

NEW SERIES STARTING ON JUNE 2ND

# RE-FORMING WORSHIP



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# EMMANUEL C H U R C H

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

## CURRENT CHURCH PLANTS

- **Pat & Julie Dirkse**  
City Church of Compton, Compton
- **Arnoldo & Viviana Escobar**  
City Church Spanish Compton
- **Navin & Pabitra Bhandari**  
US Nepalese Christian Church, Paramount
- **Jonathan & Charrise Mathews**  
Vine Church Compton
- **Rudy & Edna Rubio**  
Reformed Church of LA, Lynwood
- **Larry Barber**  
Church of Grace
- **Manna Church Plant Movement in California**

## FUTURE CHURCH PLANTS

- **Chris Marquez**  
Reformed Church of LA, Wilmington
- **Tomas Portillo**  
Future Church in Compton
- **Rafael Jauna**  
Future Church Plant Movement in Guaymas, Mexico

## DIRT CAMP & SUMMER CAMP!

We're now accepting signups for our Jr High and High School Summer Camps! Signup and learn more at [erc.la/youth](http://erc.la/youth). Contact Bailey at [bailey.talsma@erc.la](mailto:bailey.talsma@erc.la)

## DATE NIGHT

1st and 3rd Saturday from 4-8pm in the Education Building. Parents, we encourage you to date your spouse! Go out to dinner and a movie or just stay home and eat pizza! Your kiddos will have fun playing at church and making new friends! We'll feed them dinner! Date Night is \$12/child for 4 hours. Contact: [jessica.higgins@erc.la](mailto:jessica.higgins@erc.la) or 562-272-4994.

We like to wish a Happy Birthday to our Emmanuelites.

If we don't have your birthday info to celebrate you, feel free to let us know at [www.erc.la/updateinfo](http://www.erc.la/updateinfo) or scan this QR code



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  
Vision Fund May 19

## Weekly Offering

YTD Total: \$1,273,061.87  
YTD Budget: \$1,200,744.00

Last Week's Offering: \$31,492.74  
2024 Weekly Budget: \$63,195.50

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# COUPLES COUNTRY NIGHT

TUESDAY  
11  
JUNE

6:30PM  
8:30PM

DRESS WESTERN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT CARD  
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DINNER - PULLED PORK SANDWICHES & SIDES  
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COUNTRY MUSIC KARAOKE DURING DINNER  
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COUNTRY LINE DANCING LESSONS WITH STELLA

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## BIBLE STUDY

# ROMANS

TUESDAYS  
6/18 - 8/6  
6:30-8PM  
In the Fellowship Hall

## UPROOTING UNBELIEF



### Scripture Reading: James 4:1-10

Sometimes we will ourselves to not do a sinful action (example: excessive eating and drinking). Would you consider that a victory over sin? Questions we should ask ourselves are:

- Was God glorified?
- Was the Gospel applied to the underlying desires and unbelief of the heart?
- Was this done out of my own power or was this Holy Spirit work?

We must confront the desires that battle within us (**James 4:1-3**)

- We have tried hard to deploy the strategy of saying "NO" to sin. It hasn't worked nor has it led to real change because it doesn't get to the depths of the heart
  - D.A.R.E. program and lost friends

We are warned to not befriend the world or its strategies. When we recognize our need for help God gives us his favor (**James 4:4-6**)

In the book "Rewiring Your Heart", the author David Bowden makes a great distinction between grace *received* and grace *realized*

- "Ungrateful Servant" in **Matthew 18**
- "I never knew you ..." in **Matthew 7**
  - The Bible says that God gives common grace to everyone (**Psalms 145; Acts 14**). But it is the Christian that realizes the grace that is given in Jesus and allows the beauty of the Gospel to take hold of our heart and life in an ever changing way.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (**James 4:7**)

- We have deployed the strategy of saying "NO" to sin when resisting the devil. But this strategy is incomplete.
  - Go back to the food/drink analogy from earlier. Saying "NO" to excessive eating and drinking won't change your heart's desire for it. However, asking God to equip you with the following will change your desires:
    - Healthy body to get out be active and enjoy God's creation
    - Ability to one day be a healthy grandparent playing with grandkids
    - Desire to take care of your body as a temple of the Holy Spirit
      - Having a higher "YES" in Jesus to focus on, think about, hold onto automatically begins to defeat sin

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you ... - **James 4:7-8a**

- Submission to God requires humility - a willingness to admit that we need help
- Uprooting ungodly root systems - pictures
- Your new heart changes the way your eyes see, the way your ears hear, the way you handle things with your hands, the way you speak words. Your new heart will lead you to worship and delight in the Lord! (**Psalms 37:4**)

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. - **James 4:10**

### Time of Reflection

Look over the chart found in the sermon notes. Find a sin you battle often and ask the Holy Spirit to show you what the underlying desires, wants and unbelief are. This chart is by no means exhaustive.

Under the belief column, find the scriptures that pertain to you and read them. Ask God to remind you of the beauty of the Gospel and to change the affections of your heart.

## REPURPOSING YOUR WANTS

SIN	HARDWIRED WANT	PURPOSE OF THE WANT	UNBELIEF	BELIEF	AFFECTION
Sexual Immorality	Satisfaction	Leads you to the source of fulfillment	God isn't satisfying; the world is	Jesus is satisfying (Ps. 107:9; Matt. 5:6; John 6:35)	Spiritual Hunger
Gossip	Acceptance	Causes you to long for reconciliation	I have been rejected by God; he doesn't want me	Jesus paid for my acceptance (Rom. 8:1; Gal. 4:4-6)	Familial Peace
Cheating/ Unjust Gain	Validation	Creates a desire to be made right by Jesus	I have to prove my worth; others give me adequacy	Jesus makes me worthy (Col 1:12; 2 Thess. 1:11-12)	Confident Hope
Gluttony/ Overeating	Pleasure	Summons a hunger to find joy in the goodness of God	The best goods are here; pleasure is its own end	Jesus' presence is the greatest pleasure (Ps. 16:11; Rev. 21:1-5)	Unexplainable Joy
Overwork	Purpose	Reveals a greater reason for your life	I have no eternal meaning; I make my own	Jesus has saved me for his good purposes (Eph. 1:3-23, 2:9-10)	Righteous Zeal
Oppression/ Abuse	Dominion	Allows you to be humble by participating in God's power	I will only ever have what I can control; I have to earn what I want	Jesus has dominion over everything and shares it with me. (2 Tim. 2:11-13; Rev. 3:21)	Trusting Contentment