

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for February 23, 2025

Estate Planning 101 Workshop | Wednesday, February 26, 6:30-8 pm, or Saturday, March 1, 9-10:30 am, EFCC Chapel (no RSVP is needed)

Don't miss an informative estate planning seminar with attorney John Yphantides. Get some practical tools to equip you to take the next steps toward planning for your future including the biblical perspective on ownership and stewardship, avoiding the high cost of probate, providing for minor children, wills, living trusts, charitable trusts, and much more.

Sing With the Emmanuel Faith Choir | Sunday, March 2, 9am Classic Service
Come and sing with EFCC's Classic Worship Team! Join us for a rehearsal on Thursday, February 27, at 5:30pm, and then sing with the team at the 9am service on Sunday, March 2 (includes a 7:45am rehearsal). We'd love to have everyone who has sung with our team before and anyone who has sung in choirs in the past join us for this special service. Past experience singing in choirs is a plus, but not required. You can pre-register at efcc.org/events.

Host Families Needed | For July of 2025 (hosts requested by Sat., March 1)
Bring missions to your home by hosting a student, sharing your lives, and planting seeds for the gospel. High school students from Spain and Andorra are coming to San Diego from July 2-28. Young Life Ministry of Spain invites non-believing students to experience American culture and attend a Young Life summer camp from July 17-22. We're seeking 20 host families and sign-ups are needed by Saturday, March 1. Visit efcc.org/hosting to learn more.

March Prayer Night | Wednesday, March 5, 6:30-8pm, Chapel
Join us in the Chapel on the first Wednesday night of March to experience the power that comes when we come together in prayer. Join your church family as we pray for each other, our church, local community, our nation, and the world. Learn more at efcc.org/events.

Marriage Class: Two Becoming One | Wednesdays, March 5 – May 14
6:30pm, Education Center, Room 3

Looking to enhance your marriage and learn to become "one" with your spouse? Join us starting Wednesday, March 5, for a 10-week journey to move your marriage from performance to faith. Grounded in God's Word, this class will point spouses toward their faith and God's promises for a lasting and authentic relationship. Some topics of study include five faith principles for becoming one, six reasons marriages fail, and more. The class cost is \$65 per couple. Learn more or register online at efcc.org/events.

Premarital Class | Tuesdays, March 18 – April 8, 7pm, Ed. Center, Room 22
Planning on getting married? Save the date for our spring Premarital Class. You'll receive guidance and tips which will teach you transformational tools and provide ways to enrich your relationship in order to build a strong, God-centered marriage to last a lifetime. The cost is \$20 per person. Register at efcc.org/marriage-ministries or contact us at care@efcc.org for more info.

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 ...

Emmanuel Faith Membership Class | Two Sundays, March 16 & 23
9-10:30am, Chapel downstairs

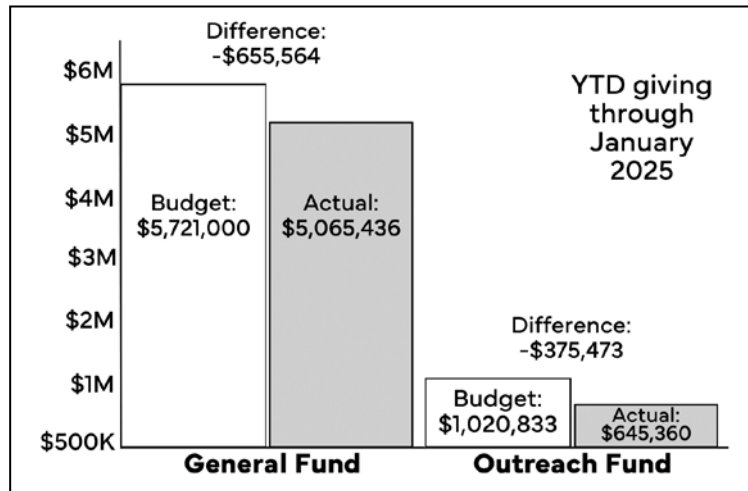
Membership is a spiritual discipline of publicly committing to a local body of believers for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God together. This two-part class will walk you through our Statement of Faith and Membership Covenant so you'll be ready to officially apply for membership. Register online at efcc.org/events or contact us at welcome@efcc.org.

Real Talk: Faith Q&A | Sunday, March 16, 6:45pm, Chapel (after the service)

Join us for a night of Q&A after the 5pm service in the Chapel for a live recording of the Vitalogy podcast. As we wrap up our *Reason[able]* sermon series, we'll engage with your lingering questions about faith in a difficult culture. We see people in Scripture bringing their questions and doubts before God and wrestling in community rather than isolation. Let's be like those people! (The Q&A session will begin at 6:45pm.)

Emmanuel Faith Giving Update (for Apr. 2024 to Jan. 2025) | efcc.org/give

Our fiscal year ends on March 31, and we're prayerfully working to meet our ministry budget goals. Would you consider making a special gift at this time to help us finish this fiscal year strong and step confidently into the next season of ministry? Thank you for being a key part of the Lord's ministry here!



EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry | efcc.org/help

Have a Need? We're here to help with support groups & other classes.

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. Visit our webpage via the link above, email care@efcc.org or call (760) 781-2108. See our upcoming marriage classes to the left.



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REASON[ABLE]
"People of the Book"
2 Timothy 3:13-17
Rev. Dennis Keating

From Emmanuel Faith's Statement of Faith | Section 1: The Bible

"We believe the Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments, to be God's written word. The Bible's human authors, with their distinct personalities and styles, were inspired by God and carried along by the Holy Spirit to choose the exact words God intended to communicate to humankind. Scripture was without error in the original writings and is completely truthful in all that it addresses; therefore, it is to be believed as God's instruction in all that it affirms. It is to be obeyed as God's command in all that it requires and embraced in all that it promises. The Bible is the only rule for faith and practice. We affirm that the person and work of Jesus Christ is the central focus of the entire Bible."

Our Conviction: The Bible's truths didn't originate with _____, but with _____. (2 Sam. 24:11; Gal. 1:12; Matt. 4:4)

How was it inspired?

The _____ actively _____ and then _____ the human writing of the Scriptures. (2 Pet. 1:20-21; John 17:17)

It's supported by ...

- Archeological evidence.
- Scientific plausibility.
- Historic accuracy.
- Prophetic fulfillment.

The Challenge: Since the Bible is "God-breathed," _____ its principles in decision-making. (John 8:31-32)

(The sermon outline continues on the back side ...)

If you have questions you'd like Pastor Ryan to answer, please send them to questions@efcc.org. He and Pastor Josh Rose will answer them weekly on the Vitalogy Podcast. Other helpful links: efcc.org/sermons | efcc.org/devos

Sermon Outline notes continued ...

Because ...

1. They have a _____ . (3:14; Psa. 12:6; Heb. 13:7)

2. They're the _____ . (3:15)

The Point: The Bible's wisdom gives us _____ opinion on matters, not _____ opinion. (Ex. 20:15; Matt. 22:39; 1 Thess. 4:3)

3. They're the best _____ for _____ .
(3:16; 1 Pet. 2:2; Psa. 19:9)

4. They prepare us for the _____ .
(3:17; James 1:25; Rom. 15:4; Josh. 1:8)

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.



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
Kindergarten 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 | 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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www.emmanuelfaithpreschool.org

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

Thank You Emmanuel Faith!

Love Esco Month was a huge success! Over 1000 volunteers served on 44 projects throughout the month. Thank you for coming together to love our city and serve our community!



Stay connected and sign up for updates and future projects at loveesco.org



Disciple Making in Hungary

András and Andrea Kazár founded the Paulus Movement, a church-planting initiative in Hungary. Their mission is to make disciples through evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training, with a focus on reaching the unchurched in Hungary—especially those with little or no church background.



András and Andrea both came from unchurched backgrounds. András grew up in communist Hungary as an atheist, believing that faith was for the uneducated and superstitious. However, in the 1980s, as a university student, he was surprised when a friend came to faith through the ministry of CRU. Intrigued, András began reading smuggled Christian books and engaging believers. Reading of the Gospel of John led him to give his life to Christ.

Andrea, on the other hand, first encountered Christians in high school in Southern California through the ministry of Young Life. Later, while in college, she became involved with CRU and felt called to go to the nations. She joined a one-year short-term mission project to Hungary, where she was struck by the need for the gospel, especially among young university students.



Inspired by Romans 10:13-15, the Kazárs were deeply moved by the scripture's call to share the gospel: "How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? How will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent?" They knew their mission was to bring the good news to those who had never heard it.

To read more of the Kazárs' story as well as stories from all our EFCC missionaries, pick up a copy of **Live a Great Story** at the welcome desk. Scan the QR code to donate to the Outreach Fund to support EFCC missionaries and partners sharing the gospel around the world.



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

Jason Miller — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, March 1st, at 2pm in the Chapel.

Jo Argabright — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, March 8th, at 2pm in the Chapel.

Wallace Diefenbach — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, March 15th, at 3pm in the Youth Center Amphitheater.



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

Kara Torrez, Rose Scrydloff, and Jack Wood.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Pat Colton, Suz McDowell, Lil Mohler, Joye Nolte, Tom Pressley, Ruth Rawlings, Rose Staples, and Murline Stephens.

In Hospice Care

Pam Munson, Jerold Schreiber, and Irene Ward.

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

Ginny Bowman, Ruby Chan*, Rob Davidson, 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, Richard Sloan, Jen Smith, Patrick Stoker, Pamela Thacker, Donna Vuckovich, Mike Walker, and Keith Zander.