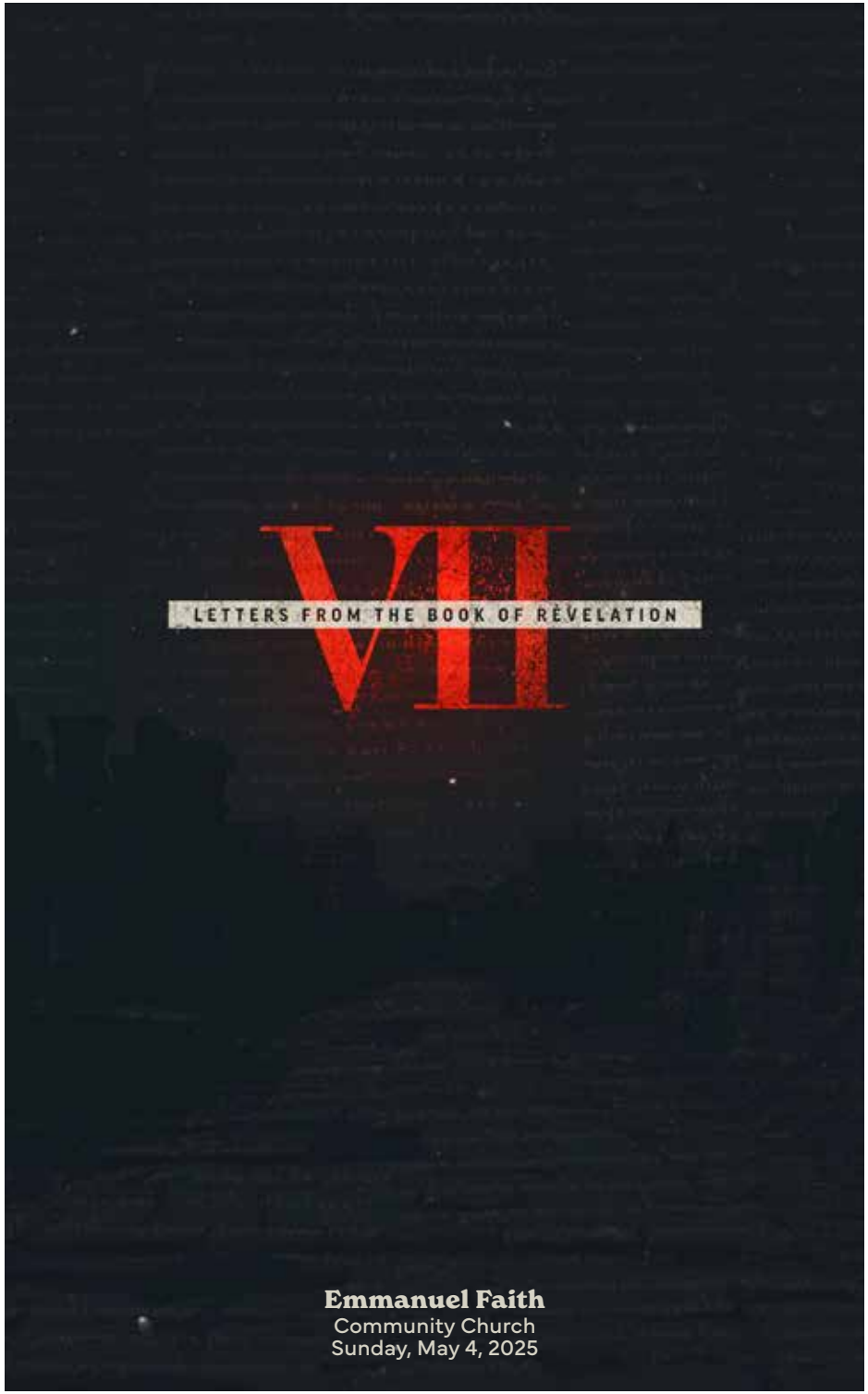

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for May 4, 2025

Parent Dedications Are Next Sunday
Dedication Class: Today, May 4, 10:45am, Children's Center
Dedications: Sunday, May 11, held in all worship services
Parent dedications provide a great opportunity for parents to stand before the Lord and the church as they commit themselves to raising their children to know and love Jesus. If you have little ones and would like to make this commitment and come forward to be recognized in the services on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, please attend the class this morning at the Children's Center during the 10:45am service.

Newcomer Lunch | Today, May 4, 12:15-1:30pm, Café
If you're new, join us today for lunch. You'll hear from some of our pastors, elders and staff. Learn more about Emmanuel Faith and find ways for you and your family to get connected here. Please come to the Café in the Courtyard right after the 10:45am service.

Worship Night | Wednesday, May 7, 6:30pm, Chapel
Life's busy. Worship doesn't have to be. Come spend an evening with us in prayer and worship — *simple, real, and centered on Jesus*. Invite a friend and join together with your church family this Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Learn more online at efcc.org/events.

Junior High & High School Summer Camp Scholarships
Thank you so much to everyone who has generously given or is planning to give to our Junior High and High School camp scholarship funds. Your generosity will provide an amazing camp experience for students who will meet Jesus in new and exciting ways. If you would like to give toward a scholarship, visit our website at efcc.org/give. Parents and students, if you haven't signed up for camp yet, now is the time and scholarships are available. Visit our website at efcc.org/camps for all the info and to register.

Make a Difference in a Child's Life This Summer | VBS Volunteers Needed!
Want to impact kids' lives this summer? Join our VBS volunteer team! You'll help create unforgettable experiences for kids both from EFCC and our community. There are opportunities to serve as small group guides, venue monitors, special needs buddies, or with setup and teardown. Step in, make a difference, and be part of something bigger! Visit efcc.org/events to sign up and help kids grow, learn, and experience God's love from July 21-25.

Annual Meeting Voting Results | From the Sunday, April 27 Meeting
Thank you to everyone who came and participated in our Annual Meeting last Sunday, April 27. The following men were elected as new Elders at the meeting: Rich Bell, Rob Lomicka, Steve Nelson, Osvaldo Silveira d'Avila, and Kenny Winter. The following people were elected to the Nominating Committee: Nancy Lane, Emmet Lee and Ron Peet. Thanks again!

See more announcements, the Outreach update, sermon notes, and more on the following pages in this worship guide, or via our App, or visit www.efcc.org.

Announcements Continued ...

EFCC's Interest-free College Loan Program | Application open until May 30!
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. Student applicants will be considered based on church involvement, school and community activities, and GPA. The application period for the 2025-2026 school year for new or re-applying applicants ends on Friday, May 30. Visit our website to apply online at efcc.org/events.

Visit the Emmanuel Faith Church Library
Open Sundays, 8am–12:30pm, and weekdays, 8:30am–5pm, Mon.-Fri.
Or visit us online at efcc.org/library
Have you visited our church library? It's located on the front side of the Family Center (Gym) — just look for the signs. Plan a visit the next time you're at church. The library is open Sunday mornings, and each weekday when the church office is open (even on Fridays). Or search for a book online.

Looking for "Family News" Information?
Find it via our App, weekly email or online worship guide (at efcc.org)
Each week, to better pray for the needs of our congregation, our Family News Update includes the names of church family members who have passed away, pending memorial services information, and a list of those in the hospital, recovering from an illness, or fighting cancer. You can find this list on our App under "Worship Guide", on the website Sermons page (click the Worship Guide link in any message), or subscribe to our weekly email (a link is included in the email).

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'd love to come alongside you. We can help with counseling, mentoring, or spiritual direction. To take a next step, scan the QR code, visit our webpage via the link above, email us at *care@efcc.org* or call (760) 781-2108. Consider our upcoming grief support workshop.

Infertility Support Group
Do you long to have a child but struggle with infertility? Do you have questions about how to approach IVF from a Christian perspective? You are not alone. If you would like to be connected to other couples who have experienced similar challenges, please contact Care & Counseling at *care@efcc.org*. We would love to come alongside you on your journey.

See more information on back ...

May 4, 2025
VII: LETTERS TO THE CHURCH
A Letter to Hurting People
Revelation 2:8-11
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

Jesus doesn't promise _____;

he _____ us for _____.

- He _____ your _____.
- He _____ your _____.
- He _____ to the _____.
- He _____ your _____.

Jesus doesn't always _____,

but he always _____.

If you have questions you'd like Pastor Ryan to answer, please send them to questions@efcc.org. He and Pastor Josh Rose will answer them via our ongoing Vitalogy Podcast. Other **helpful links:** efcc.org/sermons | efcc.org/devos

Additional sermon notes ...

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.

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

Children | 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 | 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 | 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

Emmanuel Faith

www.efcc.org
(760) 745-2541 | welcome@efcc.org
639 E. 17th Ave., Escondido, CA 92025
EFCC Open Wi-Fi Password: John3:16

EMMANUEL FAITH preschool AND INFANT & TODDLER CENTER

www.emmanuelfaithpreschool.org
(760) 781-2260 | preschool@efcc.org
639 E. 17th Ave., Escondido, CA 92025
Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)

Global Spotlight: Chad

The central African state of Chad is a jigsaw of 150 different ethnic groups. Drought, civil conflict, distance from the sea and poor infrastructure make it one of the world's poorest countries. Subsistence farming is the main occupation. Chad's population of 15 million is growing fast; 47% of the population were under 15 in 2018. Chad also hosts 400,000 refugees from conflicts in Darfur and the Central African Republic. Chad has an open door to Christian missions, even though it is a majority-Muslim nation.

Luke and Laura Ardill are missionaries in Chad. Laura is involved in the Acacia ministry, which helps vulnerable women through skills training, Bible studies, and trauma healing. Luke works at a small health center and seeks to promote community health training and rural health trips to remote areas.

Morgan H. is discipling Muslim women in Chad who have limited access to the gospel, offering support both before and after their conversion. She also collaborates with and equips the local church through visiting ministry, Bible study, and initiatives focused on women's livelihood development. Morgan is currently on home assignment. Email *outreach@efcc.org* if you'd like to be connected to hear more about her ministry.

Prayers for Chad:

* Pray for the Christian community (38% of the nation) as it grows in a soil of poverty and animism.
* Pray for the leaders of the nation as it struggles with insurgency, corruption and great need.
* Pray for Chad's women who can expect to give birth to five or six children if they survive their child bearing years, and whose life expectancy is just 55.

Supporting gospel initiatives around the world is made possible by your generosity.
Scan the QR code to donate to the Outreach Fund.

LOVE ESCO

Mission Middle School Hygiene Kit Drive

Help support middle school students by donating necessary hygiene items. Shop at your favorite store and drop off at the Emmanuel Faith office, or ship directly via the registry below. All donations are needed by May 30th.

Axe Body Spray

Body Wipes

Deodorant

Bandaids

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Feminine Products

Combs

Scan the QR code to shop the registry
Visit loveesco.org for upcoming projects

EFCC Family News Update

Sharing our family passings and prayer needs

May 4, 2025

Pray for Our Church Family

Home With the Lord

Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates

Marilyn Segraves — Passed away on Friday, April 11. A memorial service is not being planned at this time.

Teri Holden Fox — A memorial service will be held for her on Friday, May 9th, at 3pm in the Chapel.

Ann McQuead — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, May 10th, at 11am in the Chapel.

Johanna Hilton — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, May 17th, at 1pm in the Chapel.

Walt Johnson — A memorial service will be held for him on Friday, June 20th, at 1pm in the Chapel.

Janice Thompson — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, July 12th, at 2pm in the Chapel.

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

Pam Irwin and Kara Torrez.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Millie Borden, Craig Bottger, Don Brackmann, Suz McDowell, Kerry Ross, Rose Scrydloff, Barbara Tucker, and Jack Wood.

In Hospice Care

Irene Ward

EFCC Family News Update

(Continued)

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

Ginny Bowman, Don Brackmann, Bob Davidson II, Bruce Gephart, Wally Goff, Terry Haynes, Pam Irwin, Madison Jones*, Will McLennan, Thelma Monigold, Sylvia Rankin, Luanne Rishel, Debbie Roberts, Shirley Roireau, Virginia Sanderson, Richard Sloan, Jen Smith, Patrick Stoker, Pamela Thacker, Mike Walker, and Susi Williamson.