

Emmanuel Faith Community Church  
Sunday, November 24, 2024

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for November 24, 2024

### Christmas Concerts at Emmanuel Faith | December 13-15

This year's Christmas concert theme is *Hope for Everyone*. Concert invitations are available at church but are not required to attend a concert. Pick up some and invite a friend to attend with you. Please see the insert inside your worship guide today for all the concert times and other details.

### Junior High Christmas Gift Boxes | Pick up boxes today!

*Please return all wrapped and filled boxes by 4:30pm on Thurs., Dec. 12!*  
Share Jesus' love with others this Christmas via our annual Junior High Christmas Gift Box drive. Every year our church generously fills boxes with gifts to be delivered to children in Mexico. This is a great opportunity for us to share the gospel with kids and families. Pick up boxes (up to 5 per family) and instruction sheets this Sunday in the Worship Center or Chapel lobbies.

### Snowball Bash Gift Collection | Needed by Sunday, December 1

The Snowball Bash — our annual Christmas party for foster and adoptive families — will take place again on Saturday, December 7, from 5-8pm at Emmanuel Faith. We're collecting gifts now for children aged from 2-12 valued at \$25 and "wrapped" in a gift bag. Please return all donated gifts by Sunday, December 1, to the Snowball Bash tables in the Courtyard.

### Missionary Christmas Offering | Give on Sunday, December 1

Next Sunday, we'll collect a Christmas offering for our 61 missionaries around the world. In early 2025, we'll be doing something special and bringing them to Escondido from January 3-8 for a time of encouragement and connection with our church family. Here are some more ways you can bless them:

- Take a missionary to lunch or host a dinner with your Life Group.
- Host a missionary in your spare bedroom or guest house.
- Provide a ride to the airport and/or a spare car for four days.

Email [outreach@efcc.org](mailto:outreach@efcc.org) or visit the Welcome tents to learn more.

### December Prayer Night | Wednesday, December 4, 6:30pm, Chapel

Come together with your church family on the first Wednesday in December for a focused night of prayer and praise. We hope to see you there.

### Newcomer Lunch | Sunday, December 8, 12:15pm, Café

If you're new, join us on December 8 for lunch. You'll hear from some of our pastors, elders and staff. Learn more about Emmanuel Faith and find ways you and your family can get connected. Register at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

### More Operations Team Volunteers Needed — Sign Up Online to Serve!

The Operations team depends on our volunteers! From the crew that cleans the Worship Center every week, to Holy Grounds Café volunteers who serve Wednesday nights (yes, we serve dinner!) and Sundays, to our awesome database cleanup team, we couldn't do it all without our wonderful volunteers. If you'd like to join any of our Ops teams, visit [efcc.org/teams](https://efcc.org/teams).

Announcements continue on the next pages or see more online at [efcc.org](https://efcc.org).

**Announcements Continued ...**

**Join a Sunday Morning Adult Bible Fellowship | [efcc.org/abf](http://efcc.org/abf)**

Did you know we have Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs) that meet each Sunday morning during the second service hour? They're a great place to grow and learn in community with other adults in our church family. Scan the QR code to view the list or visit [efcc.org/abf](http://efcc.org/abf).



**Communications Worship Guide Team Seeks More Volunteers**

The Communications Team seeks a few more volunteers to join our weekly worship guide inserting team. The commitment level would be weekly or twice a month depending on availability. The team meets on Friday mornings at 8:30am in Education Center, Room 5 (1st floor), and works until inserting is completed (usually 30 to 45 minutes, or sometimes longer when inserting for occasional special events). To join the team, please contact John Roberts at [jroberts@efcc.org](mailto:jroberts@efcc.org) or call (760) 781-2131.

**Have Questions About the Topic of Women in Church Leadership?**

If you have questions about our new position on this topic, which was recently presented by Pastor Ryan and the Elder Board to the church, please visit our webpage at [efcc.org/wcl](http://efcc.org/wcl). To set up a time to speak with a pastor or church elder, please email us at [questions@efcc.org](mailto:questions@efcc.org). Thank you.

**EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry | [efcc.org/help](http://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'd love to come alongside you. We can help with counseling, mentoring, or spiritual direction. To take a next step, just scan the QR code, visit our webpage via the link above, or email to [care@efcc.org](mailto:care@efcc.org) or call (760) 781-2108. Please consider this upcoming class offering:

**Lay Counseling & Leadership Course** | Tuesdays, January 21 - March 25  
6:30-9pm at EFCC | Contact: Amanda Ainsworth, [care@efcc.org](mailto:care@efcc.org)

We live in a broken world where we long for hope, healing, wholeness. Part 1\* of this course, "Discover: Who God Created you to Be," will help you to experience "beneath the surface" emotional and spiritual transformation that will guide you in your journey of discovering who God has made you to be. Living out of that fullness will lead you toward a greater ability to help others.

*\*Part 1 is a prerequisite for continuing with Part 2 in the fall of 2025, but may be taken without continuing further training. Register online at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events).*



See more information on back ...



**November 24, 2024**  
**THE CURRICULUM**  
**"The Choice Is Yours"**  
Matthew 7:13-29  
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

The \_\_\_\_\_ to follow Jesus shapes your \_\_\_\_\_ and determines your \_\_\_\_\_.

**1** \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.

**2** \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.

**3** \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't just be \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus, become his \_\_\_\_\_.

**3-2-1 Growth Challenge:**

Gather with 3 people

Ask each other 2 questions

- 1. What is Jesus saying to you through this passage?
- 2. How do you feel about what he's saying?

Commit to 1 act of obedience

Need more room to add notes? See the back side of this sermon outline.

Helpful links: [efcc.org/sermons](http://efcc.org/sermons) | [efcc.org/devos](http://efcc.org/devos) | [efcc.org/podcasts](http://efcc.org/podcasts)

## Additional sermon notes ...

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## 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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:prayer@efcc.org).



### Give to EFCC | [efcc.org/give](https://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](https://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](https://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.



## NEW TO EFCC? Start Here!

### We'd Love to Get to Know You! | [efcc.org/connection](https://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](https://efcc.org/connect).



## CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

### FaithKids | [efcc.org/kids](https://efcc.org/kids)

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

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

### Junior High & High School

[efcc.org/jh](https://efcc.org/jh) | [efcc.org/hsm](https://efcc.org/hsm)

Sundays | 10:45am | Youth Center

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

### Young Adults | [efcc.org/ya](https://efcc.org/ya)

Tuesdays (ages 18-25) | 7pm | Chapel

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

## 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



[www.efcc.org](https://www.efcc.org)

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EFCC Open Wi-Fi Password: John3:16



[www.emmanuelfaithpreschool.org](https://www.emmanuelfaithpreschool.org)

(760) 781-2260 | [preschool@efcc.org](mailto:preschool@efcc.org)  
639 E. 17th Ave., Escondido, CA 92025  
Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)



## CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL FAITH



This season, join us to experience  
Hope in the Darkness and remember the  
birth of Christ, our ultimate Redeemer.

Who will you invite?

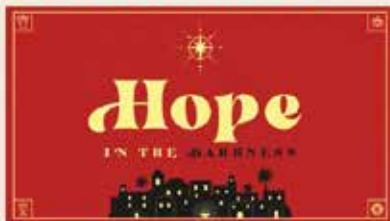
### Christmas Concerts



Friday, Dec. 13 | 7pm  
Saturday, Dec. 14 | 2pm & 5pm\*  
Sunday, Dec. 15 | 2pm & 5pm  
More info: [efcc.org/concert](http://efcc.org/concert)

Invitation cards are available, but no ticket is needed to attend.  
\*Special program for kids ages infant-6th grade at the Dec. 14,  
5pm performance. Includes cookie decorating!

### Christmas Eve



Tuesday, Dec. 24 | 1\*, 3\*, & 5pm  
More info: [efcc.org/christmas](http://efcc.org/christmas)

\*Childcare available for infant-5 years at the 1pm and 3pm  
services only.



HOPE IN THE DARKNESS



Want to make the holidays even more special?  
Find a place to volunteer or give a gift that  
makes a difference this Christmas!

### Snowball Bash Dec. 7, 5-8pm

Our annual event for the foster, adoptive, and  
kinship community. To volunteer, attend, or find  
out how to help provide presents, visit our booth  
in the Courtyard or go to [efcc.org/snowball](http://efcc.org/snowball).



### Junior High Gift Boxes

Help provide gifts for the kids of Tijuana by  
filling boxes with treats. Pick up boxes and  
instructions in the lobby or main office. Return  
by Thursday, December 12.



### Serve With a Team

Christmas provides a great opportunity for us  
to share the love of Jesus through our acts of  
service, welcoming smiles and warm welcomes.  
If you'd like to help make an impact this year,  
sign up for a team that's just right for you and  
your family!



### Year-End Giving

From support groups to special events,  
children's programs to weekly teaching, and  
everything in between, we're living in the way  
of Jesus with the heart of Jesus together on His  
mission. If you'd like to partner with us through  
a year-end gift, visit [efcc.org/give](http://efcc.org/give).



## Understanding Church Funds and Ministries

**General Fund** – This is the primary operating fund of the church. Donations to this fund are unrestricted and are used to cover the day-to-day expenses of the church that are essential for ministry including all personnel costs, overhead costs, and all ministry expenses, including the Emmanuel Faith Preschool and Café. Donations earmarked for children and student ministry scholarships and events, such as the Harvest Party, are also captured in this fund. This fund is essential to allow the church to carry out its mission and programs.

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*Donations to the following funds are restricted. Donations directed to any of these funds must legally be used by the church within the context and intent of each fund's purpose. Money cannot be freely transferred between restricted funds:*

**Outreach Fund** – This fund is dedicated to activities and initiatives that extend the church's mission beyond our congregation. It is used regularly to cover the cost of missionary support, and may also be used to support evangelism efforts, community service projects, strategic partnerships with other ministries, or supporting projects in the community and around the world.

**Care Fund** – This fund, previously called the Fellowship Fund, is designated for helping individuals or families within our church family who are experiencing financial hardship or emergencies. It may cover things like medical expenses, living expenses, counseling expenses, food assistance, or other urgent needs. The intent of this fund is to offer compassion and support to those in difficult circumstances, reflecting the church's commitment to caring for its church family. Currently, the Care Fund has a healthy balance to support its purpose.

**Beyond Fund** – This fund is dedicated to paying down the Beyond Loan Balance for the church's property and campus. Over the past seven years, several essential updates and improvements have been made, including the construction of the Children's Center, improvements to existing buildings, and addressing long-term facility needs. These projects are critical to ensuring the church remains a safe, functional, and welcoming space for worship, ministry programs, and community activities.

The average monthly payment on the loan ranges from \$50,000 to \$55,000, with a remaining balance due of \$7.4 million dollars. Our goal is to receive enough donations to the Beyond Fund each month to cover these payments, helping us move closer to becoming debt-free. We encourage those who are able to give above and beyond their regular giving so we can pay off the loan more quickly and free up resources for future ministry opportunities.

*While these funds have distinct purposes, all donations to Emmanuel Faith Church are tax-deductible.*

*Please see reverse for information on the Beyond Fund.*



# EFCC Family News Update

*Sharing our family passings and prayer needs*

November 24, 2024

## Pray for Our Church Family

### Home With the Lord

*Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates*

**Laine Amavizca** — A memorial service will be held for her on Friday, November 22nd, at 1pm in the Worship Center.

**Kelly Segraves** — A memorial service will be held for him on Sunday, November 24th, at 2pm in the Youth Center Amphitheater.

**Bill Belong** — A memorial service will be held for him on Monday, November 25th, at 12:30pm in the Chapel.

**Donald Pitt** — A memorial service will be held for him on Thursday, December 5th, at 10am in the Chapel.



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### In the Hospital or Outpatient Care *(at Present or Pending\*)*

Kim Gonzales and Diana Norlund.

### Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Karen Hoerster, Betty Jensen, Suz McDowell, Lil Mohler, Barbara Pillsbury, and Mary Strauss.

### In Hospice Care

Pam Munson, Jerold Schreiber, and Irene Ward.

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

Ginny Bowman, Ruby Chan\*, Rob Davidson, Denise Dominguez, Bruce Gephart, Wally Goff, Terry Haynes, Madison Jones\*, Will McLennan, Barbara Neely, Terry Ogden, Sylvia Rankin, Luanne Rishel, Debbie Roberts, Shirley Roireau, Virginia Sanderson, Connie Schacher, Ed Schacher, David Sebastian, Richard Sloan, Jen Smith, Patrick Stoker, Pamela Thacker, Donna Vuckovich, Mike Walker, and Keith Zander.