

November 2018

Happy Thanksgiving!

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.” Psalm 100:4

Each year during this wonderful holiday season, we take time to reflect on the blessings and challenges of the past year. As we do that as a church family, we should shout out *THANK YOU, LORD*, as His good and gracious hand has been clearly on us. The evidence?



The completion of our Faith Kids Children’s Center

We are “Beyond” thankful for each one who prayed for, continues to donate toward, and serves in our beautiful new ministry space. God is using you in powerful ways to reach new families for Christ. Since our opening, we have nearly 100 more kids attending on our weekend children’s programs this year than we did last year! We anticipate even more new families coming with the opening of our new preschool in the fall of 2019.

Thank You Lord for the privilege of teaching kids about Your love.



The growth of our Spanish-Language Ministry, en Español

More than 200+ people attend our en Español service each weekend, and new people keep coming! A family of five started attending recently: They snuck in late and filed into the back row of the Amphitheater. There they heard the Gospel, and all five, with tears streaming down their faces, received Christ! Since then, they have become active, growing in their faith, connecting with others and serving the Lord.

Thank You Lord for Your gift of salvation!



The engagement in our local community

We were able to bring the sound of EFCC to *Cruisin’ Grand*, with special concerts. One Friday night we even featured our EFCC Choir & Orchestra out at the corner of Juniper and Grand! I had a chance to share the gospel while our members struck up conversations with people listening, inviting them to visit our church. *Thank You Lord for Pastor Dave Hook and the members of all our music teams.*



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Nicole Jiles

The successful transition of staff

This past year, we launched two of our long-term ministers into retirement. The Lord graciously provided replacements for both of those faithful team members. Nicole Jiles stepped up to oversee our Children’s Ministry, and Josh Rose moved over from our Youth Department to head up our Adult Ministries. In addition, God led us to hire Seth Redden to lead Collide, our High School Ministry.

Thank You Lord for Your sovereign leading.



Seth Redden

It’s clear that God did great things at EFCC this past year, and we say, *Thank You, Lord, for the privilege of serving You!*

I want to also say THANK YOU for your continued financial support to this ministry.

As you prayerfully consider a year-end gift to EFCC, I want to be candid with you about our needs. Our commitment to the Lord and to you is to live within our budgets and to use every penny from each of these funds for the Lord’s glory. Our financial numbers, needed by December 31, are listed below:

	Budget Through December	Actual Through October	Needed Nov. 1 to Dec. 31
General Fund	\$4,973,556	\$2,857,706	\$2,115,850
Outreach Fund	\$859,320	\$509,214	\$350,106
Maintenance Fund	\$225,000	\$180,503	\$44,497

Beyond Fund Outstanding Loan Balance: **\$8,792,909**

Current Beyond Fund Cash Reserves: \$2,423,723 (To be used for debt reduction over the next five years.)

Thank you for your love and support,

Pastor Dennis Keating

P.S. Your interim giving statement is enclosed. If God prompts you to give a tax-deductible, year-end donation, an envelope is included in this letter. For information about giving online, or via our new “Emmanuel Faith CC” app, please visit our web site at www.efcc.org/donate.

