

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for December 22, 2024

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

Celebrate Christmas Eve with us! Hear an encouraging message about the hope we have in the Lord. 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.*

### 2024 Year-end Giving Reminder | [efcc.org/give](https://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](https://efcc.org/give) for more online giving info, to give a gift, or just scan the QR code above.



### January 21 Days of Prayer | Wednesdays, January 8, 15, & 22

6:30pm, Chapel

As we start the new year, we're going to be talking about how we can have an impact through our everyday lives. We're dedicating the month of January to prayer as we prepare to encourage and uplift one another. A 21-day prayer guide will be provided to help you pray each day for your own heart, each other, and our community. Join us in the Chapel on three Wednesday nights to experience the power that comes when we come together in prayer. Learn more at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

### Reflections Women's Brunch | Saturday, January 11, 9-11am, Cafe

January is often a time of reflection. As we begin a new year, come and be inspired by stories from women in our community about the Lord's goodness in 2024. It will be a morning of encouragement, connection, and faith — you won't want to miss it! A light brunch will be served. Cost is \$10 and you can sign up online at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

### Loss of a Spouse Seminar | Saturday, January 11

9:30-11:30am, Chapel downstairs, Room 2 & 3

As a widower, do you dread the lonely days and nights? Wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings? At a Loss of a Spouse seminar, you'll discover other people who understand and have ways to make it through. Discover reasons for hope and practical tips for coping with the death of a spouse. Seminar cost is \$10 for the booklet. Register online at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

### Did You Enjoy the Christmas concerts? Join the Choir!

Would you like to be part of music like what you heard at our Christmas concerts? Perhaps you'd like to be a part of our music ministry but aren't sure of the time commitment. Join us Sunday, January 19, for our quarterly All-Sing event — just a one-hour rehearsal and one Sunday service. Come on Thursday, January 16, for a rehearsal from 6-7pm. Then return on Sunday, January 19, at 8am for a 30-minute run-through and sing for 30 minutes at the 9am church service. RSVP online at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

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

**Announcements Continued ...**

**More Upcoming Care & Counseling Class Opportunities ...**

**Winter GriefShare Support Group** | Tuesdays, January 21 to April 8  
6:30-8:30 pm, Chapel downstairs

The GriefShare support group is a welcoming place for people grieving the death of a loved one. Cost is \$25 and you can sign up at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events).

**Lay Counseling and Leadership Course** | Tuesdays, January 21 to March 25  
6:30-9pm at Emmanuel Faith

Part 1 of this three-part course will help you understand your true self and live out of that fullness. Doing so will lead you toward a greater ability to also help others. Cost is \$85. Learn more and register at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events).

**Trauma Reboot** | Tuesdays, January 21 to April 15  
7-8:30pm, Education Center, Room 4 (first floor)

This 12-week, faith-based, peer-led course empowers everyday people to overcome trauma and embrace a brighter future. The class cost is \$25. Get more information or sign up online at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events).

**Emmanuel Faith Is Hiring** | Visit [efcc.org/jobs](http://efcc.org/jobs) for more info or to apply  
Do you have a heart for caring for little ones and supporting young families? Our FaithKids ministry seeks a part-time (19 hours or less a week) **Nursery Lead** to oversee our nursery program for children aged from newborns to 2 years of age. If you have a passion for Jesus, a love for children and a desire to lead a team of volunteers, we'd love to hear from you! To learn more or apply for this or other jobs at church, visit our jobs page online at [efcc.org/jobs](http://efcc.org/jobs).

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



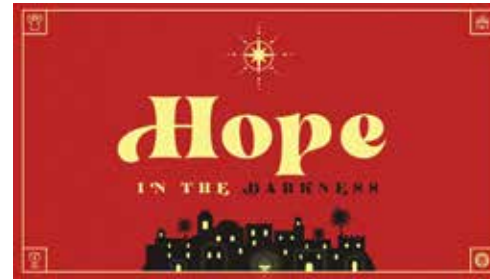
**Have a Need? We're Here to Help!**

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 ongoing suppo.

**Divorce Care: Heart Healers** | January 8 to February 12  
6:30-8pm, Education Center, Room 23/24 | contact: [care@efcc.org](mailto:care@efcc.org)

For over 40 years, Heart Healers has supported and helped those dealing with divorce, separation or a broken relationship. Come and hear from pastors, counselors and former Heart Healer leaders as they share from their hearts words of encouragement, hope and healing.

See more information on back ...



**December 22, 2024**  
**HOPE IN THE DARKNESS**  
**"It's a Wonderful Redemption"**  
Ruth 4:1-22  
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

Small \_\_\_\_\_ position us  
to be part of \_\_\_\_\_.

• \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.

• \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.

• \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.

God's redemption doesn't just \_\_\_\_\_;  
it \_\_\_\_\_!

Ruth shows us God's \_\_\_\_\_  
foreshadowing his \_\_\_\_\_.

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)







## Global Gathering

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 5th!

Get ready for an exciting January as we welcome Emmanuel Faith missionaries back to our campus! This is your chance to discover what God is doing around the world through EFCC. Here's how to join the fun:

- ✦ Come meet our missionaries and hear their stories in Adult Sunday School classes
- ✦ Enjoy Sunday services together
- ✦ Hang out in the café between the morning services and hear some of the incredible stories of lives changed around the world



## Share a Meal with a Missionary

Volunteers needed on Sunday, January 5th!

**Want to make someone's day?** Take a missionary out to lunch after church! Gather your family or friends and share a good meal while hearing their amazing stories and learning more about what the Lord is doing.

**Feeling social?** Host a cozy dinner at your home Sunday night! It's the perfect way to bring your life group or a few friends together and connect with our missionaries as they share their adventures.



Scan the QR code to sign up or  
Email [outreach@efcc.org](mailto:outreach@efcc.org) for details



# EFCC Family News Update

*Sharing our family passings and prayer needs*

December 22, 2024

## Pray for Our Church Family

### Home With the Lord

*Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates*

**Bob Walker** — A memorial service will be held for him on Friday, January 10, at 3pm in the Chapel.

**Beatriz Jaime** — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, January 11, at 2pm in the Chapel.

**Al Colton** — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, January 18, at 1pm in the Chapel.

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

Bill Cornthwaite, Betty Sibilla, Richard Sloan, and Jack Wood.

### Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Rosemary Curry, Pat Colton, Suz McDowell, Lil Mohler, and Barbara Pillsbury.

### 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.