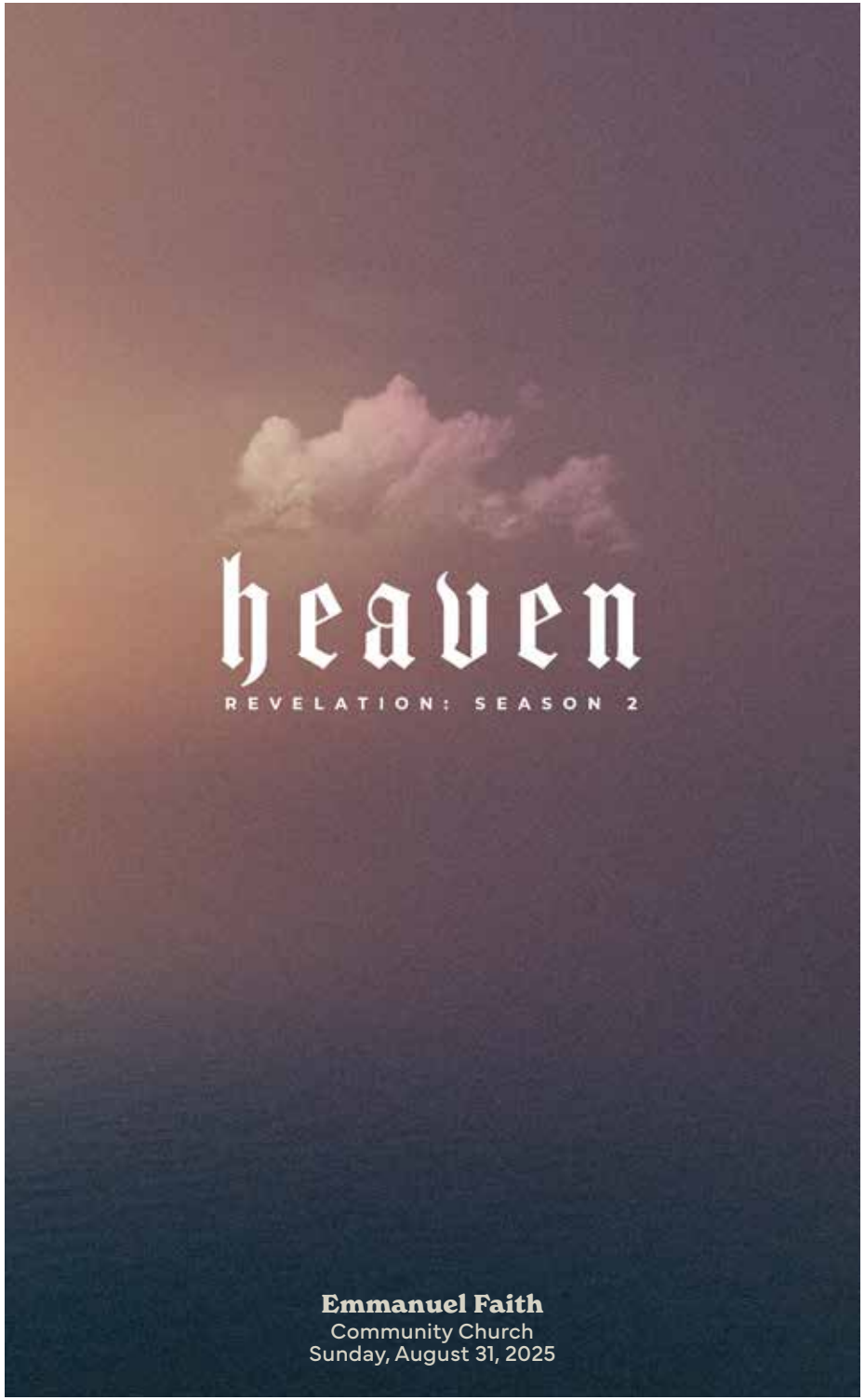

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for August 31, 2025

Care & Counseling Classes Happening This Fall | efcc.org/events

GriefShare: *Tuesdays, Sept. 2 – Nov. 18, 6:30pm, Chapel downstairs*
This group is a safe and welcoming space for people who are grieving the loss of someone close. Cost is $25 per person. You may register online.

Freedom in Christ: *Thursdays, Sept. 4 – Nov. 20, 6:30pm, Ed. Center, Rm. 21/22*
In this class, come and discover a renewed foundation for personal growth. Recommended for those discipling or already leading others, or who want to facilitate future groups. Cost is $25 and online registration is available.

Divorce Care: *Wednesdays, Sept. 10 – Dec. 17, 6:30pm, Ed. Center, Rm. 23/24*
Join this safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from a separation or divorce. Cost is $20 per person. Sign up online.

Heaven Seminar | Wednesday, September 3, 6:30pm, Chapel
Over the last few weeks, we've had several questions about what happens to people after they die. Questions like what's the difference between Heaven and New Creation? What's the difference between Hades and Hell? Are people conscious after they die? If you've wondered about these questions, or others like them, don't miss Pastor Ryan's upcoming seminar and Q&A.

KidsClubs and Youth Programs Set to Resume for the Fall
Starts Wednesday, September 3, 6:30-8pm; register at efcc.org/kids
Our 2025-2026 season kicks off September 3 and runs through May (with holiday breaks). Registration is required. Childcare is available for younger children of those attending studies and classes. Wednesday night programs also begin for our Junior High and High Schoolers (no registration is required).

Fall Apologetics Class | Thursdays, September 4 – October 9
6:30-8pm, Ed. Center, Room 24; for more info: efcc.org/events
Want to have confident faith in a doubting world? When questions come, you want to be ready, and our upcoming Apologetics class will equip you with clear answers and fresh insights. Join Steve Bruecker and Gary Zacharias on Thursdays this fall. No registration is needed.

Newcomer Lunch | Sunday, September 7, 12:15-1:30pm, Café
If you're new to our church, join us Sunday, September 7, 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 RSVP for the lunch online at efcc.org/events.

Life on Mission (LOM) Summer Celebration | Sunday, September 7
6:30-8:30pm, Chapel downstairs; register at efcc.org/events
Have you heard about all the exciting ways our church family has been living on mission in our community and around the world this summer? Let's come together to hear powerful mission trip stories, get local outreach updates, and discover your next step in God's mission. Plus, enjoy ice cream together!

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 ...

MomCo Begins Soon — *a Group for Moms of ALL Ages at Emmanuel Faith*
Wednesdays, Sept. 10 – Dec. 10, 6:30-8pm, Ed. Center, Room 22
Join MomCo this fall and connect with other mothers who understand your world, as we share life, encourage each other, and grow together. Moms of all ages and stages are welcome. **Childcare will be provided** through our Wednesday night KidsClub programs. Register for both MomCo — the cost is $50 for the fall session — and childcare at efcc.org/events.

Men's Fall Breakfast | Saturday, September 13, 8-10am, Family Center (Gym)
Men, come join us for a time of food, fellowship, discipleship, and spiritual growth at our Fall Breakfast. We'll hear from Chuck Price, Senior Police Chaplain for the San Diego Police Dept., and Executive Director of WIXIM Ministries. The breakfast cost is S10 per person (adults 14+), $5 for those 13 and under, or $25 max per family. Register online at efcc.org/events.

Care Team Informational Meeting | Sunday, Sept. 14, 10am, Ed. Center, Rm. 20
We have regular opportunities to minister to others through our Visitation Team, Congregational Care Support Team, and Senior Adult Support Team. We'd love to reach even more church family members and could really use your help! Come learn more at this "no obligation" meeting on September 14.

Emmanuel Faith Membership Class | Two Sundays, September 21 & 28
9-10:30am, Education Center, Room 21
Membership is a spiritual discipline of publicly committing to a local body of believers for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God together. This two-part class will walk you through our Statement of Faith and Membership Covenant so you'll be ready to officially apply for membership. Register online at efcc.org/events or contact us at *welcome@efcc.org*.

Year-to-Date Giving Update to Emmanuel Faith (April through July 2025)
Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our church! Any financial gifts can be given in person at church, online at efcc.org/give or via our App.

Church Fund	Actual Given	Budgeted	Difference (+/-)
General	$1,781,086	$1,680,000	+$101,086
Outreach	$218,150	$240,000	*-$21,850*

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. We have many new groups and classes starting this fall.

August 31, 2025
HEAVEN
(Un)Ordinary Witness
Revelation 11:1-19
Jeremy Johnson, Executive Pastor

MAIN POINT:

God gives us a glimpse of His kingdom to give the hope we need to continue in His mission.

- You are _____, _____, and _____ by God. (Rev. 11:1-2; Psa. 91:1-2; John 10:28)
- Faithfulness may be _____, but _____ sustains (Rev. 11:3-12; John 15:18-20; 2 Tim. 3:12; Rom. 8:11)
- Christ's _____ is declared, so live like _____ today. (Rev. 11:13-15; Psa. 2:1-6; Phil. 2:10-11)

OUR MISSION:

- Live now as _____, _____ by by His Spirit, _____ in His promises. (Rev. 11:16-19; Acts 1:8; Matt. 5:14-16; Heb. 10:23)

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 ...

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 | Youth Center, Young Adults Rm. (2nd Flr.)
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)

Summer Missions Celebration!

Let's celebrate what God has done through EFCC's mission teams this summer! Join us Sunday, September 7th from 6:30-8pm in the Downstairs Chapel for an evening of stories, photos, testimonies, and sweet reunions with an opportunity to share how you've been living on mission. To top off the evening, ice cream will be served!

Scan the QR code to RSVP

LOVE ESCO

Prep Grapes for the Grape Day Festival
Help us carry on a beloved Grape Day Festival tradition—sharing fresh grapes with the community! Wash, de-stem and portion grapes into individual snack-size baggies for festival attendees.
Shifts available September 11th and 12th.

Set-Up or Tear Down for the Grape Day Festival
The set up crew will assist with setting up pop-up canopies, tables, and other event items, and the tear-down team will pack it all up when the event ends.
September 13th Set-Up from 10am-12pm and Tear-Down from 5-7pm.

Shrub Club with Escondido Creek Conservancy
Join us for a morning of hands-on environmental stewardship as we care for local open spaces that the Conservancy owns or manages.
September 13th, 8-11am.

Scan the QR code for details on each project and to register to volunteer:

Family Strong Respite Night

Saturday, September 20th from 4-7pm

Volunteers ages 15+ are needed to provide childcare for the upcoming Family Strong respite night. Let's create a fun and safe environment for children to play while their parents and caretakers get a night out! Scan the QR code to register to volunteer:

About Family Strong
We believe in the importance of families. Many children worldwide face abuse and neglect, so our ministry aims to protect them by promoting resilient families. We advocate for family preservation, restoration, and expanding the definition of family.

Care Communities
Teams of 6-8 volunteers act as an extended family to support a foster family by providing meals, practical needs, mentoring, tutoring, and prayers.

Family Support and Celebration
We creatively support local families through a variety of initiatives, including parties, parent support, special outings, trauma-informed training, and more.

Host Families
Volunteer Hosts open their homes to children whose parents are experiencing a short-term emergency or longer-term crisis, providing a positive alternative to the state child welfare system.

Get Connected
Scan the QR code to join our mailing list to learn about upcoming events and opportunities.

EFCC Family News Update

Sharing our family passings and prayer needs

August 31, 2025

Pray for Our Church Family

Home With the Lord

Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates

Janie Laetare — Passed away recently in Las Vegas, NV, where she had moved to be cared for by her family. Please pray for them at this time.

Ginny Bowman — Passed away recently. Please pray for her family at this time.

Kathy Gifford — Passed away recently. Prayers for the family are appreciated at this time.

Barbara Davis — Passed away recently. Her family (Earl and Jenny Cole) would appreciate your prayers at this time.

Michelle Johnson — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, September 6th, at 2pm in the Chapel.

Susi Williamson — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, September 13th, at 1pm in the Chapel.

Hal Needham — A memorial service will be held for him on Friday, September 19th, at 1pm in the Chapel.

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

Don King, Barbara Pillsbury, Jordan Pitt, Ron Sutliff, and Kara Torrez.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Joyce Blankenship, Craig Bottger, Rod Card, Pam Irwin, Suz McDowell, Barry Miller, Linda Nolan, Virginia Smith, Delores Thweatt, Larry Thweatt, and Marilyn Turner.

In Hospice Care

None.

EFCC Family News Update

(Continued)

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

Bob Davidson II, Bruce Gephart, Wally Goff, Pam Irwin, Madison Jones*, Will McLennan, Thelma Monigold, Eligio Moreno, Sylvia Rankin, Luanne Rishel, Debbie Roberts, Shirley Roireau, Virginia Sanderson, Richard Sloan, Jen Smith, Patrick Stoker, Pamela Thacker, Barbara Tucker, Silvia Vargas, Mike Walker, and Gary Williamson.