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Emmanuel Faith Community Church
Sunday, August 11, 2024

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for August 18, 2024

Fall Classes, Events, & Groups | Join us the First Week of September! For more info, visit efcc.org/help | efcc.org/classes | efcc.org/groups
Emmanuel Faith's new fall programs are getting set to launch and we want you to know about all the great classes, events, and groups that will be starting back up! First, our **kids'** and **students' Wednesday night programs** begin on September 4 at 6:30pm. Any adult groups that took a break for the summer will rejoin that week as well.

Our **Care and Counseling ministry** will again be offering options for support and encouragement, from counseling services, to marriage mentoring and classes, groups for those who have gone through divorce, addiction, and loss, and support for those dealing with illness or grief. In addition, our **Discipleship ministry** will be holding classes to help you grow spiritually. **Classes** include Apologetics, Living in Christ, Truths That Transform, and of course, **Life Groups** where you can connect with others. Pick up a flyer at church or visit our website to see all the ways you can find growth, support, encouragement, and inspiration. *We can't wait to come together this fall.*

Shoe Drive for Escondido Students | Going on Throughout August
You can help our Escondido students step into a successful new school year simply by donating a pair of new shoes. We're partnering with our friends at Escondido's Project Success, a program that ensures the homeless and under-resourced students receive everything needed to succeed in school. We're collecting shoes at several locations across Escondido and also right here at Emmanuel Faith. For a list of shoe drop-off locations and what kind of shoes you can help with, visit loveesco.org/shoedrive.

Get Connected at Our Find Your People Party | Today
12:15pm, Family Center (Gym)

Are you ready to get connected here at Emmanuel Faith? If you are, don't miss a special time planned just for you. We're hosting our second "Find Your People" Party today in the Gym. We hope you'll join us as we highlight open Life Groups and help you "find your people" here who'll help make this big church feel more like a family. Visit efcc.org/events to learn more.

Worship Night and All-Church Baptisms | This Wednesday, August 21
6:30-8pm, Worship Center

Our August Worship Night will include participants from within our student and Young Adult ministries along with the Modern and Classic teams. Our theme will focus on new life in Christ and the declaration of our faith. A time of baptisms will be included as a part of the night. We hope to see you there!

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

Announcements Continued ...

Men's Fall Kickoff | Saturday, September 14, 5-7pm

Men of EFCC, are you looking forward to a great year of coming together for food, fellowship, and discipleship? Don't miss our kickoff to fall on Saturday, September 14. We'll talk about what's coming up this year, learn about upcoming opportunities, and hear a message from guest speaker, Ryan Lunde, Young Adults Pastor. Visit efcc.org/events to learn more and sign up.

2024-2025 Seminarian Fund Update

Thank you, Emmanuel Faith Church family for giving to our Seminarian Fund. **You gave \$22,037** to be distributed amongst our six seminary grad students who are pursuing a biblical-related, post-graduate degree in vocational ministry.

Give an Extra Financial Gift to Emmanuel Faith This Summer

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

There are a couple of ways to give an online financial gift to our church:

- (1) You can donate online via debit/credit card on our website at efcc.org/give;
- (2) you may give via our Emmanuel Faith App; or
- (3) you can set up direct withdrawals from your personal bank account. You also may give by check during the services to one of the offering boxes, 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. To take a next step, just scan the QR code, visit our webpage via the link above, call (760) 781-2108, or contact us at care@efcc.org.



Ladies, consider attending this group, starting up again in the fall ...

God's Waiting Room | Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursdays This Fall

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

Contacts: Andrea or Toni, toniflash@cox.net

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.

See more information on back ...



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ON PHILIPPIANS
"The Pathway to Peace"
Philippians 4:4-9
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

God's _____ is available
amidst _____.

1 Replace your _____ with _____.

2 Refocus your _____ on _____.

When you're _____,
you're _____.

3 Reflection Questions:

- 1. What is Jesus teaching you?
- 2. How do you feel about it?
- 3. What are you going to do in response?

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

Summer Mission Trips

This summer, youth from Emmanuel Faith traveled to Ensenada, Mexico and Romania to share the Gospel through words and deeds. Thank you to everyone who prayed, gave inancially, and supported our teams in other ways!

Young Adults Ensenada Team

Young Adults sent a team of fifteen to travel to Ensenada and partner with Agua Viva Ministries. The team was broken up into four subteams, all of which worked on the ground shoulder-to-shoulder with Mexican brothers and sisters to reach the community through construction projects and VBS. The communities they ministered to included orphaned children of drug-addicted parents, at-risk youth, lower-income neighborhoods, and those yet unchurched. Half of the team were Spanish speakers, enabling them to lead in a particularly unique and vital way.



Christina Rawson shares, "Agua Viva Ministries is doing incredible things for God's kingdom through this week of Embrace. The idea is that you 'embrace' those around you as you love them where they are. One quote that was shared with us comes from Francis Chan:

"Preach the gospel at all times. And if necessary, use words."

This was such an encouraging word; especially for a lot of us Americans that did not speak much Spanish going into serving. Agua Viva did an amazing job of put-ting both Mexican missionaries and American missionaries together."

We are so excited by the doors that continue to open for long term partnerships in Baja California! We prayerfully anticipate returning to Ensenada and other parts of Baja soon!

High School Romania Team

In July, a team of 23 high school seniors and leaders traveled to Romania. The team ran two weeks of VBS for children and teens living in orphanages. Each day, children would arrive at camp ready to learn a new truth from God's word and experience fun games and crafts. Seeds of faith were planted in the lives of the Romanian children through this ministry and we pray for the missionaries who will continue this work. We also witnessed God growing our high schoolers.

Reagan Tavares writes: *"The two weeks I spent in Romania were some of the most influential weeks of my life. As I served the orphans, my heart couldn't help but break for them and the brokenness that they experienced. I think that when we're at home and only hearing about the things that these kids experience, it's easy to turn away and ignore what is uncomfortable to face. But when you spend time with these kids, and share meals with them, and laugh with them, and learn their names and favorite colors, it becomes almost im-possible not to care deeply. And once you start to grasp what these children have gone through, their seemingly unconditional joy seems even more significant."*

Ava Lieurance shares: *"As we are heading home, my heart is so full. Not only did I have so much fun in Roma-nia, as I connected with kids, bonded with my team and toured the country, but I learned a lot. My goal going into this trip was to get comfortable with being uncom-fortable, and I certainly got better at this. It was such a blessing to be able to bless others, and I am so grateful for this opportunity!"*

We praise God for the work that he did in and through Emmanuel Faith Mission Teams this summer!

To read more stories from this summer, visit www.efcc.org/missiontrips



COMING *this* FALL

Classes, Groups, and Programs

Life Groups

Life Groups are spaces of intentional connection where lasting relationships are built, where you can learn about God's heart and walk alongside others wherever you're at in your journey.

Scan to find a Life Group!



See our Events page for upcoming prayer and worship times.



Prayer and Worship Nights

Join us the first Wednesday of each month for prayer nights and quarterly worship nights.

Discipleship

Take your next step through a Discipleship class or Bible study.

Living in Christ
Wednesdays, 9/4-11/20

Truths That Transform
Thursdays, 9/5-12/12

Apologetics
Thursdays, 9/5-11/14

Scan or visit efcc.org/classes



Wednesday Night Programs

Clubs and programs for kids going into kindergarten to 12th grade will resume meeting on **September 4**.

Kids going into kindergarten to 6th grade register at efcc.org/kids

For more info on Junior High: efcc.org/jh

For more info on High School: efcc.org/hsm

Care and Counseling Groups and Classes

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. Most support groups listed below are ongoing.

Grief
Grief Share Class
Tuesdays, 9/3-11/19

Emotional/Physical Support
Alzheimer's Support Group
Cancer Support Group
Chronic Illness Support Group
Hope on the Hard Road
Parkinson's Support Group
Umbrella Ministries

Addiction Support
Set Free Ministries

Relational Support
Marriage Classes
Wednesdays, 10/2-30

Pre-marital Classes
Thursdays, 9/19-10/10

Divorce Care
Mentoring

Wholeness
Family Grace Group
Living Grace Group

Scan or visit efcc.org/help for counseling or to find a support group. To contact our team email care@efcc.org or call (760) 781-2108.



Join an ABF

Adult Bible Fellowships are midsize groups where you can build meaningful relationships, learn about God and His work, and join together in prayer and service. These class groups meet on Sunday mornings.

Scan to find an ABF or visit efcc.org/classes



Find Your Place

Classes/Bible Studies



Groups



Help/Support



Upcoming events



Learn more at efcc.org

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

Kalani Jones — Passed away on Wednesday, July 24th. A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, August 17th, at 10am in the Worship Center.



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

Wayne Croteau, Elizabeth Donner, Ada Hull, Elaine Marshburn, Mike Maduras, and Nathan Morgan (6).

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Dolores (Dede) Hayes, Karen Hoerster, Betty Jensen, Clayton Jongetjes, Bonnie Lowe, Suz McDowell, Will McLennan, and Pedro Vargas.

In Hospice Care

Elizabeth Fredenburg, Guy Gibbs, Pam Munson, Jerold Schreiber, and Irene Ward.

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

Elizabeth Birch, Ginny Bowman, Ruby Chan*, Denise Dominguez, Bev Feiker, Bruce Gephart, Wally Goff, Terry Haynes, Cynthia Hoppas, Madison Jones*, Joseph Kelsch, Bill McAllister, Will McLennan, Thelma Monigold, 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.