



CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for December 7, 2025

Christmas Concerts Are Coming Soon | Sat./Sun., Dec. 13/14 | 2 & 5pm

You're invited to come and celebrate the sounds of Christmas with us! Our annual Emmanuel Faith Christmas Choir & Orchestra concerts will feature choirs, carols, bells, and the voices of children. Pick up some concert invitations this Sunday and invite a family member, friend or neighbor to join you. You can find all of the concert information online at efcc.org/concert.

Junior High Christmas Gift Boxes | Pick up boxes today!

Please return all wrapped and filled boxes by 4:30pm on Thursday, December 11.

Share Jesus' love with others this Christmas via our annual Junior High Christmas gift boxes drive. Every year our church generously fills boxes with gifts and treats to be delivered to children through Mt. Horeb Baptist Church in Mexico. This is a great opportunity for us to share the gospel with the kids and their families. Pick up your boxes and instruction sheets this Sunday in the Courtyard or at the church's Main Office during the week.

Kids and Youth 2026 Winter Camps Are Almost Here!

Winter camp season is drawing near! The cost to attend any of our 2026 winter camps is only \$195 per student. High School Winter Camp will be held from January 23-25 at Camp Maranatha in Idyllwild. Our Elementary students (3rd-5th graders) will head to Camp Cedar Glen in Julian from February 6-8. And Junior High (Middle School) Winter Camp (6th-8th graders) will be held from March 6-8 at Whispering Winds Camp, also in Julian. Registration for all three camps is now open online at efcc.org/events.

Simply December Devotions Booklet Available

Are you looking for a great way to focus on the real meaning of Christmas this year? Pick up a copy of this 25-day devotional to help prepare your heart for the season. The devo offers readings and helpful tools which are perfect for families, individuals, or as gifts. Pick up your copy for a suggested donation of \$5 in the Worship Center lobby. All proceeds will go toward the Beyond Fund. Through November 30, almost \$1,300 has been raised via donations.

Join the Crew That Makes Our Church Shine

Contact: Randy Carter, rcarter@efcc.org or (760) 781-2147

For decades, dedicated volunteers at EFCC have quietly blessed our church family by caring for our campus. Today, that faithful team has become just a handful — and it's time to rebuild it. If you're looking for a simple, meaningful way to serve, we'd love to have you join our refreshed cleaning crew.

You don't need special skills or lots of time — just a willing heart. We're expanding beyond Tuesday mornings and creating flexible opportunities for anyone who wants to help, no matter your schedule or limitations. Contact Randy via the contact info above to join the team.

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 ...

Have You Visited Our Holy Grounds Cafe Recently?

Open Sundays, from 8-11am, located in the Courtyard

Our on-campus Cafe is open on Sunday mornings and serves breakfast fare, including "half" or "full" breakfast options, breakfast burritos and sandwiches, donuts, pastries, cereal, coffee, and other beverages. Stop by before or after the 9am service for great food and/or a chance to just hang out. You can even watch the worship service (the Cafe is open during the 1st and 2nd services).

More REST Journals Are Here: A Way to Make More Time for Jesus

Our latest *REST Journals* are available! If you're in need of a new journal, or haven't picked up one before now, they're available again at church. This 90-page journal is a simple tool you can utilize for your daily time in the Scriptures. It includes a guide for weekly prayer and a framework for living on mission with the Lord. *REST Journals* will be available at church again this Sunday for a suggested donation of \$8 each.

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 above, visit our webpage via the link above, email us at care@efcc.org or call (760) 781-2108. Here's two of the many support arms we offer ...

Infertility Support Group | Contact: care@efcc.org or (760) 781-2108

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're not alone. If you'd like to be connected to other couples who have experienced similar challenges, please contact Care & Counseling. We'd love to come alongside you on your journey.

Umbrella Ministries | Meets monthly on a Saturday,
in The Crosby Estates, San Diego 10am-Noon
Contact: Janice Rosenkranz, jrosenkranz@gmail.com

Are you a mom who has lost a child? You're not alone. Come join us for our monthly meeting and find love, care, grace, and support. We want to walk this journey along with you.

See more information on back ...



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THE JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS
An Inconvenient Journey
Luke 2:1-7
Ryan Lunde, High School Pastor

What does the journey through uncertain times require?

Faith in God's _____ & _____:

- ① ... means we're willing to go down inconvenient _____.
- ② ... can sometimes look like _____.
- ③ ... often looks like _____ to earthly authorities.
 - a. This is not agreeing with or condoning their _____.
 - b. This is done only because it pleases _____.
- ④ ... is trusting that his reign, while at times _____, is never _____.

Belief in Ourselves: The God of armies arrives when _____ for him.

Faith in God: The Prince of Peace arrives on _____ terms.

Faith is the only thing that survives the _____.

God will accomplish his _____ promises through completely _____ plans and people.

- Have you _____ his promises?
- Are you demanding to _____ his plans?

This sermon outline continues on the back side of this sheet.

Additional sermon notes ...

Faith and obedience along the _____
require that we trust in Jesus' _____.

Rest Easy Prayer: Jesus, I _____ you're _____
already — even if I don't see it yet!

Helpful links: efcc.org/sermons | efcc.org/devos | efcc.org/podcasts

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



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Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)

We See You San Diego

We See You San Diego is a nonprofit that takes a different approach to seeing men and women leave chronic homelessness and addiction behind. Two things that often don't go together are people who live on the streets and a lavish dinner party. But every Thursday, families and individuals from all over Escondido come together to host a party for people who live on the streets.

Through the weekly gathering, relationships are established and trust is built. Every week an invitation and an offer is extended for guests to consider. That invitation is an individualized pathway out of homelessness and addiction which includes inpatient medical detox, a residential recovery program that best meets their needs, sober living sponsorships, and supportive community throughout their entire recovery journey as they transition back into healthy independent living.



We're so excited that We See You moved into the neighborhood! A small team from Emmanuel Faith have already started volunteering at the weekly dinners. There's always room for more at the table. Here are some practical ways to join the dinner party:



DONATE: The temperatures are dropping and dinner guests are in need of warm blankets and sleeping bags. **Bring in new or (clean) used items to the front office by Sunday, December 14th.**

PARTY: We're sponsoring dinner on Thursday, December 10th. Join the party and volunteer with us! There are roles for all ages and even places for introverts.

Email outreach@efcc.org to volunteer.

Egypt Mission Trip Highlights

The team had the privilege of joining in the ongoing ministries and witnessing kingdom work in the Middle East. Highlights include:

- Giving an encouraging message at a women's event
- Leading songs and games at a children's event
- Witnessing Yemeni men and women take the step of baptism
- Sharing the gospel at an event for Sudanese refugees
- Making home visits to special needs families
- Gifting wheelchairs to those in need



Come hear from the team, details about these ministries and more following the 10:45am service today in the Cafe, and learn about 2026 mission trip opportunities.



Your generosity to the Outreach fund makes trips like these possible. Scan the QR code to donate.



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

Dr. Robert (Bob) Peacock — A memorial service will be held for him on Friday, December 5th, at 2pm in the Chapel.



Jean Casperson — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, December 20, at 1pm in the Chapel.

Ron Borders — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, January 10, at 1pm in the Chapel.

Gary Coleman — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, January 17, at 10am in the Chapel.

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

Bob McQuead, Bob Moberly, and Ron Strubhar.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Joyce Blankenship, Shirley Elmore, Pam Irwin, Carmen M., Barry Miller, Lilian Mohler, Linda Nolan, Vanessa O., Ron Sutliff, Kara Torrez, and Kenny Winter.

In Hospice Care

Pamela Thacker and Barbara Tucker.

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

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