

2020 VISION STATEMENT

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PROLOGUE:

Emmanuel Faith Community Church is a community of people learning together how to love and honor God with our lives. We are not a building or a name, but individuals who have come together as followers of Jesus Christ.

We are also a people with a history. Therefore, we gratefully recognize His grace and mercy shown to us in the past and the biblical foundation upon which we stand.

Our hope for the future is to build upon that Scriptural foundation with new ways of ministering that will bring God greater honor and advance His Kingdom's influence in the world. In order to do that, we must be willing to take new steps of faith under the leading of the Holy Spirit, knowing well that only by Jesus' power and enabling grace will we accomplish anything of eternal value.

With that understanding, He has entrusted us with a vision for what He wants to do through Emmanuel Faith Community Church.

VISION: A PREFERRED FUTURE

By 2020, EFCC will be a church that risks using all means to invite people of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds into a life-transforming relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We will seek to engage and impact our culture by being pure-hearted, fully devoted followers of Jesus. We will train and be trained to know and live out biblical truth by compassionately caring for each other and the needy and broken in our communities. We will sacrificially invest our time, resources and abilities to proclaim the good news of forgiveness and hope throughout Escondido, North County and the world.

TO THAT END WE WILL ENDEAVOR:

1. To be passionately committed to a personal relationship with the one true God through depending on Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. We will love Him, talk with Him, obey Him, yield to His Holy Spirit and live a life of joyful worship.
2. To be a connected and loving family, united and interdependent, honest and grace filled, helping each other become more like Jesus. We will take care of each other's needs and welcome into our midst those who are broken and vulnerable so that they can find support, encouragement, healing and contribution.
3. To intentionally go into our neighborhoods, communities and the world to serve with compassion and graciously proclaim the hope we have in Christ. We will work with others, especially fellow believers in Christ, to actively and innovatively cross ethnic and socio-economic boundaries to help those in need.
4. To be characterized by transformed and maturing lives, rooted in biblical truth and dominated by grace. We will train all generations in our church family to know, explain and defend what we believe in order to engage and impact our culture for Christ.