

Emmanuel Faith Community Church  
December 15/16, 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

#### Resonate Songs of Christmas

**This Weekend**

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

**Sunday, December 16, 7 p.m., Chapel**

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 is only available during the Saturday night, 5:30 p.m., performance. Receptions with food and beverages will follow each concert.

#### Christmas at Our House CD | Cost: \$15

**Available This Weekend**

By the Emmanuel Faith Worship Arts Ministry

The latest Christmas album by EFCC's Worship Arts Ministry features music performed by members of our Classic, Contemporary, Resonate, and student worship teams. CDs will be on sale Saturday night in the foyer, or Sundays in the Courtyard. Cost is \$15 for one, or \$25 for two.



#### Family Christmas Eve Services

**Monday, December 24**

Tatum Varadi, [choir@efcc.org](mailto:choir@efcc.org), (760) 781-2134

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.

#### Holiday Schedule for Wednesday Night Programs

Cheri Wright, [kids@efcc.org](mailto:kids@efcc.org), (760) 781-2104

There will be no Wednesday night Faith Kids clubs, Junior High, High School, or adult programs December 26 or January 2. The Holy Grounds Café also will be closed those nights (and Sat., December 22 & 29). Wednesday night programs will resume January 9.

### CHRISTMAS SEASON NEEDS

#### 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](mailto:photo@efcc.org).

#### Christmas Production Decor Breakdown — Can You Help?

Dave Fung, [dfung@efcc.org](mailto: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

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### Register Now for Junior High Winter Camp

February 1-3

[jh@efcc.org](mailto:jh@efcc.org), (760) 781-2204

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](http://www.efcc.org/jrhigh). Deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 27.

## GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

### Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

Monday Nights

Terry, [tejensen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tejensen@sbcglobal.net), or Dave, [dsmith1501@gmail.com](mailto:dsmith1501@gmail.com) 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 programs for grades 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.

### Divorce Care — New Start Time

Wednesdays, January 9-April 10

6:30-8 p.m., Education Center, Rooms 23/24

Michael McGinnis, (619) 981-3222, or Cheryl Early, [cearly@efcc.org](mailto:cearly@efcc.org), (760) 781-2108

Divorce Care is a 13-week video series featuring nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery. You will find answers to tough questions like how to cope, grow and face the fear of loneliness. Each session is self-contained, so you can attend at any point. Workbook is provided. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for alumni. Register online at [www.efcc.org/heart-healers](http://www.efcc.org/heart-healers) or via our App.

## CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES

### Fearless Love Support Group

Saturday, January 12

Cheryl Early, [cearly@efcc.org](mailto:cearly@efcc.org), (760) 781-2108 9:30-11:30 a.m., Education Center, Room 23

The New Year is almost here! If you need a safe place to talk about the challenges you're experiencing due to someone you love living the homosexual lifestyle, you're invited to this group. Learn to lean on the faithfulness of God and watch how He walks this journey with you.

### Meet & Greet for Newcomers

Sunday, January 20

Lisa Merrill, [welcome@efcc.org](mailto:welcome@efcc.org), (760) 781-2109

12:15 p.m., Family Center

Are you new to Emmanuel Faith? Don't miss our next Meet & Greet event! Come for lunch where you'll meet Pastor Dennis along with other staff and elders. You'll also have an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about Emmanuel Faith. In order to have an accurate count for lunch, please RSVP by Wednesday, January 16, at the Welcome Table, via our App, or contact us.

## SERMON MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 16, 2018

Pastor Dennis Keating

CHRISTMAS AT OUR HOUSE

*The Refugee King: At Home in Egypt*

Matthew 2:13-15 (p. 819)

**THE CHRISTMAS →** The \_\_\_\_\_ came to save \_\_\_\_\_.  
**INSIGHT**

**HE BECAME ...**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ running from an enraged dictator. (2:13)

**THE LESSON →** There are situations in life when \_\_\_\_\_ is the right decision. (1 Cor. 6:18; 1 Cor. 10:14; 1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22)

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ living in a strange land. (2:13)

**THE LESSON →** We don't truly \_\_\_\_\_ our home here because we don't \_\_\_\_\_ here. (Heb. 11:9-10)

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of an Old Testament picture. (2:15)

**THE LESSON →** We don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ anymore. (Hosea 3:1)

4. A \_\_\_\_\_ supported by a loving father. (2:14)

**OUR CONCLUDING →** Our sovereign Father watches over His kids \_\_\_\_\_  
**INSIGHT**

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/](http://www.efcc.org/sermons/). | EFCC Open Wi-Fi Password: **John3:16**



**FROM THE DECEMBER 15/16, 2018 SERMON  
QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER REFLECTION**

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*Life Groups will be on break until the week of January 13, 2019. For this weekend's message, read Matthew 2:13-15 and review your outline notes.*

1. What was the most encouraging thing you took away from the message?
  - a. In what ways was it encouraging for you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. How would you like it to change the way you live your life this week?
  
2. What was the most challenging thing you took away from the message?
  - a. In what ways was it challenging for you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. How would you like it to change the way you live your life this week?
  
3. If you were asked to sum up how you sensed God spoke to you this past weekend, how would you respond?

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**SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

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**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.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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](http://www.efcc.org/donate) for details about giving to EFCC.

**High School Winter Retreat**

**January 18-21**

*Judith Mota, highschool@efcc.org, (760) 781-2200*

*Camp Maranatha in Idyllwild*

Winter retreat is an excellent time for your high school student to get away for a long weekend and grow closer to the Lord. Cost is \$185 per student. Register on the High School web site at [www.collidehs.com/winter-retreat.html](http://www.collidehs.com/winter-retreat.html).

**Bible Reading Plans Now Available**

**Would you like more of God this next year?** January is always the perfect time to make some changes or additions to your devotional life. We will have Bible reading plans available this weekend which offer a number of different ways to spend time with God as you read His Word. Stop by the Worship Center foyer to pick up your free booklet. Then choose to set aside time each day to meet with God, and experience what it means to be transformed by His Spirit!

**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 get to experience a much brighter Christmas. Thanks to all who participated and to all the volunteers. May the Lord continue to richly bless you as you have been a blessing to so many.

**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!



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

### Try Out a Sunday Morning Adult Fellowship

Bonnie Wiese, [smallgroups@efcc.org](mailto:smallgroups@efcc.org), (760) 781-2161, [www.efcc.org/adult-fellowships](http://www.efcc.org/adult-fellowships)

EFCC has several Sunday Morning Adult Fellowships for various life stages which 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.

### Get Church Communications Via Email

Stay up to date with all EFCC news by subscribing to our church emails. Sign up by going to [www.efcc.org](http://www.efcc.org) and click on the small "envelope icon" at the top of the page. Fill out the online form and click "Sign Up." You will be asked to confirm your email address, and then you can select your email preferences and complete your entry. You will receive a confirmation "welcome" email.

### EFCC Family News Update (Weekly Prayer List)

A listing of EFCC attendees needing prayer (in the hospital, recovering from illnesses, or dealing with cancer) is available to you each week. Family News items are also included. Download the weekly worship folder PDF from the web site at [www.efcc.org](http://www.efcc.org), or pick up a Family News flyer in the Worship Center foyer. The Family News inserts are located in the information racks by the side entrances into the sanctuary.

### Connect With Emmanuel Faith on Facebook!

Come join the Emmanuel Faith Church Facebook page. We post various items several times a week to keep you updated on events, activities, and more. Look us up on Facebook as "Emmanuel Faith Community Church, Escondido, CA." These Facebook pages/groups are online as well: "Faith Kids," High School ministry ("Collide@EFCC"), College ministry ("theWell College Ministry"), Post College ("The Gathering"), "EFCC WOMEN," Resonate service ("Resonate EFCC"), "EFCC MOPS," and more.

### Lost and Found Items

If you left something behind recently at a church service or event/concert, etc., please feel free to stop by the main office front desk, or call (760) 745-2451 for lost and found items.

## OUTREACH MINISTRY NOTICES

### Christmas Gifts for Our Global Outreach Workers

Thank you to everyone who participated in the offering for our Global Outreach Workers. **Over \$19,954 was given**, which will be divided among the families. This is a huge blessing to them, and we appreciate your generosity. Praise the Lord!

### This Week's Outreach Ministries Profile

Due to regional security concerns, this weekend's Outreach Ministries worker profile will not be made available online. Thank you.



GLOBAL  
OUTREACH  
MINISTRIES

CONNECT WITH GLOBAL OUTREACH  
Instagram "@efcc\_global"

**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](mailto:prayer@efcc.org), or go to [www.efcc.org](http://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 11am, 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 15/16, 2018

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### *Home With the Lord*

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

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

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

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

*Ruth Moe* and *Bill Schott* passed away recently. Memorial service information is pending.

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

Connie Dubbs, Paul Lyons, and Ingrid Timmons.



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### *In Hospice Care*

Donna Beatty and Jerold Schreiber.

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### *Recovering at Home or in Extended Care*

Ozzie Campos, Patricia Chuang, Charlene Dixon, Janet Gould, Klaus Klement, Bud Livermore, Lance McDaniel, Howard McGrath, Jo Miedema, Rita Rogers, Mike Sweeney, Taelor Sweeney, and Marilyn Turner.

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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, Ron Mora, Melody Seavey, Laurie Triboulet, and Tom Wemyss.

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# EFCC FAMILY NEWS UPDATE

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## *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.

**December 16, 2018**  
**CHRISTMAS AT OUR HOUSE**  
***The Refugee King: At Home in Egypt***  
Matthew 2:13-15 (p. 819)  
Pastor Dennis Keating

*(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)*

**THE CHRISTMAS INSIGHT:** The **Refugee** came to save **us**.

*HE BECAME ...*

1. A **fugitive** running from an enraged dictator. (2:13)

**THE LESSON:** There are situations in life when **running away** is the right decision. (1 Cor. 6:18; 1 Cor. 10:14; 1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22)

"Flee immorality." 1 Corinthians 6:18

"Flee from idolatry." 1 Corinthians 10:14

"... flee from these things." 1 Timothy 6:11

"... flee from youthful lusts." 2 Timothy 2:22

2. A **foreigner** living in a strange land. (2:13)

**THE LESSON:** We don't truly **find** our home here because we don't **belong** here. (Heb. 11:9-10)

"By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God." Hebrews 11:9-10

3. The **fulfillment** of an Old Testament picture. (2:15)

**THE LESSON:** We don't have to **run away from God** anymore. (Hosea 3:1)

"Go again, love a woman who is loved by her husband, yet an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods;" Hosea 3:1

4. A **family member** supported by a loving father. (2:14)

**OUR CONCLUDING INSIGHT:** Our sovereign Father watches over His kids **until they're back home**.