

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for December 8, 2024

**Junior High Christmas Gift Boxes** | *This is the last Sunday to pick up boxes. 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.

**Newcomer Lunch** | Today, 12:15pm, Café

If you're new, join us today 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).

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

This year's Christmas concert theme is *Hope for Everyone*. All concerts will feature music from the Gettys, Chris Tomlin, Rutter, and Handel as we celebrate God's story of hope from Genesis to Revelation. 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. Concert times are as follows:

- Friday, December 13, 7pm;
- Saturday, December 14, 2pm & 5pm\*;
- Sunday, December 15, 2pm & 5pm

*\*A special program for infants to 6th grade will be held at the Saturday, 5pm performance, and will include a cookie decorating time. No children's programs are available for our other performances. Also, please note that the Sunday night service will not be held on December 15.*

**Christmas Eve Services** | Tuesday, December 24, 1\*, 3\*, and 5pm

We'd love to celebrate Christmas Eve with you! This year, we'll hear an encouraging message about hope as we study the book of Ruth in our current *Hope in the Darkness* sermon series. Pick up some of our business card invites at church and invite a friend or neighbor to attend with you. *\*Children's programs for infants to five-year-olds will be available at the 1 and 3pm services.*

**Emmanuel Faith Is Hiring** | Visit [efcc.org/jobs](https://efcc.org/jobs) for more info.

Emmanuel Faith seeks a full-time (32 hours a week) **Accounting Specialist** to assist with the church's financial operations. This position is responsible for processing donations, managing accounts payable, and supporting tasks such as month-end close, budget accuracy, and audit preparation. This role requires strong attention to detail, organization skills, and confidentiality, ensuring accurate financial records and helping maintain transparency and compliance to support the church's mission. To apply, visit [efcc.org/jobs](https://efcc.org/jobs).

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

Emmanuel Faith Community Church  
Sunday, December 8, 2024

**Announcements Continued ...**

**Senior Adults Webpage** | [efcc.org/senior-adults](http://efcc.org/senior-adults)

Senior Adults, did you know we have a website page just for you? You can check it out for links to events, groups, resources, and more.

**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.

**2024 Year-end Giving Reminder** | [efcc.org/give](http://efcc.org/give)

Contact: *Lori Pierce, [lap@efcc.org](mailto:lap@efcc.org), (760) 781-2114*

Any contributions you wish to claim as a deduction on your 2024 income taxes must be given in the offering on Sunday mornings (up to December 29), brought to the church by 5pm on Tuesday, December 31, or post-marked by December 31, 2024. Please visit [efcc.org/give](http://efcc.org/give) for more online giving info or to give a gift to Emmanuel Faith.

**EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry** | [efcc.org/help](http://efcc.org/help)

*Support Groups & Other Classes*

**Have a Need? We're Here to Help!**

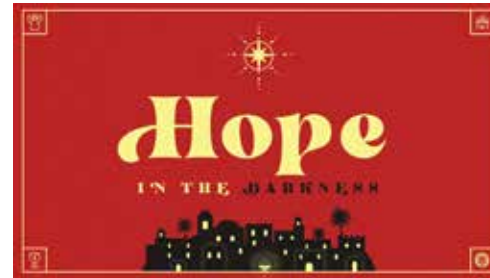
Life can be hard at times, but you don't have to go through it alone. Whatever your need, the Emmanuel Faith Care & Counseling ministry is here to help, guide, encourage, and point you toward the love of Jesus. We'd love to come alongside you. We can help with counseling, mentoring, or spiritual direction. 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:

**Chronic Illness Support Group** | Next meeting: Tuesday, January 14  
*Education Center, Room 20, 7pm*

The Chronic Illness Support Group gathers on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to provide emotional and spiritual support, encouragement and resources for those who struggle with health challenges. The group does not meet in December, but will reconvene again on January 14 for a 25th anniversary celebration. This group also seeks a new group facilitator. For more information regarding the celebration, or if you would like to inquire about facilitating, please contact Lynne Bechard at (858) 229-6026, or via email to [RNinpoway@cox.net](mailto:RNinpoway@cox.net), or visit our page online ([efcc.org/help](http://efcc.org/help) and select the Chronic Illness group from the list).



See more information on back ...



**December 8, 2024**  
**HOPE IN THE DARKNESS**  
**"Grace to the Edges"**  
Ruth 2:1-23  
Josh Rose, Family Pastor

How can we \_\_\_\_\_ to the edges?

1 Start with a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ grace.

2 Take steps of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of grace.

- Life may start to feel like \_\_\_\_\_

3 Enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ grace.

\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://efcc.org/connect).



## CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

### FaithKids | [efcc.org/kids](http://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](http://efcc.org/jh) | [efcc.org/hsm](http://efcc.org/hsm)

Sundays | 10:45am | Youth Center

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

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



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EFCC Open Wi-Fi Password: John3:16



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

# Winter 2025 January-March

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Learn more at  
[efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events)



## JAN

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WED

Happy New Year!

No Wednesday  
night programs

4-8

SAT-WED

Global Worker  
Gathering

7-9

FRI-SUN

Junior High  
Winter Camp

8

SAT

Men's  
Discipleship  
Breakfast  
8-10am

9

SUN

Newcomer Lunch  
12:15pm

Baptism Class  
Following all  
services

8

WED

Wed. Night  
programs  
resume  
6:30pm

### JANUARY PRAYER NIGHTS

Join us on the  
8th, 15th, and  
22nd  
6:30pm

9-12

THUR-SUN

Young Adult  
Winter Retreat

16

SUN

Baptisms  
Morning  
services

21-23

FRI-SUN

High School  
Winter Camp

## MAR

11

SAT

Reflections  
Women's  
Brunch  
9-11am

12

SUN

Newcomer  
Lunch  
12:15pm

26

SUN

Quarterly  
Meeting  
8am

3

MON

Cal Baptist  
Concert  
7pm

5

WED

Worship Night  
6:30pm

9

SUN

Newcomer  
Lunch  
12:15pm

## FEB

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SAT

Love Esco Day

Love Esco month  
throughout Feb.

5

WED

Prayer Night  
6:30pm

14

FRI

Junior High &  
High School  
Hume Promo  
5pm

15

SAT

Love Your  
Neighbor  
Conference  
9am-Noon

21-22

FRI-SAT

Garage Sale

Men's Discipleship  
Retreat (21-23)

# EFCC Family News Update

*Sharing our family passings and prayer needs*

December 8, 2024

## Pray for Our Church Family

### Home With the Lord

*Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates*

**Bob Walker** — Passed away recently. Please be praying for his family at this time.



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

Al & Pat Colton, Kim Gonzales, Diana Norlund, and Jack Wood.

### 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.