

Emmanuel Faith Community Church
December 9, 2018

Christmas at our House

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Welcome to Emmanuel Faith



Thanks for joining us today! We hope today's time of worship and teaching will help you grow closer to the Lord. See the back page for more church information.

CHRISTMAS EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Concerts This Weekend

Tatum Varadi, choir@efcc.org, (760) 781-2134

Sunday, December 9

All concerts in EFCC Worship Center

There are two more **Christmas at Our House** concerts, this **Sunday, December 9**, at **2:30 and 5:30 p.m.** These musical celebrations are presented by EFCC's Worship Arts Ministry. Admission is free but seating may be limited. Childcare is available through age 5. Also the 5:30 p.m. concert will be ASL interpreted.

Christmas at Our House CD | Cost: \$15

By the Emmanuel Faith Worship Arts Ministry

Available December 7

The latest Christmas album by Emmanuel Faith's Worship Arts Ministry features music performed by members of our Classic, Contemporary, Resonate, and student worship teams. CDs will be on sale in the Courtyard following Sunday services, or after the concerts this Sunday night, and again next weekend at church. Online versions also will be available on both iTunes and Amazon.



Resonate Songs of Christmas

Saturday, December 15, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m., Chapel

Sunday, December 16, 7 p.m., Chapel | Contact: choir@efcc.org, (760) 781-2134

December 15 & 16

Join us as we celebrate and acknowledge the significance of Jesus' birth during the Christmas season. Our Songs of Christmas theme this year is *Do You Hear What I Hear?* Childcare will be provided through 6th grade during the 5:30 p.m. Saturday concert only. Receptions with food and beverages will follow each concert.

Family Christmas Eve Services

Tatum Varadi, choir@efcc.org, (760) 781-2134

Monday, December 24

3, 4, 5, & 6 p.m., Worship Center

Don't miss our annual Family Christmas Eve services. Please bring your entire family to one of these 35-40 minute family-friendly services.

CHRISTMAS SEASON NEEDS

Return Your Junior High Christmas Gift Boxes **By Friday, December 14**

jh@efcc.org, (760) 781-2204

Partner with our Junior High Ministry for this annual all-church outreach! This is the last weekend to pick up boxes. If you picked up gift boxes already, please remember to fill and wrap them according to the instruction sheet. All wrapped gift boxes should be returned to EFCC by Friday, December 14. The Junior High ministry will deliver them, along with any donations of jackets, sweaters and blankets, on Saturday, December 15.

Pictures for Christmas Eve Celebrations

We want to feature your children and their pets dressed up in their favorite Christmas attire. These seasonal pictures will be shown before and after each Christmas Eve celebration. Please send all submissions to photo@efcc.org.

Christmas Production Decor Breakdown — Can You Help?

Dave Fung, dfung@efcc.org, (760) 781-2158

We need a few helping hands to break down our Christmas concert decor on Sunday, December 30, from 1-4 p.m. Can you lend a helping hand to move items out of the Worship Center sanctuary? No experience needed, just the ability to lift, carry and pack decorations. Please contact Dave or come to the foyer on December 30 after church.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**Chronic Illness Support Group**

Lynne Bechard, (858) 229-6026

The Chronic Illness Group will not meet in December. We hope to see you at a special event at Lynne Bechard's home on Tuesday, January 8. Monthly meetings will continue in February on the second Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at EFCC. Merry Christmas to all!

Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

Terry, tejensen@sbcglobal.net, or Dave, dsmith1501@gmail.com

Monday Nights

6:55-8 p.m., Room 35

EFCC is now offering a men's satellite group for Bible Study Fellowship meeting on Monday nights. Come join this international group studying "People of the Promised Land, Part 1." Contact Terry Jensen or Dave Smith to sign up and get the group's schedule. Children's program levels for K-12 are available through the women's BSF group meeting at the same time. This group will not meet on December 17, 24 or 31.

Family Grace Support Group

Judy Mapston, mapstonjudy91@gmail.com, (858) 603-4085

Monday, December 10

7-8:30 p.m., Ed. Center, Rm. 24

This group, for family members with loved ones affected by mental health issues, will be offered on the 2nd Monday of every month. Areas addressed are depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and OCD. The curriculum is designed for encouragement and support, and covers the physical, mental, spiritual and relational areas of life.

Field of Faith Basketball Season

To be held at EFCC, Family Center (Gym)

Starts, Monday, January 21

Field of Faith coaches the heart of the athlete, their families and their community to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through discipleship. Field of Faith kicks off the 2019 basketball season on January 21 and will run for 11 weeks. Sign up now to reserve a spot for your 1st-8th grade athlete. Cost is \$180 per student. Register online at www.fieldoffaith.org/winter-season. For more information about Field of Faith, please visit www.fieldoffaith.org.

SERMON MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 9, 2018

Pastor Dennis Keating
CHRISTMAS AT OUR HOUSE

The Infant Savior: At Home in Bethlehem
Philippians 2:5-8 (p. 1002)

THE MAIN IDEA → God made His home _____ in Bethlehem so that we might find our home forever _____.

BY ...

1. _____ the interests of _____.
(2:7)

2. _____ the right of _____.
(2:6; John 1:1)

3. _____ the character of a _____.
(2:7; Mark 10:45)

4. _____ the weaknesses of _____.
(2:7; Heb. 2:17)

THE POINT → God _____ what it's like to be _____.
(Heb. 4:15; Heb. 2:18)

5. _____ the purpose of His _____.
(2:8)

OUR CHALLENGE → Think " _____."

For online sermon resources (audios, videos and study notes), scan the QR code with your smart phone or tablet, or visit our web site at www.efcc.org/sermons/. | EFCC Open Wi-Fi Password: **John3:16**



FROM THE DECEMBER 9, 2018 SERMON
QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER REFLECTION

Life Groups will be on break until the week of January 13, 2019. For this weekend's message, read Philippians 2:5-8 and review your outline notes.

1. Contemplate for a moment on the fact that God the Son left the glories of heaven and came to earth so *that you*, by faith, might experience forgiveness for sin and be united with God.
 - What are your observations about Him doing this?

 - How does what He did make you feel?

 - Take a moment and tell Him your reactions to it all.

2. We saw that it cost God the Son quite significantly to come as the Son of God. Give prayerful thought as to how you might both drink deeply from, and follow, His example this week.
 - He surrendered His self-interest for the sake of others (v. 7; 2 Cor. 8:9). How does it make you feel to know that God surrendered His interests for you? What interest(s) can you surrender? For whom?

 - He waived His rights (v. 6). How do you respond to the fact that God waived His rights for you? What right(s) can you waive this week? For whom?

 - He took on the character of a servant (v. 7; Mark 10:45). God the Son came to serve you. What do you do with that reality? As you serve this week, what does it mean to do so with the character of a servant?

 - He embraced the weakness of humanity (v. 7; Heb. 4:15). Jesus embraced weakness so He could know how it feels to be you. How does that fact impact your relationship with Him? How does it impact your relationships with others?

 - Fulfilling the purpose for His birth (v. 8). He came to die ... for you. How might you respond to that by living an "I am third" kind of life this week?

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OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Junior High Winter Camp

jh@efcc.org, (760) 781-2204

February 1-3

Register your junior high student for this year's Winter Camp, *REFLECT*. This is a spiritually valuable time for your 7th or 8th grader to get away from the distractions of everyday life to connect with friends and with God as they learn God's truth. Cost for camp is \$190. Time's running out to get the earlybird discount. Sign up by December 16 and your student will receive a \$30 discount off early registration!

Register online at www.efcc.org/jrhigh. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 27.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EFCC's Welcome Team Needs You

Lisa Merrill, welcome@efcc.org, (760) 781-2109

Come join our Sunday morning outdoor greeting ministry team as we warmly welcome and show the love of Jesus to our guests as they arrive on our church campus. A warm smile plus a love for Jesus and others are required. You will have fun, experience great fellowship, and on-the-job training will be provided. Contact Lisa or write "Welcome Team" on your filled-out Communication Card.

2018 Year-end Giving Reminder

Sandi Linderman, slinderman@efcc.org, (760) 781-2154

Any contributions you intend to claim as a deduction on your 2018 income taxes must be given in the offering on Saturday or Sunday, December 29 or 30, or brought to the church by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 31, or postmarked by December 31, 2018. For those who use online giving through our web site or donate via our app, plan to give earlier in the day on December 31 as there can be delays in processing transactions. Visit www.efcc.org/donate for details about giving to EFCC.

If you have moved in the past year, please make sure we have your current address to mail out your year-end statement in January. Thank you for your generous, ongoing giving to the ministries of Emmanuel Faith!

Community Outreach Administrative Assistant Opportunity

Alanna Dunaway, adunaway@efcc.org, (760) 781-2151; www.efcc.org/jobs

EFCC currently seeks a part-time (29 hours/week) Administrative Assistant for the Community Outreach Ministry. Applicants should have excellent people skills and the ability to relate well with others. Candidates must also be compassionate, able to assist the Outreach Pastor in day-to-day office duties, be flexible with ministry needs, and work well independently and with other staff members and ministry partners. Additionally, all applicants should be experienced with office management and technology, and be extremely detail oriented. Bilingual candidates are preferred. This position offers some limited benefits. Please see our web site for more information and to obtain an application, or contact our Human Resources office.

Try Out a Sunday Morning Adult Fellowship

Bonnie Wiese, smallgroups@efcc.org, (760) 781-2161, www.efcc.org/adult-fellowships

EFCC has several Sunday Morning Adult Fellowships for various age ranges that meet each week for teaching, spiritual growth, prayer support, connection, fun activities, and more. Pick up a listing on Sunday morning at church, or visit our web site for more details.

Please Silence Your Cell Phones During the Service

Before the service starts, please be courteous to others around you and remember to silence, or turn off, your cell phones and/or other electronic devices. Thank you!

OUTREACH MINISTRY NOTICES

FACES Christmas Gift Drive "Thank You"

On behalf of Pastor Hector Morales and EFCC's Community Outreach Ministries, we'd like to say a big thank you to all who participated in our FACES gift drive to benefit children connected to Alternatives Medical Center, Solutions for Change, the Police Department, and foster children. Because of your generosity, 327 children will experience a much brighter Christmas. Thanks to all who participated and to all our volunteers. May the Lord continue to richly bless you as you have been a blessing to so many.

OUTREACH MINISTRY PROFILE

Frank & Karen

England

Frank & Karen share the love of Christ with internationals in London through friendship, homework clubs, Tea & Chat club, tutoring, and helping teach English classes for adults. They also interact with families by helping at the neighborhood primary school, community center and church. Karen also provides fine art and graphics for ministry projects, working alongside co-workers with a focus on the Arab World. She also edits and writes material to illustrate the artwork.



Prayer Requests

- That God would work through the illustrations Karen creates to reach people for Him.
- For those that Frank tutors and with whom he has friendships in London to be open to spiritual truths.

NEW TO EFCC? We're glad you're here! Stop by one of our Welcome Tables for a gift and helpful information.

NEED PRAYER?

Place on your Communication Card, email us at prayer@efcc.org, or go to www.efcc.org and click on "Prayer Requests" under the "Resources" tab.

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Senior Pastor's Office	(760) 781-2163	High School	(760) 781-2200
Associate Pastor's Office	(760) 781-2114	Junior High	(760) 781-2204
Welcome Ministries	(760) 781-2109	Faith Kids	(760) 781-2104
Life Groups/Fellowships	(760) 781-2161	Counseling Ministries	(760) 781-2108
Men's/Women's	(760) 781-2245	Worship & Music	(760) 781-2134
Adult Ministries	(760) 781-2120	Outreach Ministries	(760) 781-2111
College/Post College	(760) 781-2222	Spanish Language	(760) 781-2207

For "after hours" emergencies, please call (760) 781-2255 to speak to a pastor.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Classic Worship | Worship Center

Sundays, 8 & 9:30 a.m.



EFCC Choir & Orchestra lead with an array of music: classical, hymns, gospel and praise songs. This service features live Bible teaching.

Contemporary | Worship Center

Saturdays, 5:30 p.m. & Sundays, 11 a.m.



The contemporary band leads the praise music in a casual setting with live Bible teaching. ASL interpreted for the hearing impaired on Sundays at 11 a.m.

Resonate Video Venue | EFCC Chapel

Sundays, 9:30 & 11 a.m.



This engaging service features a high-energy band, along with the same biblical message as the Worship Center.

En Español | EFCC Amphitheater

Sundays, 9:30 & 11 a.m.



With Pastor Esteban Tapia teaching in Spanish at 9:30am and in Spanish/English at 11 am, our "en Español" service offers the same biblical message.



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EFCC FAMILY NEWS UPDATE

Sharing our family blessings, passings, and prayer needs

December 9, 2018

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Home With the Lord

Kae Eiland — A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 7, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel. A reception will follow afterward downstairs.

Sharon Edwards — A service will be held on Saturday, December 8, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel. A reception will follow after downstairs.

Chester Siegersma — A memorial service will be held on Monday, December 10, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel. A reception will follow afterward downstairs.

Shannon Goodsby — A graveside service will be held on Friday, December 14, at 2 p.m. at Oakhill Cemetery in Escondido.

Bruce Bowie — A service and reception will be held on Tuesday, December 18, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel downstairs area.

Joseph Howard — A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 21, at 10 a.m. in the Worship Center. A reception will follow after in the Family Center (Gym).

Shirley Fisk - Service will be held on Saturday, December 22, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel. A reception will follow afterward downstairs.

Mary Slic Johnson and *Mary Hay* also passed away recently (no memorial services).

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In the Hospital or Outpatient (at Present or Pending/Future)

Jim Jeffries, Ruth Moe, Mike Sweeney, and Marilyn Turner.

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In Hospice Care

Donna Beatty and Jerold Schreiber.

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Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Joseph Arroyo, Ozzie Campos, Charlene Dixon, Connie Dubbs, Dave Fraser, Lou Galvin, Janet Gould, Klaus Klement, Howard McGrath, Jean Schwei, Taelor Sweeney, and Cindy Wert.

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EFCC FAMILY NEWS UPDATE

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Currently Undergoing Diagnosis or Treatment

Dick Bridgman, Jack Brown, Jeramy Clark, Janet Conway, Summer Dorsen, Kent Engdahl, Tony Gossein, Carole Hargraves, David Harkness, Terry Haynes, Sherm Johnson, Lance McDaniel, Ron Mora, Laurie Triboulet, and Tom Wemyss.

Fighting Cancer

Darlene Anderson, Stewart Arnold, Raymond Beazley, Bruce Bechard, Judy Billington, Bonnie Bonhivert, Pat Bowers, Ginny Bowman, Fred Bradford, Jack Brown (5), Betty Collins, Janet Conway, Ruth Cook, Kristin Coriano, Charline Dixon, Summer Dorsen (2), Connie Dubbs, Betty Eastman, Kent Engdahl, Connie Feldman, John Ferguson, Bob Halstead, Carole Hargraves, Terry Haynes, Sherman Johnson, Clayton Jongetjes, Claudia Limpic, Ted Limpic, Ed Maggio, Shirley Makis, Paul Mayer, Teddy Mayfield, Rachel Minnick, Ron Mora, Pam Munson, Terry Ogden, Lynn Petersen, Joe Phelps, Anthony Pizzo, Dorothy Plunkett, Edgar Ramirez, Jack Reed, Luanne Rishel, Shirley Roireau, Dan Sandland, Connie Schacher, Ed Schacher, Margaret Schmitt, Sheryl Silzer, Julie Slater, Patrick Stoker, Danielle Straus, Marlene Sympson, Laurie Triboulet, Dorwyn Turnbull, Mary Wait, Shirley Waller, Kathryn Webb, Rev. Jim Welch, Dan White, Ken Wilcox, and Ken Wright.

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The Infant Savior: At Home in Bethlehem
Philippians 2:5-8 (p. 1002)
Pastor Dennis Keating

(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

THE MAIN IDEA: God made His home **with us** in Bethlehem so that we might find our home forever **with Him**.

BY ...

1. **Surrendering** the interests of **self**. (2:7)

2. **Waiving** the right of **deity**. (2:6; John 1:1)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1

"The Son of God became man to enable men to become the sons of God." C.S. Lewis

3. **Embodying** the character of a **servant**. (2:7; Mark 10:45)

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

4. **Embracing** the weaknesses of **humanity**. (2:7; Heb. 2:17)

"He had to be made like His brethren in all things;" Hebrews 2:17

THE POINT: God **knows** what it's like to be **human**. (Heb. 4:15; Heb. 2:18)

"... tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15

"For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted." Hebrews 2:18

5. **Fulfilling** the purpose of His **birth**. (2:8)

OUR CHALLENGE: Think "**I am third**."