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Emmanuel Faith Community Church  
Sunday, January 5, 2025

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for January 5, 2025

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

6:30pm, Chapel | [Learn more at efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events)

We're dedicating the month of January to prayer as we prepare to encourage and uplift one another in the new year. 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 three Wednesday nights starting January 8 where we'll experience the power that comes when we come together in prayer.

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

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 during the past year. It will be a morning of encouragement, connection, and faith — you won't want to miss it! A light brunch will be served. The cost is \$10 and you can sign up online at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

### **Newcomer Lunch | Sunday, January 12, 12:15pm, Café**

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

### **Financial Peace University | Sundays, January 19 – March 23, 10:45am-Noon**

If you're struggling to know how to live within your means, pay off debt, and plan for the future, attend Financial Peace University. You'll learn godly money management principles that will set your life up for success. Register online at [efcc.org/classes](https://efcc.org/classes) (class cost varies depending on options chosen).

### **Lay Counseling and Leadership Course | Tuesdays, January 21 – March 25 6:30-9pm at Emmanuel Faith | [Learn more or register at efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events)**

We live in a broken world where we long for hope, healing and wholeness. Part 1 of this course will help you experience beneath-the-surface emotional and spiritual transformation to guide you in your journey of discovering who God has made you to be. Understanding your true self and living out of that fullness will lead you toward a greater ability to help others. Class cost is \$85.

### **Trauma Reboot | Tuesdays, January 21 – 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. Through practical teaching and a supportive community, Trauma Reboot can help you break free from the pain of your past and find renewed purpose and strength. The cost to attend is \$25 and you can sign up online at [efcc.org/help](https://efcc.org/help).

### **Grandparenting Matters Seminar | Wednesdays, January 22 – February 26 6-7:30pm, Education Center, Room 2 (first floor)**

This six-week class will help you learn what the Bible says about your influence as a grandparent, and how to discover ways to strengthen your relationships with your adult children. The seminar costs \$10 per person and you can sign up 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 ...

**The Grace Course** | Wednesdays, January 22 – March 19  
6:30-8pm, Education Center, Room 21 (2nd floor)

Do you want to keep growing as a Christian, and bear more and more fruit that will last forever? By God's grace — and only by His grace — you can! The objective of The Grace Course is to help you experience God's grace in such a deep way (in your heart as well as your head) that we serve Him out of love rather than out of fear, guilt, duty, or any other reason. The class cost is \$20 per person and you can register online at [efcc.org/classes](http://efcc.org/classes).

**Next Apologetics Class** | Thursdays, January 23 – February 27, 7-8pm  
Ed. Center, Room 24 | Contact: Gary Zacharias, [gary.zacharias@gmail.com](mailto:gary.zacharias@gmail.com)

Today, Christianity is being challenged on many fronts. The Emmanuel Faith Apologetics class will address many of these challenges. For six weeks, Steve Bruecker and Gary Zacharias will cover all new material. Come and join us!

**Emmanuel Faith Is Hiring** | Visit [efcc.org/jobs](http://efcc.org/jobs) for more details or to apply  
Visit our jobs page for more info about our open positions like the FaithKids Nursery Lead, Accounting Specialist and Emmanuel Faith Preschool 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 these upcoming opportunities ...

**Loss of a Spouse Seminar** | Saturday, January 11  
9:30-11:30am, Chapel downstairs, Room 2 & 3

At the Loss of a Spouse seminar, you'll learn from others who understand and have found ways to make it through. Discover reasons for hope and practical tips for coping with the death of a spouse. The seminar cost is \$10 for the booklet. Register online at [efcc.org/help](http://efcc.org/help).

**Winter GriefShare Support Group** | Tuesdays, January 21 to April 8  
6:30-8:30pm, Chapel downstairs | Register online at [efcc.org/help](http://efcc.org/help)  
This support group is a welcoming place for people grieving the death of a loved one. Come be encouraged by others who understand the difficult emotions of grief. In this 12-week program, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all of its unpredictability. Class cost is \$25.

See more information on back ...



**January 5, 2025**  
**"Live a Great Story"**  
Mark 10:35-45  
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

True greatness isn't found in \_\_\_\_\_ our way to the \_\_\_\_\_,  
but in \_\_\_\_\_ the way of \_\_\_\_\_.

• \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_.

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We live a great story when we partner with a \_\_\_\_\_  
to do \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.

I will live a great story in 2025 by:

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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639 E. 17th Ave., Escondido, CA 92025  
Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)

live a great story.

» If you are inspired by today's message and would like to consider how the Lord is leading you to respond, we'd love to grab a coffee together to hear your story and help you discern and take the next steps Jesus might be inviting you to take.

Message us at: [outreach@efcc.org](mailto:outreach@efcc.org)

» If you know of someone from our community living a great story who could be an inspiration and encouragement to others, please let us know. We would love to learn more about it as we collect and share more stories from our church community.

Email to: [liveagreatstory@efcc.org](mailto:liveagreatstory@efcc.org)

» If you would like to follow the stories of EFCC missionaries and include them in your prayers, join our mailing list.

Scan to sign up



» If you would like to help support our missionaries and partners around the world, you can do so by giving to the Outreach Fund.

Donate here



Save the Date!  
Saturday, February 1  
8am-10am

Love Esco Day Kick-Off Party

Scan for details or visit [loveesco.org/day](http://loveesco.org/day)



Visit the Love Esco booth in the Courtyard today for info and how you and your family can get involved!





# 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*

**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.