

5/9/2021



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Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 4:1-4, 10-11

Rituals or Relationship?

- The people thought the ark, not God's presence, would save them (1 Samuel 4:3)
- We make the same mistakes. We can take spiritual practices, that are important in our relationship with God and make them rituals instead of practicing them to encounter our Creator, instead of letting them deepen our relationship with God.
- God doesn't need us, he wants us! (1 Samuel 5:3-4)
- The Philistines get rid of the ark (1 Samuel 5:11)
- The Israelites continue to make the same mistakes and realize, "Who can stand in the presence of the Lord, this holy God? (1 Samuel 6:20)

A Gospel Shift! Relationships Over Rituals

- 1 Samuel 7:2-4

Reflection Time

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1 - What are the "rituals" in your life?

2 - How is God inviting you into a deeper relationship with him today? What are you going to do about it?

Deeply Connecting to People

Because Emmanuel Church desires to be a caring community, we have pastors, coordinators, elders, deacons, staff and volunteers ministering with each worship service. **Please share your prayer and care needs with us through:** ERC app or website; with our Pastor of Care Mike Kim (mike.kim@erc.la, 562-272-4996) or our Care Coordinator (prayer@erc.la, 562-272-4998), or with any of the elders and deacons of your service. **9am:** Craig Dykema, Randy Williams, David Dekker, Roy Sarracino ; **Center-point (10:15am):** Ken Chavarria, Dave Hogan, Brandon Williams; **10:30am:** Johnny Gras, Rick Jones, Oscar Dorantes, Doug Chism; **12 Noon:** Richard Spurling, Ivan Velazquez; and **6pm:** Doug Palmer, Joaquin Valdez, Dan Latham, Guillermo Villagran.

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

9:00AM SERVICE:

HOLLY GEBERT: Pneumonitis/overall health
RICHARD GRIFFIN: Issues with blood flow and circulation to legs & feet
KATHY MATHEWS: Severe foot infection and kidney failure/diabetes

CENTERPOINT:

GREG ENGLE: Inclusion Body Myositis
SHEILA IANTORNO: Lupus, Breast Cancer
BRISA NINO: Upcoming reversal colon surgery

10:30AM SERVICE:

TROY KUBINSKI: Muscular Dystrophy
VANCE RICHARDS: Complete healing from stroke
LILLIAN & WESLEY MICHAELS: Overall Health
GAY WALKER: Lung cancer
LAMMERT ZWAAGSTRA: Multiple Myeloma

NOON SERVICE:

TANYA COLLIS: severe pain 24 hrs/day
CHARRON GAYDEN: Mental Health
JADEN MALDONADO: (child) Congenital cytomegalovirus
TANYA MCKOWN: Lupus, Health issues
EMMA ROMERO (age 12): Seizures

6PM SERVICE:

SPANISH SERVICES:

BERTHA MARTINES: Stroke/ complete healing
FRANCES HOLTON: Full recovery of knees

ARTESIA CHRISTIAN HOME

Brenda Camarena / Memory Care
Ardis Davis
Eva Foster / Memory Care
Nellie DeHaas
Jack Ostermann
Grama Liz Rittermal
Jerry Vos / Memory Care
Marjorie Yonce

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH CARDS & PRAYER...

HELENE DRESSER, Inland Christian Home, Ontario
RAY SEARCY, 2066 Flourish Hill, San Jacinto, CA 92582
CHRISTINE TWERDUN, Palm Crest Grand, Long Beach
DARWIN WAGNER, Fiddler Cottage, Long Beach



Our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Angie Luna, who passed from away from medical complications on Sunday, May 2nd, at the age of 51.

Our Christian sympathy to Vi Prins, John & Carlene Prins, Lee & Sandy Williamson, Mark & Christi Castleberry and family on the passing of Vi's daughter, John, Sandy and Christi's sister, Roni VanderBroek. She passed away on Thursday, May 6th.

Deeply Connecting to Mission

2ND OFFERINGS
FOR MAY:

5/2 | Deacon's Fund

5/16 | Vision Fund

Weekly Offering:

Last Week's Offering: \$40,011.05
2021 Weekly Budget: \$54,000.00

YTD Offering: \$972,000.00
YTD Budget: \$1,081,653.00