



CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for December 14, 2025

Christmas Concerts Are Here | Today, 2 & 5pm, Worship Center

You're invited to come and celebrate the sounds of Christmas with us! Our annual Emmanuel Faith Christmas Choir & Orchestra concerts feature choirs, carols, bells, and the voices of children. Invite a family member, friend or neighbor to join you. You can find all of the concert information online at efcc.org/concert. Please note that we will not hold our usual Sunday night service on December 14 (consider attending the 5pm concert instead).

Christmas Eve Services | Wednesday, December 24, 1*, 3*, and 5pm

Celebrate Christmas Eve with us! Catch an encouraging message about the hope we have in Jesus. Pick up some business card-sized invites at church and invite a friend or neighbor to attend with you. *Children's programs for infants to five-year-olds will be available at 1 and 3pm. efcc.org/christmas

2025 Year-end Giving Reminder | efcc.org/give

Contact: Lori Pierce, lap@efcc.org, (760) 781-2114



Any contributions you wish to claim as a deduction on your 2025 income taxes must be given in the offering on Sunday mornings (up to December 28), brought to the church office by 4pm on Wednesday, December 31 (can be left in the mailbox outside the north entrance to the main office), or postmarked by December 31, 2025. Please visit efcc.org/give for more online giving info, to give a gift, or just scan the QR code above.

Year-end donor giving statements will be emailed (and mailed out to those who do not have an email address) to those who have given to Emmanuel Faith in 2025. If you have changed your email address or moved in the past year, please provide us with your updated contact information (use a Communication Card or contact us via the information listed above).

Upcoming Church Holidays & Program Schedule | December 24 – January 1

Please note that the church office and campus will be closed on Thursday, December 25, through Saturday, December 27. The office will also be closed the following week from Monday, December 29, through Thursday, January 1 (some staff will be on campus on Friday, January 2, per our normal schedule). Wednesday night kids clubs and youth group meetings will not be held on Wednesday, December 24 or 31. In addition, our Gym sports (such as basketball) will not be held during the holiday closure periods.

Simply December Devotions Booklet | Limited Copies Still Available

Are you looking for a great way to focus on the real meaning of Christmas this year? Pick up a copy of this devotional to help prepare your heart for the season. The booklet offers readings and helpful tools that 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 December 7, over \$1,700 has been raised via donations.

See more announcements, the next three-month calendar, sermon notes, and more on the following pages in this worship guide, or via our App, or visit www.efcc.org.

Announcements Continued ...

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.

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).

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. Consider this upcoming class ...



Good Boundaries and Goodbyes Class | Wednesdays, Jan. 7 to Feb. 25
6:30-8:15pm, Education Center, Room 23/24
Contact: care@efcc.org or (760) 781-2108

Good Boundaries and Goodbyes is an eight-week book/video series by Lysa Terkeurst that will guide you on your journey toward creating and maintaining healthy boundaries. This class will encourage you to "let your yes be yes and your no be no" (Matthew 5:37). The class cost is \$15 per person for the course book. Online registration is available on our website at efcc.org/events. Or for more information, please email to care@efcc.org, or call (760) 781-2108.

See more information on back ...



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THE JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS

Leaving the Field

Luke 2:8-20

Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

_____ is what brings

_____.

•The _____ of fear is _____.

•The _____ of exclusion is _____.

•The _____ of God is _____.

•The _____ on our lives is _____.

Christmas isn't just the story of _____;

it's the story of _____.

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



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EFCC Open Wi-Fi Password: John3:16



www.emmanuelfaithpreschool.org

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



➔ JANUARY 2026

- 01 New Year's Day - Campus Closed
- 04 Wednesday Programs Resume
- 07 Prayer Night
- 11 Newcomer Lunch
- 19 MLK Day - Campus Closed
- 23-25 High School Winter Camp
- 25 Quarterly Meeting
- 28 [Connect Groups Start!](#)
- 31 Men's Breakfast

efcc.org/events

➔ FEBRUARY

It's Love Esco month! Let's come together throughout February for projects that show care for our neighbors through simple acts of kindness.

- 01-28 Connect Groups Continue!
- 06-08 Elementary Winter Camp
- 07 [LOVE ESCO DAY](#)
- 16 Presidents' Day - Campus Closed

➔ MARCH

- 06-08 Junior High Winter Camp
- 08 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 15 Baptism Class
- 18 Follow Celebration
- 21 Rend Collective Concert
- 22 Baptisms
- 28 Church-Wide Clean-Up Day
- 29 Palm Sunday

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

Bruce Marshburn — Passed away in late October. Please pray for his wife, Shellie, and the Marshburn family at this time.

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.

Chester & Marjorie Scheltema — A memorial service will be held for them on Saturday, February 7, at 1pm in the Chapel.



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

Bob Moberly, Jim Munson, Ron Strubhar, and Kenny Winter.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Joyce Blankenship, Shirley Elmore, Pam Irwin, Bob McQuead, Barry Miller, Lilian Mohler, Linda Nolan, Vanessa O., Ron Sutliff, and Kara Torrez.

In Hospice Care

Barbara Pillsbury, 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, Thelma Monigold, Eligio Moreno, Sylvia Rankin, Luanne Rishel, Shirley Roireau, Virginia Sanderson, Pamela Thacker, Barbara Tucker, Silvia Vargas, Nancy Wilson, and Gary Williamson.