



CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for May 19, 2024

Philippians Study Guide Books Available Today

In prep for our upcoming summer teaching series, we encourage you to start reading the book of Philippians. In addition, you can pick up a study guide book for the series. Copies are available for sale (\$10 each) again this Sunday at our main service venues. A very limited quantity of printed study guides will be available, so make sure to pick up a copy before supplies run out.

Newcomer Lunch | Today, 12:15pm, Café

Are you new to EFCC? Please come to today's 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.

Join the Play As One Team | Today, 1pm, Children's Center Warehouse

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. Attend the meeting Sunday afternoon and hear more about the many areas available to volunteer. We'd love to meet you. Or learn more at playasone.org.

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

Do you love to get together to sing hymns and lift your voice to the Lord? Join us this Sunday at the Hymn Sing in the Chapel. Our Young Voices children's choir will lead us in a couple of favorites and we'll also take requests.

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

The purpose of Emmanuel Faith's Seminarian ministry and fund is to offer support through encouragement, prayer and financial aid to men and women 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 by May 27.

Meet-Ups Are Coming — Share Your Ideas With Us | July and August

We're planning to have some fun together this summer! Do you have a hobby or interest that you think would be fun to share with others in our church family? We'd love to hear about it and help you plan a "meet-up" this July and August. Some ideas may include hiking, dancing, fishing, teaching how to make an interesting meal, mechanics class, etc., anything at all that you'd like to share with others in our church family. Read more about our summer meet-ups and fill out a short form to submit your idea at efcc.org/events.

VBS Is Coming July 22-26 | 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 jungle trek.

See more announcements, the Outreach update, sermon notes, and more on the following pages in this worship guide, or via our App, or visit www.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.

Special Women's, Men's & Kids Night | Wednesday, June 5, 6:30-8pm
Childcare will be available for kids aged from infant to 6th grade (movie night). No registration is required for childcare or these adult events:

Women's Worship Night: The Heart of Worship | Chapel
Ladies, don't miss this special night of worship. It will be engaging, intimate, and focused on the heart. Invite your friends, moms, daughters, and grandmothers, and join us as we come together to worship and connect.

Men's Worship & Taco Night | Courtyard and Holy Grounds Café
Guys, join us for a great night of connection and free tacos. Bring your friends, sons, dads, and grandfathers as we meet up for some great food and time together with the Lord.

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, and new officers noted as well*): Rich Bell (Chairman), John Borland*, Michael de Neve, Jaisen Fuson*, Jon Goodman*, Greg Hill (Assistant Secretary), Chris Holz (Secretary), Larry Michel*, Deric Moen*, Austin Nielsen, Steve Nelson (Vice Chairman), Doug Smith, Todd Willer, Dale Whittle, and Joe You.

Nominating Committee members: 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.



Hope on the Hard Road Ministry

Hope on the Hard Road is a nonprofit ministry dedicated to helping connect and encourage families with children with special needs through programs designed to support the unique needs of the individual, the family and the community. Visit the ministry website at www.hopeonthehardroad.org.



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THE EASY YOKE
"Little By Little"
Exodus 23:23-33
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

God works _____ so that

he can bless us _____.

• Choose to _____ while you _____.

• Trust _____ above _____.

• Celebrate _____ as you await _____.

Trust _____ as much as

you trust _____.

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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www.emmanuelfaithpreschool.org
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Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)

Global Outreach: Disciple-Making in Liberia

Two of the people groups Emmanuel Faith has adopted live in Liberia, on the West Coast of Africa. As a "Christian state," Liberia serves as a base for missionary work to Muslim nations to the north. Inside the country, there are still unreached people groups that need the Gospel too. Learn how to pray for movements of Jesus followers among the Bassa and Vai people of Liberia:



Bassa — There are 750,000 Bassas, making them the second largest ethnic group in Liberia. While many live in the capital city of Monrovia, others are rural farmers and fishermen who live in villages linked by familial lines. Their original animistic religion centered around belief in a powerful "first ancestor" who rewarded the good and punished the bad. Many today who identify as Christians don't take time to attend any gathering or follow Jesus in their daily life. However this past year, 70 Bassas have become followers of Jesus through disciple-making efforts

Prayer needs:

- Pray for more workers willing to go into the field and plant churches among the Bassa.
- Pray against drunkenness among the Bassa people group, a significant problem.
- Pray for compassion ministries to expand to meet the many needs of the Bassa and to open the door to disciple-making activities.

Vai — With a Liberian population of 198,000, the Vai are predominately Muslim but also continue to practice animistic/witchcraft rituals. Once slave traders, they are known for their skill in carpentry, tailoring, and weaving. Children are first educated in the ways of the Vai people ("bush school"), followed by English school, and finally Qu'ranic school. There were two new followers of Jesus this past year among the Vai.

Prayer needs:

- Pray fervently for the salvation of this people group from an Islamic background.
- Pray to bring up church planters from among the Vai who will engage their people in Liberia.

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



Emmanuel Faith Local Outreach

At Emmanuel Faith we focus on five lanes or areas of need in our community. With summer right around the corner, how will you engage with our community?

Education: With 24 schools and almost 15,000 students in Escondido, education is big need in our community. Our Homework Club meets during the school year to encourage students to do their best and find success in school.

Adoption/Foster Care: Family Strong supports local foster and adoptive families through meeting tangible needs like meals and childcare to providing safe places for parents to get support and connection. Volunteers also serve as Host Families — caring for children temporarily while their parents seek support.

Homelessness: The number of people who are now facing food insecurity has risen dramatically and is a contributing factor in homelessness. We are partnering with *Interfaith* to serve meals to some of their vulnerable clients and *Feeding San Diego* to provide groceries for our neighbors in need. Sign up through Love Esco to join one of these ministry opportunities this summer. (www.loveesco.org)

Refugees: San Diego continues to be a port of entree for refugees from all over the world. Journey of Hope is EFCC's ministry that focuses on refugees specifically from the Middle East.

Love Esco: Over the last two years, Love Esco has made an impact in our community in nearly all sectors. Love Esco projects continue to be an easy way to invite your friends and neighbors to work together for the sake of our city. Find an upcoming project by visiting www.loveesco.org today!

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Summer Reading Club — Readers Needed!

Help local students avoid the "summer slide" by reading with them once a week. For more info, please email: outreach@efcc.org

Family Strong Care Community:

One of our Care Communities is in need of a few more volunteers. A single foster dad is caring for three rambunctious boys. Needs include dinner once a month, math help for a 7-year-old, and occasional basketball games with the older boys. Email familystrong@efcc.org to learn more.

Syrian Refugee Picnic — August 24:

Help host a picnic down at Mission Bay to bring the Syrian Refugee community together. Volunteers from local churches are assisting with activities and food. This is a great way to learn more about ministry to refugees! Email kpaje@efcc.org to volunteer.

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.

Dr. Robert "Skip" Weigel — A memorial service will be held for Skip on Saturday, June 22nd, at 2pm in the Chapel.

William Down — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, June 29th, at 2pm in the Chapel.



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

Karen Hoerster and Jack Russ.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

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

In Hospice Care

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

EFCC Family News Update

(Continued)

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.