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# EMMANUEL

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April 28, 2024  
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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



Join us in the Sanctuary or on YouTube & Facebook at 6pm every Wednesday.

## 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



On May 5th, we're having our annual tri-tip fundraiser. You can pre-order your delicious tri-tip & help send students to camp by scanning the QR code!



## 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)

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

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ERC's Hub!



## Additional Giving Opportunities

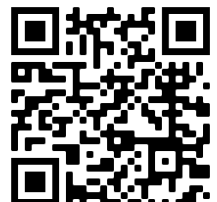
Deacon's Fund May 5

### Weekly Offering

YTD Total: \$1,036,896.51  
YTD Budget: \$1,011,127.50

Last Week's Offering: \$37,044.63  
2024 Weekly Budget: \$63,195.50

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## NO CHRISTIAN "JEKYLL & HYDE"

### Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:5-11

#### *Jekyll and Hyde summary*

- The idea of us having two-selves at war within us is more from Plato and Star Wars than it is from Jesus

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature... (Colossians 3:5)

- How is this possible? Romans 3:23-24 teaches us that the believer is "justified" and that Christ's righteousness is applied to them and now the Spirit empowers them.

#### ***Dangers in our attempts to change:***

- Passive approach: sit on your hands and 'let God' do his thing, laziness, spiritual neglect
- Active approach: legalistic, pride, earned, 'look at what I did'

#### ***So what do we do?***

- Re-evangelize yourself ... tell and retell yourself the story of God
- Celebrate and worship God for what he has done in Jesus
- Respond to the "BUT NOW" moments in your life by following Jesus and remembering God started this and he will finish it! (Romans 3:20-21; Philippians 1:6)

God says the believer's old self is gone and the new creation is here, listen to him! (2 Cor. 5:17)

- If God's opinion is the only opinion that really matters, let his word stand as truth in your heart! If he says you're a new creation gives you a new identity - receive it! (Colossians 3:7)

...you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self (Col. 3:9-10)

- Calling a believer a new-self and an old-self is like calling someone a christian and a non-christian. It is an oxymoron, a contradictory statement.

... put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

- Colossians 3:9-10

- There is no Christian Jekyll and Hyde. Your standing with God has changed, you're a child of God (justification) AND your state is in the process of changing, becoming more like Jesus (sanctification)
  - Examples of basketball and piano players. How does one grow and develop? It requires practice and participation.
  - God calls you to join him by being guided by the Word of God, empowered by the Spirit of God and encouraged by the people of God

The believer is being transformed into his (Jesus's) image (2 Corinthians 3:18)

### **Time of Reflection**

What is God reminding you of today in regards to your standing before God?

In what ways is God calling you to participate in his work in the world and your life?

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