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

COUPLES/FAMILY
Beach Day
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
10AM-2PM AT SEAL BEACH

Come join other Emmanuel couples and families for a fun day at Seal Beach! Hot dogs will be provided - please bring a side dish to share. Look for the white & blue Tioga RV in main parking lot.
Contact: christie.palmer@erc.la



PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE
STARTING THIS WEEK AT 6PM
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE SANCTUARY AND ONLINE

Our Christian sympathy to Gordon Weisenburger Sr, Gordon & Holly Weisenburger Jr, Michael & Connie Weisenburger, and family on the passing of Gordon Sr's wife, Gordon and Michael's mother, Dolores Weisenburger, on Friday, July 21st, at the age of 89.

Our Christian sympathy to Jeff & Mandy Stevens and family on the passing of Mandy's sister, Teri Fletcher, on July 17th.

Proverbs Reading CHALLENGE

Want to grow in your Bible reading?
Join the Proverbs Reading Challenge
31 days in August + 31 chapters of Proverbs

IT'S SIMPLE - 1 CHAPTER A DAY!

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

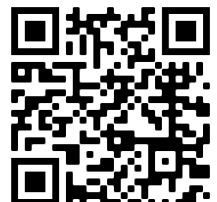
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Additional Giving Opportunities
Leadership Development Fund offering Aug 6

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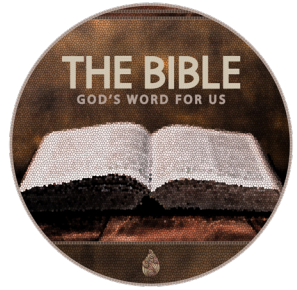


Weekly Offering
YTD Offering: \$1,887,469.62
YTD Budget: \$1,823,280.00
Last Week's Offering: \$121,985.24
2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00



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BIBLICAL AUTHORITY



Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:1-24

- Genesis 3 brought about the curse. There was a rejection of God's intentions and deliberate actions against the will of God.

- Creation was from then on in sin and is dysfunctional at every level. People like Freud taught, and teach today, that if only the desires of our hearts were met then all would be right in the world. Find what pleases you and enjoy it. Resist any authority that stands between you and what comes natural to you.

- The problem then is this, who gets to decide what is right and wrong?

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. - 2 Timothy 4:3

- What would happen if we all got to redefine what a red, yellow, and green light meant?

- Israel failed to break the curse and be a blessing to the world so God sent Jesus. Jesus shows us immediately what "biblical authority" looks like (Matthew 4)

- Satan misuses Deuteronomy 8 to fit his agenda
- Thomas Jefferson cut and paste bible

- To combat Satan - Jesus not only quoted the scriptures correctly but more than that, Jesus believed the words of God, trusted the words of God and lived out the Words of God.

- Bad dream story - "I say the words but they don't work"
- Deliverance story - quietly and peacefully quoting scripture

Hermeneutics - interpreting, understanding and explaining the Bible

1. What did the author intend the original audience to hear?
2. Read the passage through the lens of the Gospel (snake, Moses, being saved)
3. Obey the same teachings the Christian Church have obeyed since the time of Jesus

- Biblical "Cross Reference" Image by Pastor Chris Harrison
- 40 men - 1500 years - 3 continents - 3 languages - 63,779 cross references ...
all pointing to Jesus as God our Savior

- Jesus taught as one who had "authority" (Matthew 7:28-29)

Authority - exousia - power to act

eksousía (ek, "out from," which intensifies, /eimi, "to be, being as a right or privilege") - authority, conferred power; delegated empowerment ("authorization")

- Don't just study the Bible, let the Bible study you! (Psalm 139:23-24)

- The Bible contains everything we need for faith and salvation (Luke 16:27-31)

Practical Steps - Proverbs Reading Challenge

Time of Reflection

1. What stands out to you from the sermon and scripture on Biblical authority?
 2. How is God inviting you to grow in your Bible reading and study?
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