God requires holiness. God makes us holy.

God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. -Hebrews 12:10b-11

Who does God discipline? His children

Endure hardship as discipline; **God is treating you as his children.** -Hebrews 12:7-8

It's better to be disciplined by the Father who loves you than to be given unrestrained liberties by the enemy who hates you.

The mark of a mature Christian: When we learn to hope in God for all things. And when we fail to do so, we repent, take whatever discipline God sees fit, and praise God for the growth that comes out of it.

Remind yourself that God remembers

- Spend time with your Bible.
- Sing Psalms, hymns, and worship songs as a family.
- Tell your family all about God's faithfulness.

Reflection Questions

- What are you currently hoping for? What are your longings and heart's desires? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you wait on the Lord.

- The Christian looks back to the risen Jesus in order to hope for the future. Meditate on the following Scriptures and pray them over yourself and your family:

- Psalm 130:5-6: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
 - Psalm 119:114: You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word.
 - Exodus 14:14: The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.
 - Romans 15:13: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
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