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EMMANUEL

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October 22, 2023
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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

CURRENT CHURCH PLANTS

-Pat & Julie Dirkse,
Arnoldo & Viviana Escobar
City Church of Compton | Compton - est.2009

-Larry Barber
Church of Grace Garden Grove - est.2011

-Samuel 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- est.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
The Vine Church, Compton - est. 2018

CHURCH PLANTS SUPPORTED

-Tommy & Fatimah Forester
Epiphany Fellowship South LA - est.2016

NEW PLANTS OF OUR CLASSIS

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

Congratulations to proud parents Russell and Ileen Lopez Jr, proud big siblings Marley, Micah, Maxie, and Milo, proud grandparents Liz Villegas and Russell and Suzy Lopez Sr, and family, on the birth of Maddox Luke Lopez on Thursday, October 12th.

Our Christian sympathy to Evelyn McConnell, Kevin & Matrice McConnell Jr, and family, on the passing of Evelyn's husband, Kevin's father, Kevin McConnell Sr, on Friday, September 22nd.

Services will take place at 10:30am on Saturday, October 28th, at Emmanuel Reformed Church. Luncheon following.

Our Christian sympathy to Marcus and Katie Jo Dupree and family on the passing of Marcus's grandmother, Susie Mae, on Sunday, October 1st.

Our Christian sympathy to Susan Adams and family on the passing of Susan's husband, Squire Adams, on Wednesday, October 11th.

Services will take place at 10am this Friday, October 20th, at Emmanuel Reformed Church.

Our Christian sympathy to David and Ruth Hamel and family on the passing of Ruth's brother, Paul, on Sunday morning, October 15th, at the age of 81.

Our Christian sympathy to Ulysses and Cassie Gallegos and family on the passing of Cassie's father, Hector Vara Lozoya, on Friday, October 13th, at the age of 76. Services will take place at 5pm on Thursday, October 26th, at Rock of the Nations Church (13216 Fairford Ave, Norwalk, CA 90650).

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

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Paramount Care Foundation offering November 5

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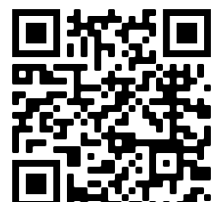
Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$2,496,098.64

YTD Budget: \$2,552,592.00

Last Week's Offering: \$38,928.84

2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00



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I AM THE VINE

In the O.T. the vine represented the covenant people of God, planted and tended by him so that Israel would produce fruit. Generally when Israel is depicted as a vine or vineyard, the nation is being chastised for not bearing fruit as God expects. Where Israel failed Jesus stepped in and succeeded! (Is. 5:3-5)

- Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

Spiritual growth and the fruit of the Spirit is a byproduct of being connected to God. The life of Jesus is flowing through you as you are connected to him or there is no fruit because you are simply not connected to Jesus

How can one tell if they are being cut off or pruned?

- If you're being cut off, you won't care about God's word nor will you seriously live it out. God might be handing you over to the the fleshly desires of your heart (Romans 1:24-25)
- If you're being pruned it means that God will allow you to go through seasons of difficulty to become less dependent on the self and more dependent on Him. It does not mean you did anything wrong (Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-4)
 - Believers should expect to get pruned

God calls us to "remain" 11x in John 15:4-10

Sometimes people are confused as to why they haven't felt God, heard from God, encountered the Lord - wherein the problem lies in the fact that they haven't sought him, talked to him, submitted their life to him - they are not connected to him nor have they remained in him.

"...apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5)

Apple Tree analogy

When we try to "manage our sin" we try to will ourselves to love and kindness. Because this is in our own power it's unsustainable and will not truly shape our hearts to Christ-likeness which is ultimately done by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Religion is spelled "DO" whereas Christianity is all about what Jesus has "DONE". Our starting spot of accepting and celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus!

Clear indicators that you're connected to God and have a life producing fruit of the Spirit:

- You're obedient to the scriptures (John 15:10,15)
- Your love for God and others is increasing (Matthew 22:37-40)

We must reflect and examine our inner life. What are our underlying motives and desires? See the picture of an iceberg

Characteristics of leaders who thrived over the long haul

1. They had a deeper inner life with God
2. They were humble and self-reflective leaders
3. They had a mentor or friend who held them accountable
 - Study by Archibald Hart, Fuller Theological Seminary

Time of Reflection

- Think about the two apple trees. How is God calling you to practically "remain in him" throughout your day?
- As we do this the Spirit will cultivate the fruit of the Spirit inside you. Make a plan to implement brief moments of: silence, solitude, prayer and scripture reflection at different points in your day.

