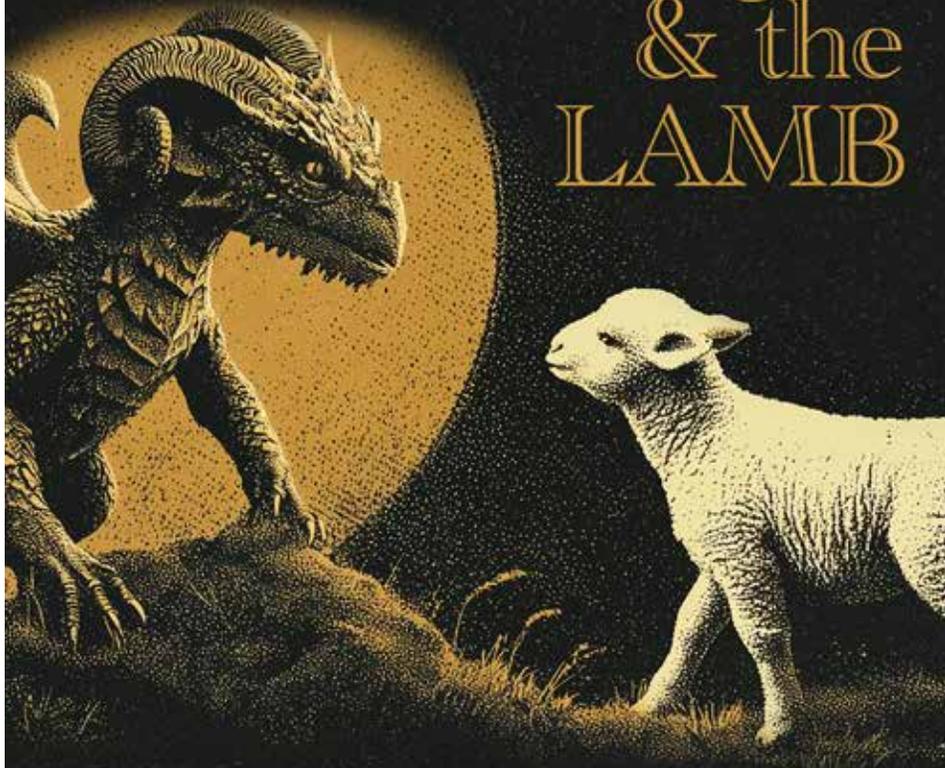


the Dragon & the LAMB



"And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, 'Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!'"
Revelation 15:3

Emmanuel Faith
Community Church
Sunday, September 7, 2025

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for September 7, 2025

Newcomer Lunch | This Sunday, September 7, 12:15-1:30pm, Café
If you're new to our church, come and join us today for lunch in our on-campus Café located in the Courtyard. 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.

Life on Mission (LOM) Summer Celebration | This Sun., Sept. 7, 6:30-8:30pm
Join us in the Chapel downstairs; register at efcc.org/events
Have you heard of all the exciting ways our church family has been living on mission in our community and around the world this summer? You're invited to hear some powerful mission trip stories, get local outreach updates, and discover your next step in God's mission. Plus, we'll enjoy ice cream together.

Divorce Care Fall Session | Wednesdays, September 10 – December 17
6:30-8pm, Education Center, Room 23/24
Please join us for our fall Divorce Care series, which is a safe space where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. During this 14-week video-based support group program, you'll find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and gain practical tools for decision-making. The class cost is \$20 per person and includes a workbook. Register online at efcc.org/help.

Some Highlights Coming This Fall for Women ...

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 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.

Women's Bible Study: Book of Isaiah, Thursdays, Begins September 11
9:30am – Noon, Chapel downstairs
Contact: Judy Dunn: (916) 747-0036, or janndunn@sbcglobal.net
Don't miss our study of this exciting Old Testament book. It's not too late to sign up and join us. Contact Judy to learn more or visit efcc.org/classes.

Women's Retreat (at Emmanuel Faith) | Save the Dates! November 7-8
All women are invited to join us for this Friday evening to Saturday morning/afternoon retreat time. More details to come and information will be available soon on our website at efcc.org/events.

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 ...

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 \$10 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, September 14
10am, Education Center, Room 20

Want to make a difference? Our Congregational Support, Visitation, and Senior Adult Teams care for those in our church family who need encouragement and prayer. If you've ever wanted to serve in a simple, meaningful way, join us for a no-obligation, informational meeting next Sunday morning, 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.

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. Please consider this group which starts again soon.

God's Waiting Room (Prayer Group) | 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:00-8:30pm
Youth Center Lounge (upstairs) | Contact: 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 away from following the Lord. Contact Andrea or Toni for more details. This group resumes for the fall on Thursday, September 11.

See more information on back ...



September 7, 2025
THE DRAGON & THE LAMB
Re-Envisioning History
Revelation 12:1-17
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

Unless you see the _____,

you'll never step into _____.

The devil's tactics:

The believer's defense:





Don't _____ through the _____,

_____ in the _____!

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

Be the Story That Changes a Life

Become a Reading Mentor for Local Elementary Students

Did you know that children who are read to regularly are better prepared to succeed in school and life?

In fact:

- Kids who can't read well by third grade are four times more likely to drop out.
- But just 30 minutes a week with a caring adult can change that—building confidence, skills, and a path to a better future.

That's where you come in.

We're partnering with a national organization that equips volunteers to become reading mentors. They provide the training and materials—**we provide the caring adults.** This is our chance to show up for kids in our community, one story at a time.

You don't have to be a teacher or expert—just someone who believes in the power of words and the value of showing up.



Join us to learn more and explore how you can be part of this impactful work.

Be the voice they remember long after the story ends.



Mission Possible: VBS Kids Made It Happen!



This summer our VBS kids were challenged to raise \$10,000 to build a school for children in the Turkana tribe in Lodwar, Kenya. They rose to the challenge bringing in all their pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. A couple groups of kids even did lemonade stands and donated the proceeds to the cause!

Huge shout out to our kiddos for making this project a success!



Next month, we're sending a storytelling team to capture the testimonies of leaders serving among the Turkana. The team will begin at Lifeway Global headquarters, then travel to villages in Lodwar to witness firsthand how the Lord is moving. Along the way,

they'll capture stories to encourage your faith and highlight disciple-making methods that inspire.

Email outreach@efcc.org if you'd like to be part of the team.

Mission trips are made possible thanks to your generosity. Scan the QR code to donate to fall mission trips.



EFCC Family News Update

Sharing our family passings and prayer needs

September 7, 2025

Pray for Our Church Family

Home With the Lord

Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates

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, Pam Irwin, Barry Miller, Linda Nolan, Delores Thweatt, and Larry Thweatt.

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.