



CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for May 12, 2024

Newcomer Lunch | Sunday, May 19, 12:15pm, Café

You're invited to our upcoming Newcomer Lunch, where you'll hear from and meet some of our pastors, elders and staff while you learn ways to get connected at our church. Sign up at efcc.org/events.

Join the Play As One Team | Sunday, May 19

1pm, Children's Center Warehouse

The Play As One ministry is growing! If you have a heart for leading kids to know and love Jesus, while having lots of fun, consider joining the Play As One team. On Sunday, May 19, come and hear more about Play As One and see where God might be leading you to serve. There are dozens of areas to choose from and we'd love to meet you! Learn more at playasone.org.

Hymn Sing Event | Sunday, May 19, 1:30pm, Chapel

Do you love to come together to sing hymns and lift your voice to the Lord? We're planning a special time together, including our Young Voices children's choir, who will lead us in a couple of favorites before we take requests. It's going to be a lot of fun and we'd love to have you join us in the Chapel on Sunday, May 19.

VBS Is Coming Soon! | Sign up to volunteer at efcc.org/events!

One of the best ways EFCC's FaithKids shares the love of Jesus with kids is through Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Our VBS program, *The Great Jungle Journey*, will run from July 22-26 this summer. Many volunteers will be needed daily from 8:15am to 12:30pm that week, and we'd love to have you join our team. There are many different ways you can be a part of the fun, so visit efcc.org/events to save your spot on our epic trek.

EFCC's Interest-free College Loan Program | Apply through Wed., May 15!

The Robert B. Foss Memorial Fund provides a limited number of interest-free loans to qualifying college students who attend California schools and are EFCC members. New or re-applying applicants for 2024-2025 can learn more about the qualifications or apply online at efcc.org/foss-fund. *Please apply soon as the application window closes this week!*

Seminarian Fund Applications Now Available | Apply by Monday, May 27!

Emmanuel Faith is committed to encouraging men and women who are preparing for full-time, vocational ministry that is pastoral in nature. The purpose of the Seminarian ministry and fund is to offer support through encouragement, prayer and financial aid to those in the EFCC body who are pursuing biblically-related, post-graduate studies in preparation for vocational ministry.

Please visit efcc.org/events for more details, or email connect@efcc.org for your application. Applications must be returned by Monday, May 27. Additionally, you can donate to this fund throughout the entire month of June if you wish to support our seminarians and this fund.

Announcements continue on the next pages or see more online at efcc.org.

Announcements Continued ...

Membership Class | June 2 & 9, 9am, Education Center, Room 21 (2nd floor)
Membership is the spiritual discipline of publicly committing to a local body of believers for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God together. Our two-session, Sunday morning classes will walk you through our Statement of Faith and Membership Covenant so you'll be ready to officially apply for membership. Register to attend on our website at efcc.org/events.

Lay Elder Board Members Serving for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

Thanks again to all who attended and voted at our recent Annual Meeting. Our lay Elder Board members serving for the 2024-2025 Emmanuel Faith fiscal year are (**denotes those who were just newly elected*): Rich Bell, John Borland*, Michael de Neve, Jaisen Fuson*, Jon Goodman*, Greg Hill, Chris Holz, Larry Michel*, Deric Moen*, Austin Nielsen, Steve Nelson, Doug Smith, Todd Willer, Dale Whittle, and Joe You. Those serving on the Nominating Committee are: Emmet Lee*, Ron Peet*, and Shay Phillips*.

EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry | efcc.org/help

Support Groups & Other Classes

Have a Need? We're Here to Help!

Life can be hard at times, but you don't have to go through it alone. Whatever your need, the Emmanuel Faith Care & Counseling ministry is here to help, guide, encourage, and point you toward the love of Jesus. We would love to come alongside you. We can help with counseling, mentoring, or spiritual direction. Scan the QR code or visit our webpage via the link. Please consider attending these ongoing groups.



Living Grace Group

Meets every Monday night at 7pm in Education Center, Room 20 (second floor); contact: Kevin Berry, kcbq@cox.net

If you're experiencing depression, anxiety, panic, and negative, racing thoughts, this class will help you discover simple ways to improve your daily life, maintain mental and mood stability, and renew your faith and community.

Family Grace Group

Meets the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm, Education Center, Room 23; contact: Cindy Berry, dberry7@roadrunner.com

Come find encouragement and help in this supportive community for family members with loved ones affected by mental health issues. Some areas addressed are depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, and OCD.

For more information on all of our other Care & Counseling classes and support groups, scan the QR code above, or visit our website at efcc.org/help.



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THE EASY YOKE
"Resting Into Love"

1 John 3:1-3

Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

"We are all born looking _____
looking _____." – Curt Thompson

God's _____ is the foundation
of any _____.

1 Changes our _____.

2 Guarantees our _____.

3 Motivates our _____.

When you _____,
know he's _____.

Need more room to add notes? See the back side of this sermon outline.
Helpful links: efcc.org/sermons | efcc.org/devos | efcc.org/podcasts

Additional sermon notes ...

NEW TO EFCC? Start Here!

We'd Love to Get to Know You! | efcc.org/connection

Take a moment to tell us more about yourself. Scan the QR code at right, or fill out a Connection Card in the chair back. You also can visit our Welcome area in the Worship Center lobby, or go online to visit our website at efcc.org/connect.



CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

FaithKids | efcc.org/kids

Sundays (Children's Center)
Infants to 6th Grade | 9 and 10:45am

Wednesdays (Children's Center)
Infants to 6th Grade | 6:30-8pm (September to May)

Junior High & High School

efcc.org/jh | efcc.org/hsm
Sundays | 10:45am (Youth Center)

Wednesdays | 6:30-8pm (Sept. to May, and summer camps/events)

Young Adults | efcc.org/ya

Tuesdays (ages 18-25) | 7pm, Children's Center (Warehouse)

Week Night Small Groups | 7-9pm (off campus)

Take Your Next Step!

Thank you for attending Emmanuel Faith today! If we can help you in any way, contact us at welcome@efcc.org. To connect more, or to go deeper here, see some ways to take a next step below . . .

Need Prayer? | efcc.org/prayer

We'd love to pray for you! Visit our prayer form online, scan the QR code at right, or email prayer@efcc.org.



Give to EFCC | efcc.org/give

Your generosity changes lives! To give to EFCC, visit our Giving page, access our App, scan the QR code, or use an offering envelope at church.



Find a Group | efcc.org/groups

Learn about God's heart for you, build lasting relationships, and walk alongside others in every season of life. Scan the QR code or visit our groups page online.



Join a Team | efcc.org/teams

Helping others through volunteering gives us a greater sense of meaning and brings great joy both to us and those we help. Join a team and come serve at EFCC.



WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

CLASSIC | Sundays, 9am, Worship Center

MODERN | Sundays, 9am, Chapel (video venue)

MODERN | Sundays, 10:45am, Worship Center, & 5pm, Chapel

EN ESPAÑOL | Sundays, 10:45am, Chapel



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Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)

Global Outreach: Unreached People Groups

We are excited to continue to introduce ten unreached people groups throughout the Sahel region of Africa that Emmanuel Faith has adopted. Please take a minute to learn about these unique groups and how you can be praying specifically for them and the team sharing the Good News.

Arab Turku of Chad

There are 42,000 Turku Arabs living across the Sudanese border in Chad. They are unreached and unengaged. The Turku live in hot, dry villages and speak a Creole form of Arabic. This people group is completely Muslim, following the teachings of the Koran. The Bible has been translated into their language but very few Arab Turku's have had the opportunity to hear the Gospel personally. There are less than two dozen Jesus-followers among this people group.

Prayer Requests:

- ▶ Pray for the protection of workers risking their lives by being among extremists who persecute Christians, often to the point of death.
- ▶ Pray for the Word of life to be discovered and sown in the hearts of the people by our cross-cultural workers.
- ▶ Pray for the protection of the volunteers who have helped in the field.
- ▶ Pray for the protection of new disciples and their growth in the faith amidst pressure and persecution.
- ▶ Pray for God to inspire the team with better strategies for reaching people in this crisis zone.



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Unreached People Group (UPG) – A group with a shared language and culture with less than 2% professing Christians.

Unengaged Unreached People Group (UUPG) – Same as UPG, but with no known active church planting underway.

Mossi of Burkina Faso

Numbering 11 million, the Mossi are the largest ethnic group in Burkina Faso. The Mossi Kingdom ruled until the French arrived in the 19th century. It's estimated that 55% are practicing Muslims, however, animism permeates the religious lifestyle of most of the people group. Those who live in villages are reluctant to change, and cling tightly to spirit worship and the use of sacrifices.



Prayer Requests:

- ▶ Pray that the Lord will draw the Mossi people to Himself.
- ▶ Pray that everything that hinders the establishment of the Kingdom of God in Burkina Faso is removed and that ignorance, idolatry and unbelief disappear from the midst of this people.
- ▶ Pray that the people come to know the true and only God.

Mandingo of Guinea

The Mandingo are considered an unreached and unengaged people group. When foreign merchants came to Africa, they brought Islam with them. The religion blended with the Mandingo traditional religious practices and today, this blending of religions is still evident. A Mandingo might first pray in the village mosque and then sacrifice a chicken to the spirits. Healing, magic, and divination are important parts of Mandingo Islam. They live in a hierarchical and patriarchal village system. Polygamy is common.

Prayer Requests:

- ▶ Pray for the Mandingo people to discover Jesus.
- ▶ Pray for more workers willing to follow Jesus by making disciples and plant churches among this people.
- ▶ Pray for the protection of church planters and their families.



To give to the Outreach Fund, scan the QR Code
or visit www.efcc.org/outreachfund



EFCC Family News Update

Sharing our family passings and prayer needs

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Pray for Our Church Family

Home With the Lord

Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates

Jerry Hjeltness — A memorial service will be held for him on Friday, May 17th, at 11am in the Chapel.

Colleen Medin — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, May 18th, at 2pm in the Chapel.

Sue Anderson — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, May 25th, at 1pm in the Chapel.

Mirna Pirlet — A memorial service will be held for her on Friday, June 21st, at 11am in the Chapel.

Two other memorials are planned in June. Please check back soon for details.



EFCC Family News Update

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Fighting Cancer *(*denotes a child or youth)*

Bruce Bechard, Elizabeth Birch, Ginny Bowman, Ruby Chan*, Jody Dietel, Denise Dominguez, Bruce Gephart, Wally Goff, Terry Haynes, Cynthia Hoppas, Kalani Jones, Madison Jones*, Joseph Kelsch, Bill McAllister, Thelma Monigold, Will McLennan, Barbara Neely, Terry Ogden, Sylvia Rankin, Luanne Rishel, Debbie Roberts, Dick Rogers, Shirley Roireau, Virginia Sanderson, Connie Schacher, Ed Schacher, David Sebastian, Richard Sloan, Jen Smith, Patrick Stoker, Isla Strobl*, Pamela Thacker, Donna Vuckovich, Mike Walker, and Keith Zander.

In the Hospital or Outpatient (at Present or Pending*)

Karen Hoerster.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Marina Chow, Dolores Hayes, Ginger Higgins, Sandra Johnson, Maxine Kaemmerling, Elaine Marshburn, Cyndi Martinez, Suz McDowell, Will McLennan, Robin O'Conner, and Carolyn Schooler.

In Hospice Care

Elizabeth Fredenburg, Pam Munson, Jack Milks, Marvin Pool, Jerold Schreiber, Julie Timm, and Irene Ward.