



Emmanuel Faith Community Church  
Sunday, December 18, 2022

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for December 18, 2022

**Christmas Weekend Services** | December 23, 24 & 25, in the Worship Center  
*Friday, December 23, 6:30pm (en Español)*  
*Saturday, December 24, 1, 3\*, & 5pm (in English)*  
*Sunday, December 25, 10am (in English)*

Are you looking for a way to invite your friends, family and neighbors to experience *The Light of Christmas* this year? Pick up invitation cards in the lobby after the service today to invite others to attend. Then join us for a Christmas Eve service on either December 23 (in Spanish) or December 24 (in English). Childcare for kids aged from infants to age 5 will be provided at the 3pm Saturday service. On Christmas day, Sunday, December 25, there will be one "family" service at 10am only. *Also, on Sunday, January 1, please note that there will be no morning services held in the Chapel venue.*

### Church Programs on Break for December and January

Many of our church programs will be on break during the upcoming holidays. Our FaithKids, Junior High and High School programs will not meet on Wed., December 21 or 28, or on Sun., December 25. Also, there won't be youth group meetings on Sun., January 1, but we'll offer FaithKids classes that morning. In addition, the Holy Grounds Café will be closed Wed., December 21 and 28, and Sun., December 25 and January 1. Check with your group leaders for other church programs that might be on break.

### 2022 Year-end Giving Reminder | [efcc.org/give](https://efcc.org/give)

Contact: Lori Pierce, [lpierce@efcc.org](mailto:lpierce@efcc.org), (760) 781-2114

Any contributions you wish to claim as a deduction on your 2022 income taxes must be given in the offering on Sunday mornings (up to December 25), brought to the church by 5pm on Thursday, December 29, or postmarked by December 31, 2022. Please visit [efcc.org/give](https://efcc.org/give) for more online giving info, to give a gift, or scan the QR code.



### EFCC Merch Update: We Have T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Hats

Contact: Cheri Wright, [cwright@efcc.org](mailto:cwright@efcc.org)

Visit the the Courtyard after our services.

We want to thank all of you who checked out the new Emmanuel Faith merch we made available recently. It has been such a great success that some of our stock has run low! But rest assured, we'll keep ordering more. Come by the Courtyard following the Sunday services to see what new and fun designs we have ready for sale.

### Be a Life Group Leader for *This Is Our Story* Series | [efcc.org/startagroup](https://efcc.org/startagroup)

Starting January 22, 2023, you're invited to join us on a deeply personal and communal exploration of Luke 15. We'll read and study the parables in this chapter together, and learn about *Our Story* in church. We hope you'll see it as *your* Story, too. We'll be creating resources to help you on this six-week journey. It will begin in the worship services, but it won't be complete without new Life Groups. To make that happen, we're going to need more group leaders. Would you consider opening up your home, leading a group, and seeing how you can help make this a special series? Follow the link above.

Announcements are continued on the next pages, or visit [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

## NEW TO EFCC? Start Here!

### We'd Love to Get to Know You! | [efcc.org/connection](https://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. Or visit our Welcome area in the Worship Center lobby, or go to [efcc.org/connect](https://efcc.org/connect) on our website.



At the Welcome area, you can learn more about Emmanuel Faith Community Church including our various ministries and programs for all ages. Thank you for visiting today!

### EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry | [efcc.org/help](https://efcc.org/help)

#### Support Groups & Other Classes

#### Have a Need? We're Here to Help!

Life can be hard at times, but you don't have to go through it alone. Whatever your need, we want to be there for you as your church family in order to assist, guide, encourage, and point you toward the love of Jesus. Consider this upcoming, one-night seminar.



#### Dealing With Anxiety Seminar | Tuesday, January 17

6:30pm, Education Center, Room 23/24

Contact: Adaly Eurich, [care@efcc.org](mailto:care@efcc.org), (760) 781-2108

If you or someone you know is experiencing worry and anxiety through the ongoing COVID time period, or even before that due to life's confusing and challenging circumstances, you are not alone. These issues can have debilitating effects, impacting our hearts, minds, and souls. Join us at EFCC on Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30pm for a seminar on anxiety with Margy Hill. She will explore the impact of anxiety, tools to overcome its effects, and the hope that we're offered through Jesus, our Prince of Peace. For more information, please contact Care & Counseling.

### Christmas Concerts Recap: Watch Again & Share It!

If you missed a concert, or want to watch it again, or share it with others, scan the QR code at right or go to [efcc.org/watch-concert](https://efcc.org/watch-concert) to view it on our Emmanuel Faith YouTube channel. Concert programs are available in the Welcome area that include a QR code with the replay link and Advent devotional content that traces God's promise from Genesis to Revelation. Feel free to pick up programs to give to friends or neighbors.



See more on back...



**December 18, 2022**  
**RADIANT**

*Prince of Peace*  
Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 4:4-9  
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

The \_\_\_\_\_ shines through  
the \_\_\_\_\_.

→ Develop a response of \_\_\_\_\_.

→ Cultivate a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.

→ Focus your mind on \_\_\_\_\_.

This Christmas, don't just celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_,  
receive the \_\_\_\_\_.

Have questions about the sermon, the Scriptures, or just life? Email them to [Questions@efcc.org](mailto:Questions@efcc.org) and we'll try to respond at our earliest convenience.  
Helpful links: [efcc.org/sermons](https://efcc.org/sermons) | [efcc.org/devos](https://efcc.org/devos) | [efcc.org/podcasts](https://efcc.org/podcasts)

## Take Your Next Step!

Thank you for joining us for worship and time in God's Word today! If we can be of further assistance, please contact us at [welcome@efcc.org](mailto:welcome@efcc.org). To connect more, or to go deeper at Emmanuel Faith, here are some ways to take a next step ...

### Need Prayer? | [efcc.org/prayer](https://efcc.org/prayer)

We'd love to pray for you! Do you have a specific request or need, or are you going through a tough time? Visit our prayer form online, scan the code at right, or email [prayer@efcc.org](mailto:prayer@efcc.org).



### Give to EFCC | [efcc.org/give](https://efcc.org/give)

*Thank you for your generosity!*

By joining our giving community you're becoming part of something bigger than yourself. Visit our giving page, scan the code to the right, or use an offering envelope at church.



### Connect in a Group | [efcc.org/groups](https://efcc.org/groups)

*Go deeper with a community of people!*

Build lasting relationships, learn about God's heart for you, and walk alongside others in every season of life. Scan the code at right or visit our groups page online.



### Join a Team | [efcc.org/teams](https://efcc.org/teams)

Helping others live in the way of Jesus with the heart of Jesus brings blessings and joy to everyone involved, you included. Don't believe us? Give it a shot. It might just change your life.



## THE BACK PAGE

### Join Us to Read Through the Bible in 2023

Looking for a way to reboot your spiritual growth for the New Year? Read through the Bible this year with your church family! Reading through the Scriptures is a great way to deepen your knowledge of God's Word and grow closer to him. We'll be offering both Old and New Testament reading plans this year, or you can read through the entire Bible. Printed Old and New Testament reading plans will be provided at the Welcome Center soon. Or to follow along digitally, visit the webpage online — [efcc.org/read-bible](https://efcc.org/read-bible) — and link to the YouVersion Bible App.



## CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

### FaithKids | [efcc.org/kids](https://efcc.org/kids)

**Sundays** (Children's Center)  
Infants to 6th Grade | 9 and 10:45am

**Wednesdays** (Children's Center)  
Infants to 6th Grade | 6:30-8pm (September to May)

### Junior High & High School

[efcc.org/jr](https://efcc.org/jr) | [efcc.org/hs](https://efcc.org/hs)

**Sundays** | 10:45am (Youth Center)

**Wednesdays** | 6:30-8pm (Sept. to May, and summer camps/events)

### Young Adults | [efcc.org/ya](https://efcc.org/ya)

**Sundays** (ages 18-30) | 5pm, Worship Service (Worship Center)

**Tuesdays** (ages 18-25) | 7pm, Young Adults Room (upstairs)

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

## EFCC On Mission... Across the Street

### Journey to Peace: Afghan Christmas Fair

This past Saturday, we partnered with Bridge Builders Network, led by our own global worker David S., to host the Journey to Peace Afghan Christmas Fair in El Cajon. We welcomed 240 newly arrived Afghan refugees to a fun night filled with games, crafts, and food as they visited Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Egypt themed booths to celebrate their first Christmas!




Volunteers from Emmanuel Faith's Journey of Hope Refugee Ministry managed the Bethlehem-themed booth where Afghan families were able to watch a short video about the birth of Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas.



If you are interested in learning more about the Journey of Hope Ministry and how you can share the love of Jesus with refugees, contact [outreach@efcc.org](mailto:outreach@efcc.org)

### Get Connected

 [efccglobal](https://www.facebook.com/efccglobal)

 [efcc\\_outreach](https://www.instagram.com/efcc_outreach)

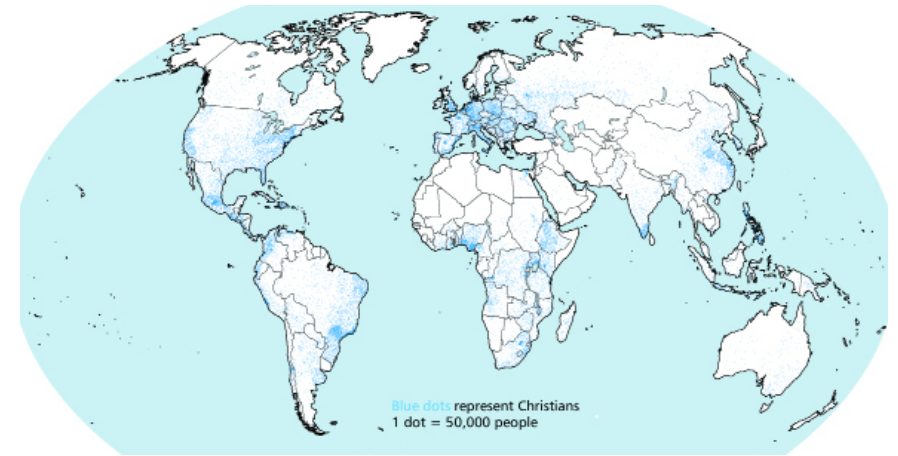
 [www.efcc.org/outreach](http://www.efcc.org/outreach)

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Give to the Outreach Fund to grow EFCC's impact across the street and around the world.

## EFCC On Mission... Around the World

### The Mission Heart of God



God's first word to Abraham at the dawn of recorded history was about blessing the nations (Genesis 12:3).

The story that follows, of the Jewish people in the Old Testament, is like the slow ripening of seed-head, filled with God's purposes for the world.

After the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, and the pouring out of the Spirit on the Church, this seed-head has burst upon the nations. We are part of this, as we live the gospel out in the world.

This gospel comes to the nations like Christ came at first: in human weakness. The good news of Jesus spreads in the midst of our losses and struggles. The poor in spirit possess the Kingdom; the meek inherit the earth; those who hunger for justice are sustained in their fight. In our weakness, the power of Christ is made perfect.

As we start a new year, whatever we face, we can look up and see Jesus, reigning as King, unfolding his purpose to bring divine blessing to all peoples. In our small acts of service and devotion, we are walking alongside him in a cause and a life that can take all our love, and that cannot fail.

Praying for the World is a free weekly prayer guide to inspire and inform the whole church to pray for the whole world. Visit [www.lausanne.org/pray](http://www.lausanne.org/pray) to start any week. Created through the partnership of Operation World and the Lausanne Movement.

# EFCC Family News Update

*Sharing our family passings and prayer needs*

December 18, 2022

## Pray for Our Church Family

### Home With the Lord

#### *Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates*

**Valerie Jude** — A memorial service and reception will be held for her on Saturday, December 17, at 10:30am in Education Center, Room 5 (first floor).

**John DePauw** — A viewing will be held at 12:30pm and a memorial service at 2pm on Saturday, December 17, in the EFCC Chapel.

**John Guth** — A memorial service and reception will be held for him on Saturday, January 7, at 2pm in the EFCC Chapel.



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

Dee Cornthwaite and Jacqueline McQuarter.

### Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Nancy Porter, Jim Munson, and Bob & Donna Rowan.

### In Hospice Care

Richard Marymee, Pam Munson, Jerold Schreiber, Vicki Sebastian, and Jim Welch.

### Fighting Cancer

Bruce Bechard, Elizabeth Birch, Ginny Bowman, Teri Chalfant, Ruby Chan (child), Jody Dietel, Denise Dominguez, Betty Eastman, Bev Feiker, Wally Goff, Terry Haynes, Ron Henderson, Sherman Johnson, Madison Jones (child), Dave Keller, Joseph Kelsch, Sharyll Kirkbride, Pam Munson, Barbara Neely, Terry Ogden, Lynn Petersen, Luanne Rishel, Debbie Roberts, Shirley Roireau, Virginia Sanderson, Dan Sandland, Connie Schacher, Ed Schacher, David Sebastian, Vicki Sebastian, Richard Sloan, Patrick Stoker, Isla Strobl (child), Pamela Thacker, Craig Timmons, JoAnn Twombly, Donna Vuckovich, Mike Walker, and Rev. Jim Welch.