



Emmanuel Faith Community Church
Sunday, December 17, 2023

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for December 17, 2023

Christmas Eve Weekend Services | Sunday, December 24, Worship Center 10am* (Classic), 1pm* (Spanish), 3* & 5pm (Modern services, in English)

We'd love to celebrate Christmas Eve with you! This year, we'll hear an encouraging message about the sovereign grace of God and answer the question, "Is there room in us?" All services will be Christmas Eve services on December 24 and held in the Worship Center. *Children's programs for infants to 6th grade will be available at the 10am, 1pm and 3pm services.

New Christmas Album: Emmanuel | efcc.org/worship

Available on all the major music-streaming platforms, including Apple Music, Amazon Music, Pandora, Spotify, YouTube, and more.

Our Christmas album, *Emmanuel*, is now live and available on all music-streaming platforms! This project includes the involvement of over 50 volunteers from both our Modern and Classic teams. We hope that it encourages you, your family, and our community this season to look to Jesus, our Emmanuel! Scan the QR code at right or visit efcc.org/worship for links to download the album.



Emmanuel Faith Job Openings | Visit efcc.org/jobs

Do you have a heart for ministry, helping and serving people? Come join the Emmanuel Faith staff. Some of our open positions include a **Care Ministries Coordinator**, an **Administrative Assistant** in our **Discipleship Ministry**, and more. Visit our website jobs page and see if one of our open positions would be a fit for you. In addition, the Emmanuel Faith Preschool has openings for a Preschool Teacher and a Teacher's Aide. Get more info or apply online.

2023 Year-end Giving Reminder | efcc.org/give

Contact: Lori Pierce, lap@efcc.org, (760) 781-2114

Any contributions you wish to claim as a deduction on your 2023 income taxes must be given online via our website or App, in the offering on Sunday mornings (up to December 31), brought to the church by 5pm on Thursday, December 28, or if mailed, postmarked by December 30, 2023.



To give to EFCC, you may: (1) donate online via debit/credit card on our website at efcc.org/give, or just scan the QR code above; (2) give through our Emmanuel Faith App — learn more at efcc.org/app; (3) set up direct withdrawal from your bank account; or (4) you also may give by check during the services or via the U.S. Mail. Our three main funds are the General Fund, Outreach Fund, and the Beyond Fund.

Next Prayer Night | Wednesday, January 3, 6:30-8pm, Chapel

Come join with others in your church family and let's ring in the New Year together with a time of praise and focused prayer. Don't miss our next Prayer Night on Wednesday, January 3. We'll pray for our church, community and the world. You'll be refreshed and renewed spiritually as we seek the Lord together. See you there!

Announcements continue on the next page, see our App, or visit efcc.org/events.

NEW TO EFCC? Start Here!

We'd Love to Get to Know You! | 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. You also can visit our Welcome area in the Worship Center lobby, or go online to visit our website at efcc.org/connect.



EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry | 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, our Care & Counseling ministry is here for you in order to help, guide, encourage, and point you toward the love of Jesus. We would love to come alongside you. We can help with counseling, mentoring, or spiritual direction. Please consider these ongoing groups ...



Living Grace Group

Meets every Monday night at 7pm in Education Center, Room 20 (second floor); contact: Kevin Berry, kcbq@cox.net*

If you're experiencing depression, anxiety, panic, and negative, racing thoughts, this class will help you discover simple ways to improve your daily life, maintain mental and mood stability, and renew your faith and community. (*No meetings on holidays that fall on Mondays.)

Family Grace Group

Meets the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm, Education Center, Room 23; contact: Cindy Berry, dberry7@roadrunner.com*

Come find encouragement and help in this supportive community for family members with loved ones affected by mental health issues. Some areas addressed are depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, and OCD.

For more information on all of our other Care & Counseling classes and support groups, scan the QR code above, or visit our website at efcc.org/help.

Upcoming Program Schedule Notes & Holiday Closures

The church office will be closed on Christmas, Monday, December 25, and New Year's Day, Monday, January 1. Also, our youth groups will not meet on Sunday, December 24. In addition, FaithKids clubs and our youth groups will not meet on Wednesday, December 27 or January 3.

See more information on back ...



December 17, 2023
PREPARE HIM ROOM
It's an Abiding Life
John 15:1-17
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

When we _____

we _____.

• The _____ of _____.

• The _____ of _____.

• The _____ of _____.

• The _____ of _____.

Jesus came to _____ so that

we could make our _____.

Have questions about the sermon, the Scriptures, or just life? Email them to Questions@efcc.org and we'll try to respond at our earliest convenience.

Helpful links: efcc.org/sermons | efcc.org/devos | 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. To connect more, or to go deeper at Emmanuel Faith, here are some ways to take a next step ...

Need Prayer? | 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.



Give to EFCC | 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

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

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.



SOME CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Get Your EFCC Apparel: T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, & Hats!

Contact: Cheri Wright, cwright@efcc.org

Visit the Holy Grounds Café after our morning services!

Have you checked out our awesome Emmanuel Faith apparel? We continue to add some fresh designs and colors to our line! Come visit the Café today and browse through the offerings we have there. Check out the fun, colorful designs. We have a variety of items in stock. Please let us know if you need an item in a particular size that may not be currently available.

CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

FaithKids | 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/jh | efcc.org/hsm

Sundays | 10:45am (Youth Center)

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

Young Adults | efcc.org/ya

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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EFCC Open Wi-Fi Password: John3:16



www.emmanuelfaithpreschool.org

(760) 781-2260 | preschool@efcc.org

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Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)

EFCC Family News Update

Sharing our family passings and prayer needs

December 17, 2023

Pray for Our Church Family

Home With the Lord

Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates

Brent Hamilton — A memorial service will be held for him on Sunday, December 17, at 2pm in the Youth Center Amphitheater.

Wesely Beridenthal — A memorial service will be held for him on Thursday, December 21, at 11am in the downstairs Chapel area.

Bill Jones (father of Kari A.) — A memorial service will be held for our former EFCC global outreach worker on Friday, December 22, at 2pm at Mission Hills Church in San Marcos.

Richard Cardoza — A memorial service will be held for him on Friday, December 29, at 2pm in the Chapel.

Susie Clark (mother of Jay Welch) — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, January 6, at 1pm in the Chapel.

Kim Elliott — A memorial service will be held for her on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30pm in the Chapel.



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

Rod Card, Marina Chow, Amber Friedrich, Betty Jensen, and Maxine Kaemmerling.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Dale Jackson and Sandra Johnson.

In Hospice Care

Pam Munson and Jerold Schreiber.

EFCC Family News Update

(Continued)

Fighting Cancer *(*denotes a child or youth)*

Bruce Bechard, Elizabeth Birch, Ginny Bowman, Ruby Chan*, Jody Dietel, Denise Dominguez, Wally Goff, Terry Haynes, Cynthia Hoppas, Kalani Jones, Madison Jones*, Dave Keller, Joseph Kelsch, Barbara Neely, Terry Ogden, Sylvia Rankin, Luanne Rishel, Debbie Roberts, Dick Rogers, Shirley Roireau, Virginia Sanderson, Dan Sandland, Connie Schacher, Ed Schacher, David Sebastian, Richard Sloan, Jen Smith, Patrick Stoker, Isla Strobl*, Pamela Thacker, Donna Vuckovich, Mike Walker, and Keith Zander.