

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for December 1, 2024

### Junior High Christmas Gift Boxes | Pick up your boxes today!

*Please return all wrapped and filled boxes by 4:30pm on Thurs., Dec. 12!*  
Share Jesus' love with others this Christmas via our annual Junior High Christmas Gift Box drive. Every year our church generously fills boxes with gifts to be delivered to children in Mexico. This is a great opportunity for us to share the gospel with kids and families. Pick up boxes (up to 5 per family) and instruction sheets this Sunday in the Worship Center or Chapel lobbies.

### Snowball Bash Updates: *Gifts Due Back Today / Volunteers Still Needed!*

The Snowball Bash — our annual Christmas party for foster and adoptive families — will take place again next Saturday, December 7, from 5-8pm at Emmanuel Faith. All gifts are due back today to the Snowball Bash tables in the Courtyard. Also, some volunteers are still needed for the event. If you can help, please sign up online at [efcc.org/snowball](https://efcc.org/snowball).

**December Prayer Night** | This Wednesday, December 4, 6:30pm, Chapel  
Come together with your church family on the first Wednesday in December for a focused night of prayer and praise. We hope to see you there!

### Newcomer Lunch | Sunday, December 8, 12:15pm, Café

If you're new, join us next Sunday for lunch. You'll hear from some of our pastors, elders and staff. Learn more about Emmanuel Faith and find ways you and your family can get connected. Register at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

### Christmas Concerts at Emmanuel Faith | December 13-15

This year's Christmas concert theme is *Hope for Everyone*. All concerts will feature music from the Gettys, Chris Tomlin, Rutter, and Handel as we celebrate God's story of hope from Genesis to Revelation. Concert invitations are available at church but are not required to attend a concert. Pick up some and invite a friend to attend with you. Concert times are as follows:

- Friday, December 13, 7pm;
- Saturday, December 14, 2pm & 5pm\*; and
- Sunday, December 15 at 2pm & 5pm

*\*A special program for kids birth-6th grade will be held at the Saturday, 5pm performance, and will include a time of cookie decorating. No children's programs are available for our other performances.*

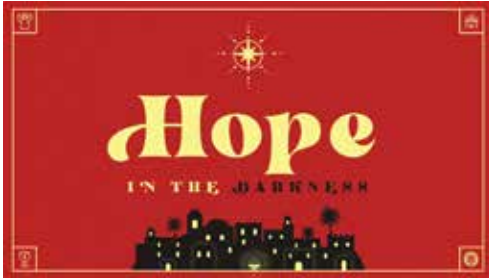
### EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry | Have a need? We're here to help!

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'd love to come alongside you. We can help with counseling, mentoring, or spiritual direction.



To take a next step, scan the QR code above, visit our webpage at [efcc.org/help](https://efcc.org/help), or email to [care@efcc.org](mailto:care@efcc.org) or call (760) 781-2108.

Emmanuel Faith Community Church  
Sunday, December 1, 2024



December 1, 2024  
**HOPE IN THE DARKNESS**  
**"Faithful in the Dark"**  
 Ruth 1:1-22  
 Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

Life's \_\_\_\_\_ are often when  
 God's grace \_\_\_\_\_.

- Hold onto \_\_\_\_\_ even when you feel \_\_\_\_\_.
- Extend \_\_\_\_\_ even when you feel \_\_\_\_\_.
- Look for \_\_\_\_\_ even when you feel \_\_\_\_\_.
- Name your \_\_\_\_\_ even when you feel \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't let \_\_\_\_\_ you,  
 pursue God with \_\_\_\_\_.

Helpful links: [efcc.org/sermons](http://efcc.org/sermons) | [efcc.org/devos](http://efcc.org/devos) | [efcc.org/podcasts](http://efcc.org/podcasts)

**NEW TO EFCC? Start Here!**

We'd Love to Get to Know You! | [efcc.org/connection](http://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](http://efcc.org/connect).



**CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS**

**FaithKids** | [efcc.org/kids](http://efcc.org/kids)

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

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

**Junior High & High School**

[efcc.org/jh](http://efcc.org/jh) | [efcc.org/hsm](http://efcc.org/hsm)

Sundays | 10:45am | Youth Center

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

**Young Adults** | [efcc.org/ya](http://efcc.org/ya)

Tuesdays (ages 18-25) | 7pm | Chapel

**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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## CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL FAITH



This season, join us to experience  
Hope in the Darkness and remember the  
birth of Christ, our ultimate Redeemer.

Who will you invite?

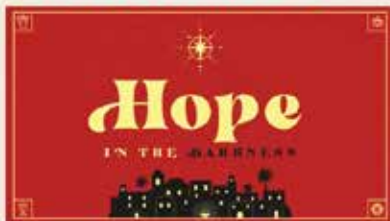
### Christmas Concerts



Friday, Dec. 13 | 7pm  
Saturday, Dec. 14 | 2pm & 5pm\*  
Sunday, Dec. 15 | 2pm & 5pm  
More info: [efcc.org/concert](http://efcc.org/concert)

Invitation cards are available, but no ticket is needed to attend.  
\*Special program for kids ages infant-6th grade at the Dec. 14,  
5pm performance. Includes cookie decorating!

### Christmas Eve



Tuesday, Dec. 24 | 1\*, 3\*, & 5pm  
More info: [efcc.org/christmas](http://efcc.org/christmas)

\*Childcare available for infant-5 years at the 1pm and 3pm  
services only.



HOPE IN THE DARKNESS



Want to make the holidays even more special?  
Find a place to volunteer or give a gift that  
makes a difference this Christmas!

### Snowball Bash

 Dec. 7, 5-8pm

Our annual event for the foster, adoptive, and  
kinship community. To volunteer, attend, or find  
out how to help provide presents, visit our booth  
in the Courtyard or go to [efcc.org/snowball](http://efcc.org/snowball).



### Junior High Gift Boxes

Help provide gifts for the kids of Tijuana by  
filling boxes with treats. Pick up boxes and  
instructions in the lobby or main office. Return  
by Thursday, December 12.



### Serve With a Team

Christmas provides a great opportunity for us  
to share the love of Jesus through our acts of  
service, welcoming smiles and warm welcomes.  
If you'd like to help make an impact this year,  
sign up for a team that's just right for you and  
your family!



### Year-End Giving

From support groups to special events,  
children's programs to weekly teaching, and  
everything in between, we're living in the way  
of Jesus with the heart of Jesus together on His  
mission. If you'd like to partner with us through  
a year-end gift, visit [efcc.org/give](http://efcc.org/give).



# EFCC Family News Update

*Sharing our family passings and prayer needs*

December 1, 2024

## Pray for Our Church Family

### Home With the Lord

*Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates*

**Donald Pitt** — A memorial service will be held for him on Thursday, December 5th, at 2pm in the Chapel.



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

Al & Pat Colton, Kim Gonzales, Diana Norlund, and Jack Wood.

### Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Karen Hoerster, Betty Jensen, Suz McDowell, Lil Mohler, Barbara Pillsbury, and Mary Strauss.

### In Hospice Care

Pam Munson, Jerold Schreiber, and Irene Ward.

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

Ginny Bowman, Ruby Chan\*, Rob Davidson, Denise Dominguez, Bruce Gephart, Wally Goff, Terry Haynes, Madison Jones\*, Will McLennan, Barbara Neely, Terry Ogden, Sylvia Rankin, Luanne Rishel, Debbie Roberts, Shirley Roireau, Virginia Sanderson, Connie Schacher, Ed Schacher, David Sebastian, Richard Sloan, Jen Smith, Patrick Stoker, Pamela Thacker, Donna Vuckovich, Mike Walker, and Keith Zander.