

Epicenter Church OC 5/05/24

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Vision: Epicenter Church is an intentionally relational and impactful family of Jesus-loving and people-loving Christians committed to knowing and being known by each other, being equipped with God's Word to become who God designed us to be, impacting people in Orange County through love and good deeds to know Christ, and reproducing leaders and new churches.

Mission: Epicenter Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ by **repairing** broken lives, **preparing** them for spiritual maturity and leadership, and **loving people everywhere** through prayer, caring for others, and sharing the gospel.

Values: (1) listening (2) freedom (3) community (4) growth (5) mission

Pastoral Note: It is a tiring thing to continue to strive in your own efforts. It is also tiring to strive to matter. What if you could cease striving to feel like a somebody and rely on God's resources for your strength? Sounds like an easy yoke and a much more enjoyable way to live, so let's embrace it!

-David

Prayer for Epicenter During Life Groups and Bible Studies:

-To rest from striving in our own efforts and for our sense of self-worth.

Giving: Thank you! Your donations enable us to shepherd God's people and reach those who don't know Him yet! You will now be able to contribute in advance of official approval of the 501(c)(3) application for tax credit.

Our expected annual operating budget is \$35,830

Annual expenses:

\$18,688 Facility rentals

\$1,230 Insurance and Licensing

\$1,670 Website, online services

\$11,692 Sunday Gathering and Outreach resources

\$2,550 Children's ministry expenses

You can give cash, make a check to “Epicenter Church OC” or:

1. Online Breeze Giving (higher fees for credit cards)

<https://epicenterchurchoc.breezechms.com/give/online>

2. Text Breeze Giving: Text an amount to (616) 730-8308

3. Venmo <https://www.venmo.com/u/epicenteroc>

4. For Paypal click the link below, scroll down, click the ‘Donate Now’ button! (additional convenience fee)

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LITurgy



Last Week's Meditation Verse: 1 Thessalonians 4:13

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

Song: Move Your Heart

Jesus Jesus Precious Lord
None on the earth or heavens above
That I have found more beautiful
You are my Treasure my Great Reward

I just wanna move Your heart is all I wanna do
I just wanna stand in awe and pour my love on You
No matter how much the cost
I freely give it all to You (all to You)

Jesus Jesus my offering
All my ambitions my hopes my dreams
And here's my life Lord a sacrifice
Oh just to bless You

I just wanna move Your heart
Get caught within Your gaze
Right here in Your presence God
Is where I wanna stay
Oh just to dwell in Your house
Waste my hours and my days on You on You

Is it a fragrance then I'll pour my oil out
Is it a life laid down then here I give my vows
Is it a song I sing then here's every melody
Just tell me what moves You tell me what moves You

Song: Lay It All Down (At The Feet Of Jesus)

Verse 1

Bring your worry grief and pain
Every cause you have for shame
Lay it all down lay it all down
When your cares have buried you
And there's nothing left to do
Lay it all down lay it all down
At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

Verse 2

Carried on but your heart was tired
Feared the worst and felt the fire
Lay it all down lay it all down
Filled with all those anxious thoughts
And your doubts became your god
Lay it all down lay it all down
At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

Chorus

Lay it all down
Lay it all down
Lay it all down
Lay it all down
(REPEAT)
At the feet of Jesus
At the feet of Jesus

Verse 3

When we've given up on better days
There are memories we can't erase
Lay it all down lay it all down
When we've come to fear what we can't explain
And there's nothing here that can ease the pain
Lay it all down lay it all down
At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

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Individual Prayer: On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being restless and 10 being rested where are you at? Invite the Holy Spirit to show you how you arrived at this place and what can be done next to have rest in your soul.

Song: Jesus What A Savior

Verse

Jesus what a Savior
What a brother what a friend
Lifter of the lowly
God You meet me where I am

Pre-Chorus

Your heart it knows no borders
Knows no walls
You're constantly moving towards me
With open arms

Chorus

I've never known a love like Yours
I've never known a love like Yours (no)
I've never known a love like Yours
I've never known a love like Yours

Bridge

Hallelujah hallelujah
What a beautiful way You've shown us
Hallelujah hallelujah
What a wonderful Savior

Song: Breathe

Verse

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

Chorus

And I I'm desperate for You
And I I'm lost without You

Ending

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe



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Group Prayer: Get into groups of 3-4. Let's pray that our church would operate from a place of rest in Christ rather than striving to prove our sense of worth.

**If you are willing to share and receive prayer:
What kind of rest do you think God wants you to do?**



ANNOUNCEMENTS (David):

WELCOME: Need a Bible? We have one for you, keep it! It's our gift to you for joining us today

Haves and Needs: Have something to offer for free? Have a need? Fill out this form!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1meuVO3Ca-NsmLkBNlcbPrBRUQuAgHSpeo18PiKxu2fg/edit>

COMMUNITY

- Lunch after church near Toast Kitchen
- Life Group 5/8 6:30-8PM

MISSION

- Mondays Homeless Outreach contact Gordy

Prayer

Sermon—(Gordy)

Exhortation (Marvin): Prayer, Care, and Share

Communion (David): If you haven't been baptized as a believer yet we ask you do this first before regularly taking communion

Life Group

Our Life Groups are designed for fellowship, sermon-based discussion, prayer, and care. Rules:

- 1) Listen well: with empathy and compassion. Do not listen in order to correct and do not correct someone who is being vulnerable about their sin and weaknesses. If correction is needed, do so with gentleness and wisdom.
- 2) Speak and pray freely but be considerate of others' time and opportunities to speak and pray.
- 3) We speak well of each other and others in the church. These are not opportunities to complain about others or the church.

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Devotional

This Week's Meditation Verse: Hebrews 4:9-10

⁹ *There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God;*
¹⁰ *for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works,^[e] just as God did from his.*

1. Are you rested? What is taking away from your ability to find rest?

2. Read Hebrews 4:1-11 . How has Jesus brought us an ultimate rest?

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.

² *For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed.^[a]*

³ *Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,*

“So I declared on oath in my anger,

‘They shall never enter my rest.’”^[b]

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴ For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “On the seventh day God rested from all his works.”^[c] ⁵ And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.”

⁶ *Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, ⁷ God again set a certain day, calling it “Today.” This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted:*

“Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts.”^[d]

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works,^[e] just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

3. Ask God how you can rest more this week, giving Him more space with you and also how to take a break from working.

