



“*The Sin of Sodom: The Ancient Epstein Files*”



Dear Saints,

04-19-2026

What an amazing time of worship last Sunday. The Sunday after Easter is one of my favorites of the entire year. It tells the story of Jesus showing up on the Road to Emmaus. **Pastor Bam** did not disappoint with their unique take on this story! Not only did they convey how Jesus continues to walk with us on our journey, but they also did an amazing job of introducing our next sermon series: *Road Trip To Pentecost*. I suspect, like me, you are ready to go on this road trip together.

This Sunday, **Rev. Eric Buter** will continue the sermon series with a message entitled, *The Sin of Sodom: The Ancient Epstein Files*. If you'd like to read ahead, check out Genesis 19:1-13, 24-25. (English Standard Version). Goodness! This is going to be a fun one!

While I couldn't be in worship with you in person, I'm so thankful for our broadcast each week. I was able to join you online, and I must tell you, I had church in my hotel room! The services were so uplifting! I do appreciate this time I am spending with my brother, Philip. He is very seriously ill, and I am enjoying some quality time with him while I can. Please keep him in your prayers. He and his wife, Dawn, are people of Faith, and they believe in Divine Healing, just as we do. Philip has already lived longer than the doctors gave him, and now there is a possibility for him to see a cardiac specialist. We're holding on!

I do want to say, "Congratulations!" to our new parents, **Maria Eugenia and Karina**, and "Welcome to the world!" to baby **Karam**. It's been a while since we had a newborn among us, and I suspect you're just as excited as I am to welcome this precious baby! We're looking forward to watching him grow up right here at FMCC/ICMF!

God bless you all. I'll see you online again this week!

Pastor Keith

Founders MCC Core Values: Love, Inclusion, Social Justice, Diversity, Spirituality and Acceptance

Founders MCC Vision Statement: We see our church as a community of faith, goodness, respect and union for all members regardless of race, color, language, immigration status, gender identity or sexual orientation. We see it as the house of Christ where our fundamental values of spirituality, love, social justice, diversity, inclusiveness and the feeling of community prevail.

Mission of Founders MCC: Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ here at Home, in our community, and in our World as we are called.

Congratulations Maria Eugenia, Karina, and Baby Karam



MOTHER'S DAY
PHOTO TRIBUTE
To include your loved one in this year's visual tribute, please email a photo to pics@mccla.org by May 4.

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LOS ANGELES MAY DAY COALITION
NO WORK. NO SCHOOL. NO SHOPPING.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY

May 1 2026

BEGINS @
MACARTHUR PARK
10:00 AM

SHUT IT DOWN
PUEBLO SHUTS IT DOWN

JOIN WORKERS FROM ALL SECTORS, TRADES AND CRAFTS, FOR A DAY OF SOLIDARITY AND ACTION AT LOS ANGELES' ANNUAL MAY DAY MARCH

MORNING MEDITATION MEETING

Every day at 7:30 am in the Ghandi room for 45 minutes
All welcome:
All faiths or no faith

Founders Metropolitan Community Church
Moderator: Bam Noriega, Assistant Pastor

Order of Service 04-19-2026

Welcome Video

Call to Worship: Rev. Steve Swafford

Opening Song: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" -FMCC Praise Choir & Congregation

Opening Prayer: Bam Noriega, Assistant Pastor

Welcome

Announcements: Bam Noriega, Assistant Pastor

Passing of the Peace

Reading: Genesis 19:1-13, 24-25 (The English Standard Version) -Pamela Fairbanks

Arts In Worship:
-FMCC Praise Choir

Sermon: *The Sin of Sodom: The Ancient Epstein Files*
-Rev. Eric Buter

Response Song:

-FMCC Praise Choir

Offering/Making Ministry Happen: Ed Shaughnessy

Communion: Patricia Wahle

Song of Thanksgiving:
-FMCC Praise Choir & Congregation

Closing Remarks: Bam Noriega, Assistant Pastor

Closing Song:
-FMCC Praise Choir & Congregation

Sending Forth: Bam Noriega, Assistant Pastor

May 2nd, Congregation Forum on Zoom @ 1pm



May 3rd, Congregational Meeting in person after the 10am service at 11:30 am



BEYOND SUNDAY AT FMCC
Weekly
www.foundersmcc.org

QUEER CHRISTIAN FAITH PODCAST
I AM INCLUDED PODCAST @ EMAIL.COM

— Listen Everywhere.

FOUNDERS QUEER ACADEMY

CLASES DE INGLES
Time: 3:30pm

- April 19
- May 3, 31

CRITICAL CHRISTIANITY
Time: 7:00PM

- April 20
- May 4, 18

Road Trip To Pentecost

Take the experience deeper
Join the Study Group on Zoom
(no previous experience with Bible required)

Tuesdays via Zoom, starting April 14, 7-8:30 pm PT
Meeting ID: 846 9463 1434 Passcode: 828780

Clases de Ingles / English classes
Gratis / Free
Son 3 clases / 3 classes
Duracion: 1 hora / Duration: 1 hour
Tiempo/Time: 3 30 pm
Fechas/Dates: 4/19/26, 5/3/26, 5/31/26
Traiga cuaderno y pluma / Bring notebook and pen
Please R S V P
Omar (818) 269- 5446
***English speakers are welcome.**

THIRD SPACE COMMUNITY COFFEE
A Sanctuary for Queer Co-Working
FREE WIFI · \$2 BOTTOMLESS COFFEE · GET STUFF DONE!

FOUNDERS MCC
1607 PROSPECT AVE., LOS FELIZ
Mon & Wed • 11am-3pm

FMCC'S QUEER ACADEMY CRITICAL CHRISTIANITY CLASS SCHEDULE

When? Mondays at 7:00pm

CLASS 1: APR 20
Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?

CLASS 2: MAY 4 **CLASS 3: MAY 18**
The Library is Open: It's Complicated: 2,000
The Herstory of The Bible Years of Christian Drama

First class is virtual: Register at bit.ly/standupjesus

ANGELS MINISTRY: Add your name to those who have already signed up willing to be an ANGEL and help get this ministry up and running. Send an email to care@mccla.org. If you are needing an ANGEL, please send a request to care@mccla.org. You will be responded to with discretion



Rapid Response Network Launches Hotline to Protect Immigrants from ICE Raids in Los Angeles, 888-624-4752

WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR DOOR

- DO NOT OPEN DOORS**
ICE CANNOT COME IN WITHOUT A SIGNED WARRANT. TELL THEM TO LEAVE THE WARRANT UNDER THE DOOR BEFORE YOU OPEN.
- REMAIN SILENT**
ICE CAN USE ANYTHING YOU SAY AGAINST YOU IN YOUR IMMIGRATION CASE. TO CLARIFY YOUR RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.
- DO NOT SIGN**
DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING ICE GIVES YOU WITHOUT TALKING TO AN ATTORNEY.
- REPORT THE RAID**
CALL RAPID RESPONSE HOTLINE 888-624-4752. TAKE PICTURES, VIDEO & NOTES.
- FIGHT BACK**
GET A TRUSTWORTHY ATTORNEY & EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS TO FIGHT FOR YOUR CASE. PROTECT YOUR DATA & RECORDS.

This Week at Founders MCC

Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:30am AA/Sunday Morning Tropical -Theater
 8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting -Gandhi Room
10:00am Founders MCC Praise Service-Sanctuary
1:30pm Servicio de Adoracion- Sanctuary
 4:45pm SAA 12 Step Group –Hunter Room
 5:25pm Meditation AA (11 Steppers) –Chapel
 8:00pm Fight Club/Basic Tools Men's Group –Ryland Rm

Monday, April 20, 2026

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting – Gandhi Room
 6:00pm Silver Lake Chorus Rehearsal -Chapel
 7:00 pm Easier Way AA Group – Gandhi Room
 7:30pm SPAA Group -Hunter Room
 7:45pm Monday Night Alvarado AA -Ryland Room

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting –Gandhi Room
 6:15pm Overeaters Anonymous – Hunter Room
 7:00pm Sisters of Perpetual Help -Chapel
 7:30pm Secular AA/WE Agnostics –Gandhi Room
 7:30pm RagTag AA – Rosa Parks Room

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting -Gandhi Room
5:30pm Founders Praise Team rehearsal – Chapel

Tithing amount for Week Ending 04-15-2026: \$5,425.00

Facility rental: \$800.00

Christine Daniels scholarship funds: \$1000.00

Church outside the walls: \$500.00

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Request Rooms at
foundersmcc.org/connect/calendar/
Call (323) 669-3434 for changes and updates

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 (Continued)

7:15pm No Losers AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall
 7:30pm Dark Secrets AA Newcomers Meeting –Gandhi Rm
 8:45pm Fight Club: Men's AA Stag Meeting –Ryland Room

Thursday, April 23, 2026

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting –Fellowship Hall
 7:00pm Thursday Night NA -Ryland Room

Friday, April 24, 2026

7:30am Founders Food Pantry -Truck Delivery

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting –Fellowship Hall
 6:30pm SLAA –Ryland Room
 6:30pm Secular AA Group –Gandhi Room
 8:00pm Stories AA Group –Chapel
 8:00pm Super Studs Group – Gandhi Room

Saturday, April 25, 2026

6:30am HopeNet Prep Time -Hunter Room

7:30am HopeNet Food Pantry Distribution

8:30am AA Men's Meditation Meeting –Gandhi Room
 10:00am Big Book AA – Ryland Room

Note: In the calendar section of the bulletin, the events in bold and italics are Founders MCC Events. The ones not listed in bold, and italics are 12-step groups and other events.

Upcoming Activities:

April 19- English Classes @3:30 pm

April 20- Critical Christianity Class @ 7pm

May 01- May Day Protest @ Mac Arthur Pk

May 02- Congregation Forum Zoom @ 1pm

May 03- Congregational Meeting, 11:30 am

May 04- Critical Christianity Class @ 7pm

May 9- English Classes @ 3:30 pm

May 17- Steps of Liberation Installment Service at Noon

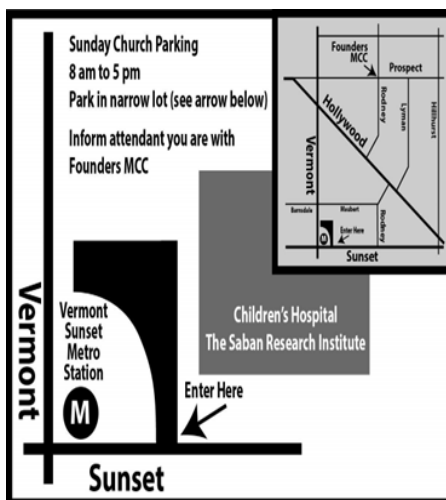
May 18- Critical Christianity Class @ 7pm

May 31- English Classes @ 3:30 pm

June 5- Pride Night @ Dodger Stadium

June 6 - West Hollywood Pride

Children's Hospital has so graciously volunteered up to 10 spaces for us to park. It is a small lot off Sunset Blvd., just beyond the Metro Station entrance.



Finding Your Way Around

