

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for May 5, 2024

Newcomer Lunch | Sunday, May 19, 12:15pm, Café

You're invited to our upcoming Newcomer Lunch, where you'll hear from and meet some of our pastors, elders and staff while you learn ways to get connected at our church. Sign up at efcc.org/events.

Join the Play As One Team | Sunday, May 19 1pm, Children's Center Warehouse

Each week at EFCC, hundreds of kids attend Play As One for sports, arts, vocation, and education. This ministry is called to coach the hearts of children, their families, our community, and see the world transformed by Jesus Christ. *Play As One is growing!* If you have a heart for leading kids to know and love Jesus, while having lots of fun, consider joining the team. On Sunday, May 19, come and hear more about Play As One and see where God might be leading you to serve. There are dozens of areas to choose from and we'd love to meet you! Learn more at playasone.org.

Hymn Sing Event | Sunday, May 19, 1:30pm, Chapel

Do you love to come together to sing hymns and lift your voice to the Lord? We're planning a special time together, including our Young Voices children's choir, who will lead us in a couple of favorites before we take requests. It's going to be a lot of fun and we'd love to have you join us in the Chapel on Sunday, May 19.

VBS Is Coming Soon! | Sign up to volunteer at efcc.org/events!

One of the best ways EFCC's FaithKids shares the love of Jesus with kids is through Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Our VBS program, *The Great Jungle Journey*, will run from July 22-26 this year. Many volunteers will be needed daily from 8:15am to 12:30pm that week, and we'd love to have you join our team. There are many different ways you can be a part of the fun, so visit efcc.org/events to save your spot on the journey.

EFCC's Interest-free College Loan Program | Apply through Wed., May 15!

The Robert B. Foss Memorial Fund provides a limited number of interest-free loans to qualifying college students who attend California schools and are EFCC members. New or re-applying applicants for 2024-2025 can learn more about the qualifications or apply online at efcc.org/foss-fund. Please apply soon as the application window is about to close!

Seminarian Fund Applications Now Available | Apply by Monday, May 27!

Emmanuel Faith is committed to encouraging men and women who are preparing for full-time, vocational ministry that is pastoral in nature. The purpose of the Seminarian ministry and fund is to offer support through encouragement, prayer and financial aid to those in the EFCC body who are pursuing biblically-related, post-graduate studies in preparation for vocational ministry. Please visit efcc.org/events for more details, or email connect@efcc.org for your application. Applications must be returned by Monday, May 27. Additionally, you can donate to this fund throughout the entire month of June if you wish to support our seminarians and this fund.

Announcements continue on the next pages or see more online at efcc.org.

Announcements Continued ...

Voting Results From the April 28 Annual Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 28. The following men were elected as new Elders at the meeting: Jon Borland, Jaisen Fuson, Jon Goodman, Larry Michel, and Deric Moen. The following people also were elected to the Nominating Committee: Emmet Lee, Ron Peet, and Shay Phillips. Thank you to everyone who came and voted!

Emmanuel Faith Community Church Is Hiring | Apply at efcc.org/jobs

Emmanuel Faith is currently seeking a **Junior High Coordinator** and an **Inside Facilities Dept.** worker. The part-time Junior High Coordinator will help with admin and welcoming responsibilities for EFCC's Junior High ministry, including Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and potentially other group events. See more info or apply online via the link above.

A Note About Giving to Emmanuel Faith

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Thank you to all who give faithfully and regularly to the ministries of Emmanuel Faith Community Church! If you would like to start giving or are looking for other donating options, there are four main ways to give to EFCC:

- (1) You may donate online via debit/credit card on our website at efcc.org/give;
- (2) You may give through our Emmanuel Faith App; or (3) you can set up direct withdrawals from your bank account. Also you may (4) give by check during the services or via the U.S. mail. Our three main funds are the General Fund, Outreach Fund, and Beyond Fund.

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. Please consider attending this ongoing group ...



God's Waiting Room | 2nd & 4th Thursdays

6:30-8:30pm, Youth Center Lounge (upstairs)

Contacts: Andrea & Toni, toniflash@cox.net

Come and join a safe community of caring mothers in prayer, sharing and encouragement while waiting for the return of our young adults who have strayed from God.



May 5, 2024 THE EASY YOKE "An Alleviating Burden"

Matthew 11:28-30

Ryan Lunde

Young Adults Pastor

There are some situations where an extra _____
is a welcome _____.

How is Jesus's yoke easy and light? → It's fundamentally more about
_____, than what
you could ever _____.

How do we learn from His yoke? → By _____
more deeply and _____ more
abundantly we are changed to see that _____.

Why are the overworked and overburdened the ones who are invited? →
They're the only ones who _____ the invitation.

You scorn help when you have _____. But you
gladly receive it when you have _____.

Are you going to _____ on your own or
are you going to _____ to the One who has
_____ on your behalf?

Need more room to add notes? See the back side of this sermon outline.

Helpful links: efcc.org/sermons | efcc.org/devos | efcc.org/podcasts

Additional sermon notes ...

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.



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, Children's Center (Warehouse)

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

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.



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www.emmanuelfaithpreschool.org
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Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)

Life on Mission: Volunteer



We're invited to join Jesus' mission through a number of pathways. Those who are in the workforce can do their jobs with excellence and integrity. They can contribute to the good of others by being fair employers and managers. Others will

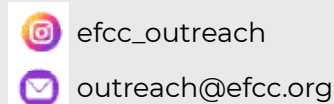
seek out opportunities to start something new. They will leverage their skills and abilities to meet a need they see around them and create a new opportunity to serve others. Still others will find ways to translate who God made them to be to join existing work in our world. Locally, Love Esco provides many opportunities to join forces to work for the good of our community. As some of our volunteers have discovered, one Love Esco project may lead to another. We love seeing everyday Emmanuel Faith people come alive to the opportunities where they live, work, and play, and find ways to make a Kingdom impact around the world, across, the street, or even in their own backyard.

Scan the QR code to watch a video of EFCC members Scott and Sara Enserink. They used their backyard garden to bless a local elementary school in an unconventional way. Joining a Love Esco project awakened them to the needs in their community. They discovered they were made for serving Jesus by loving their neighbors.



Love Esco runs community service projects through the year — check them out at www.loveesco.org

Follow and stay in touch to learn how you can make an impact across the street and around the world.



Unreached People Groups in the Sahel



The Sahel refers to a mostly flat, band of land that stretches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Red Sea across Africa. This region is the transition zone between humid savannas in the south and the drier Sahara to the north.

Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria, Chad, Sudan, Eritrea, and

a small part of southern Algeria are some of the countries that make up this region. Sadly today, many of these nations are often in the news for violent terrorism or profound government corruption.

Emmanuel Faith's global outreach efforts have prioritized bringing the Gospel to the some of the hardest to reach places. This past year, we have adopted ten unreached people groups in and near the Sahel region. We will share about each people group and specific ways you can pray for them.

Pygmy Mouloundou of Cameroon

This Pygmy group (often called the Baka) live in the far southeast part of the country. They are animistic and believe in a supreme being named Tore who created the world. They also believe in forest spirits. The Baka are hunter/gatherers, living in nomadic bands but due to deforestation and government persecution, some are settling into villages. They speak a unique language. The Baka have been responsive to the Gospel and small "house churches" have formed.



Prayer Requests:

- ▶ Pray for the Pygmies to be open-minded and receptive to the Gospel.
- ▶ Pray that God facilitate access to their villages, as they live in the forest and traveling to serve them is difficult.
- ▶ Pray that God protect the missionaries who are often intimidated by witchdoctors with threats of the forest spirits. May Jesus' kingdom have ultimate victory.
- ▶ Pray that God strengthen the faith of new disciples and that they may overcome persecution.

To give to the Outreach Fund, scan the QR Code or visit www.efcc.org/outreachfund



EFCC Family News Update

Sharing our family passings and prayer needs

May 5, 2024

Pray for Our Church Family

Home With the Lord

Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates

Daniel Sandland — A memorial service will be held for him on Friday, May 3rd, at 10am in the EFCC Chapel.

Joseph Lavorato (*Kristi Tan's father*) — A reception will be held for him on Friday, May 3rd, at 4pm in the Café.

Jerry Hjeltness — A memorial service will be held for him on Friday, May 17th, at 1pm in the Chapel.

Colleen Medin — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, May 18th, at 2pm in the Chapel.

Sue Anderson — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, May 25th, at 1pm in the Chapel.

Mirna Pirlet — A memorial service will be held for her on Friday, June 21st, at 11am in the Chapel.

Two other memorials are planned in June. Please check back soon for details.



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

Karen Hoerster and Bob Moberly.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Marina Chow, Sharon Culbertson, Dolores Hayes, Ginger Higgins, Sandra Johnson, Maxine Kaemmerling, Bonnie Lowe, Melvie Maigaard, Elaine Marshburn, Cyndi Martinez, Suz McDowell, Will McLennan, Robin O'Conner, Randy Pyle, Holly Richerd, and Carolyn Schooler.

In Hospice Care

Elizabeth Fredenburg, Pam Munson, Jack Milks, Marvin Pool, Jerold Schreiber, Julie Timm, and Irene Ward.

EFCC Family News Update

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

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