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EMMANUEL

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Dec 4, 2022
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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission



We are looking for Volunteers for the nursery for all our Christmas Services listed below. Friday December 23rd from 7pm to 8pm Saturday, December 24th from 4pm to 5pm, 5:30 to 6:30pm and 7pm to 8pm. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Lewis at Cathy.Lewis@erc.la or 562.272.4982. We appreciate your help! Merry Christmas!

If you'd like to donate a poinsettia for the Christmas Eve service in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form by scanning the ERC Hub QR code or going to www.erc.la/poinsettias

Our Christian sympathy to Ken and Starla Chavarria and family on the passing of Starla's mother, Evelyn Akerboom, on Thursday, November 24th. Services will be held at 1pm on Saturday, December 10th, at Emmanuel Reformed Church. Luncheon to follow.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

ONLINE & IN PERSON

Join us in the Sanctuary or on YouTube & Facebook at 7pm every Wednesday.

- 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

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

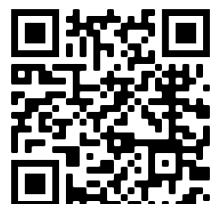
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Additional Giving Opportunities
Church Planting offering Dec 4

Weekly Offering
YTD Offering: \$2,813,933.13
YTD Budget: \$2,863,968.00
Last Week's Offering: \$45,131.92
Thanksgiving Offering: \$17,680
2022 Weekly Budget: \$59,666.00

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"SPEND LESS"



ADVENT

GOD WITH YOU

- **Scripture Reading:** Matthew 6: 19-24

- **Outline**

- Two Treasures (vv. 19 - 21)
- Two Conditions (vv. 22 - 23)
- Two Masters (vv. 24)

Our spending reveals what we believe. Are we buying things we do not necessarily need or want? Is this the choice we should be making? Is this the true story of Christmas, of Advent. We can sometimes lose sight of what Christmas is about.

This "Season of Blessing" during Advent is designed to assist us in developing and/or reaffirming the right perspective on Christmas.

- **Two Treasures (vv. 19 - 21)**

Jesus said, "Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth (v. 19). But store up treasure in heaven" (v. 20). That's about as clear as directions get!

It is not money itself, but the love of money, which is seen by Scripture as a fundamental cause of evil (1 Timothy 6:10). It is God who gives us everything we have! (Deuteronomy 8:17-18)

"You can never get enough of what you don't need to make you happy." (Eric Hoffer)

- **Two Conditions (vv. 22 - 23)**

This passage is diagnostic, and Jesus' message is "Examine yourself." And don't ignore your hearts orientation toward God (Luke 11:34-35).

Some people can completely focus their eyes on wealth and then there are others who love God and have fallen into bad habits. Therefore, distraction by earthly riches can darken the eye and we need to reshape our viewpoints, including our perspective on gift giving.

Remember; The discipline of the healthy eye reflects a heart that is set on the kingdom of God.

- **Two Masters (vv. 24)**

The Lord is personifying money in this scripture. He is stating that money is a rival god, a rival lord or master. Jesus would not have divided allegiance among his disciples (Matthew 12:30).

"Every treasure but Jesus insists you die to purchase it. Jesus is the one treasure that died to purchase you." (Tim Keller)

- **Reflection Questions**

- What are the moments with your family and friends that you would do differently?
- What does it mean for you to spend less during this advent season?

- **Tips To Spend Less**

Simplify Your Christmas List – Why do I want to buy this?

Let the gifts you give meet a need; be memorable; be meaningful

Make A Budget and Stick To It - Spend Within Your Means

Pray For Those on Your Christmas List - Spend Thoughtfully and Intentionally

Take Inventory - Donate – What kind of company am I supporting if I buy this product?
