



Emmanuel Faith Community Church
Sunday, February 25, 2024

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for February 25, 2024

Newcomer Lunch | Today, 12:15pm, Holy Grounds Café

If you're new to Emmanuel Faith, we'd love to meet you at today's Newcomer Lunch. You'll enjoy a meal with some of the church's elders, pastors and staff. You'll also have the opportunity to learn more about the church and ways you can connect. We hope to see you there!

Last Call to Join a February Love Esco Project | loveesco.org/projects

There's still time to volunteer and serve our community via our February Love Esco projects. We've been reaching into segments of our city via clean-up days and random acts of kindness. Sign up online. Also, see the insert in your worship guide for a recap of our projects over this past month.

Marriage Staycation | Fri., March 1, 6:15-9pm, & Sat., March 2, 8am-2:30pm

There's still time to register for our upcoming Marriage Staycation event. The cost is \$120 per couple. Find more info and register online at efcc.org/events.

Missions Garage Sale | Donations taken: March 3-7; Sale Dates: March 8 & 9

Our annual Mission Trip Garage Sale, which will provide additional support for our High School and Young Adults mission trips this year, is almost here! *Set your items aside to donate for the sale now and plan to bring them to the Family Center (Gym) for drop off from Sunday, March 3, to Thursday, March 7, from 9am to 5pm. Drop-off times on Wednesday, March 6, will occur from Noon to 8pm. The sale itself will take place in our Gym on Friday, March 8, from 6am to 2pm, and Saturday, March 9, from 6am to Noon.* All proceeds from the sale will go toward our summer mission trips.

Law Enforcement & Firefighters Breakfast | Saturday, March 9, 8am, Café Contact: P.B. Lawson, plawson@efcc.org, call/text (760) 807-5235

Are you a current or retired law enforcement officer or firefighter? Our Emmanuel Faith Safety and Security Team would love to serve you breakfast, give you a chance to connect, and let you observe how our team works. Contact us to sign up or learn more.

Church Membership Class | Sunday, March 10 & 17 9am, Education Center, Room 21

Membership is a spiritual discipline of publicly committing to a local body of believers to advance the Kingdom of God together. This two-part class will walk you through our membership process so you'll be ready to officially apply for membership at Emmanuel Faith. Register online at efcc.org/events.

Taste & See Women's Event | Friday, March 15, 7-9pm, Chapel downstairs

Ladies, we're planning something great and we'd love for you to be there! We'll be coming together on Friday, March 15, to enjoy an evening of delicious appetizers while we connect with old friends and make some new ones. Plan to bring your favorite appetizer to share. Visit efcc.org/events for more details.

Emmanuel Faith Church and the Preschool Are Hiring

Do you have a heart for ministry and helping others? Emmanuel Faith's Junior High ministry currently has a job opening. In addition, our Emmanuel Faith Preschool and Infant & Toddler Center seeks a Preschool Teacher and a Teacher's Aide. Visit our website at efcc.org/jobs to learn more about our current employment openings and apply online.

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, the Emmanuel Faith Care & Counseling ministry is here 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. Scan the QR code or visit our webpage via the link.



Set Free: Christ-centered Recovery Ministry

*Weekly on Fridays, 6:30pm, Education Center, Room 23/24 (upstairs)
Contact: Adaly Eurich, care@efcc.org, (760) 781-2108*

We all have things that we turn to that can become harmful to us, and many of those can become addictions. Set Free offers hope and healing for those who find themselves stuck in addictions, behaviors and choices that result in pain, conflict, unhappiness, and broken relationships. Come find the help and hope you need on the path to wholeness.

Our current groups include: Men's Anger, Men's Chemical Dependency, Women's Chemical Dependency, Men's Sexual Addiction, Women's Codependency, and Women's Codependency (with Sexual Woundedness). Contact us to learn more.

Some Other Upcoming Marriage "Tune-up" Classes

After our Marriage Staycation, consider attending one of these classes as a follow-up, or if you were not able to attend the Staycation event ...

Two Becoming One Class | Begins Sunday, March 10 (runs to May 19)
10:30am, Chapel downstairs | Register online at efcc.org/allevnts

Marriage Workshop: Surviving to Thriving | Wednesday, March 13
6:30-8pm at Emmanuel Faith | Get more info at efcc.org/allevnts

Premarital Class | Begins Thursday, April 4 (runs to April 25)
7-9pm, Chapel downstairs | Register online at efcc.org/allevnts



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[RE]UNION
Eavesdropping on
Jesus' Prayer
John 17:1-5
Rev. Dennis Keating

THE KEY PRINCIPLE:

God permits _____ to
accomplish _____.

(Lam. 3:32-33; Eze. 33:11; John 11:33; Isa. 45:7; Gen. 50:20; 1 Cor. 15:57; Rom. 8:37)

Jesus' prayer reveals ...

1. His _____ of the _____ of God's plan. (17:1)

THE POINT: He understood that His _____ was a part of God's
_____ for His life. (Acts 2:23; John 9:3)

2. His _____ in the _____ of God's plan. (17:1)

THE IRONY: He knew His greatest _____ would come
through His greatest _____ on the cross. (Heb. 12:2)

THE LESSON:

Viewing suffering from an _____ allows us
to see a _____ for it. (2 Cor. 4:17-18)

3. His _____ of being _____ in God's plan.
(17:2-5; Phil. 2:8-11)

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THE REQUEST: “_____” that “self-emptying” process and
_____ My heavenly splendor and magnificence.

“_____.”

THE KEY INSIGHT:

Jesus' glorified body will still _____

_____ so that He'll be _____ for all

eternity for paying the price to _____.

(John 20:27; Rev. 5:12; 1 Pet. 2:24; Jer. 30:17; Rom. 8:18; Phil. 3:21; Rev. 21:5)

Take Your Next Step!

Thank you for attending Emmanuel Faith today! If we can help you in any way, contact us at welcome@efcc.org. To connect more, or to go deeper here, see some ways to take a next step below . . .

Need Prayer? | efcc.org/prayer

We'd love to pray for you! Visit our prayer form online, scan the QR code at right, or email prayer@efcc.org.



Give to EFCC | efcc.org/give

Your generosity changes lives! To give to EFCC, visit our Giving page, access our App, scan the QR code, or use an offering envelope at church.



Find a Group | efcc.org/groups

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



Join a Team | efcc.org/teams

Helping others through volunteering gives us a greater sense of meaning and brings great joy both to us and those we help. Join a team and come serve at EFCC.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

2023 Donor Statements and Online Availability

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

Annual donor statements were mailed out in January to those who have given to EFCC in 2023. You also can access your statement online via the EFCC App (efcc.org/app) or through our online giving portal (efcc.org/give). Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page. Please contact Lori Pierce if you need assistance or did not receive your statement in the mail.



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



Celebrating a Month of Loving Escondido!



Our first Love Esco Day was a huge success! We were blessed with sunny skies and over 1,000 people who came out to Grape Day Park to love our city. Amazing community partners and non profits gave away free coffee, burritos, and more and provided ways to get involved. Local celebrities and city officials helped launch over 500 volunteers out to complete 9 different projects. What a way to celebrate neighbors coming together to make Escondido a great place to live!

Scan this code to watch a recap of Love Esco Day!



We continued to spread the love all month long with acts of kindness, donation drives, and service projects.

Volunteers provided respite for local foster families, served dinner to the homeless, distributed food to neighbors in need, brought coffee to teachers and public works employees, made cookies for first responders, and donated blood.

Others surprised service workers with big tips during cash mobs, collected items for school counselors and special education teachers, participated in park clean-ups and gardening projects at local schools, and donated clothing and other items for those in need.

We hope you found a way to Love Esco this month -- follow Love Esco on social media and check www.loveesco.org for upcoming projects!



Arab Baptist Theological Seminary

Emmanuel Faith has had a long standing partnership with Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon. Founded in 1960 in the hills overlooking Beirut, the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS) equips servant-leaders for the ministry challenges arising in the Middle East and North Africa – be it theology, apologetics, communication, pastoral care, ethics, society, or culture. One of the ways we partner with ABTS is by providing scholarships to Arab students from countries that are closed to western missionaries.

Since 2015, ABTS has offered a Certificate in Ministry program. Students can receive theological education and Biblical formation in a flexible online setting. This past term students took classes in Biblical Interpretation, Following Jesus and Growing with God, The Holy Spirit in Christian Life, and Preparing for Persecution.



"The more I learn, the better I am able to teach the people I serve through my church. Most importantly, I think, I am learning to look for what the gospel is saying rather than burden it with my misconceptions." - Walid, a current Certificate in Ministry student.



When this program was launched, its intention was to reach a new group of students who did not have access to formal theological education in Arabic.

"We expected to train those in ministry who were immersed in their contexts and among their own people. What we did not expect was that God was preparing it for a new wave of followers of Christ rising from war-torn countries who have experienced Him in marvelous ways and want to share His love even with their enemies. We look forward to seeing how God will surprise us next!"

Prayer Requests for Certificate of Ministry Students: Pray that the Lord may continue to work through the students in their ministries and churches. Pray they grow as Christlike disciples, reflecting Christ in all they do. Pray also that He protects them and gives them the wisdom and strength needed to serve Him faithfully and reflect His love amid their communities.

EFCC Family News Update

Sharing our family passings and prayer needs

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Pray for Our Church Family

Home With the Lord

Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates

Jake Gramley (23) — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, February 24, at 2pm in the Chapel.

Virginia Erickson — Passed away on Monday, February 12, in Canton, Texas. A memorial service was held for her on Saturday, February 17 in Texas. Please pray for her family, including granddaughter, Karin Wright, who attends EFCC.



Ed Lelek — A graveside service will be held for Ed (who passed away last year in Texas) at Oakhill Memorial Park in Escondido on Tuesday, March 12, at 11:30am.

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

Bill Cornthwaite, Holly Richerd, and Sharon Culbertson.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Marina Chow, Carol Cox, Sandra Johnson, Maxine Kaemmerling, Sharon Koukl, Bonnie Lowe, Melvie Maigaard, Will McLennan, Jack Milks, Robin O'Conner, Elizabeth Pyle, Virginia Sanderson, and Kelly Segraves.

In Hospice Care

Pam Munson, Jerold Schreiber, Julie Timm, and Irene Ward.

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*, Joseph Kelsch, Will McLennan, 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.