



December 28, 2025
THE JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS
Jesus to Egypt
Matthew 2:13-23
Dr. John Riley, Junior High Pastor

_____! (v. 13)

When God tells you _____, _____! (v. 14)

Christ followers usually _____ based
on _____. (Isaiah 30:21)

Jesus is not just a threat to our lordship; he _____! (v. 16)

_____ (v. 18)

We can be _____, even _____,
for what we do, and that can be healthy, through _____.
(John 17:1-3)

Getting our _____ God. (John 17:4)

- Relationships
- Tasks accomplished

What is my _____ for getting
out of _____?

We hope you've enjoyed our Advent series, *The Journey of Christmas*. Looking ahead to 2026, we'll complete our recent Revelation series over the first three Sundays in January. We're praying for you all to have a blessed New Year!

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

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for December 28, 2025

Upcoming Church Holidays & Program Schedule | December 29 – January 1
EFCC's office and campus will be closed this next week through Thursday, January 1 (some staff may be on campus on Friday, January 2). Wednesday night Kids Clubs and youth group meetings will not be held on December 31. In addition, Gym sports (such as basketball) are also canceled.

Thank You for Your Generosity! | efcc.org/give

We're deeply thankful for the generosity of our church family this year. As we close out December, meeting our budget needs will help us begin the new year ready to serve and love our community well. December's General Fund budget goal is \$925,000. As of December 23, we have received \$460,691 toward our budgeted goal. Year-end gifts are accepted through Wednesday, December 31. You can give online via the QR code above, on our App, or mail in your gift (postmarked by December 31).



January Prayer Night | Wednesday, January 7, 6:30-8pm, Chapel

Let's ring in the New Year with prayer! Join us in the Chapel on Wednesday, January 7, to experience the power that comes when we come together in prayer. This night of prayer will begin a 21-day prayer focus at Emmanuel Faith. Those who attend will be provided with a special 21-day prayer guide.

Good Boundaries and Goodbyes Class | Wednesdays, January 7 to February 25
6:30-8:15pm, Ed. Center, Room 23/24 | 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 ("let your yes be yes, and your no be no"). The class cost is \$15 per person for the course book. You can register online at efcc.org/help.

Grief Support: Loss of a Spouse Workshop | Sat., Jan. 10, 9:30-11:30am
Chapel downstairs | Register online at efcc.org/help

At this workshop, you'll meet other people who understand and have found ways to begin again after losing a spouse. Discover reasons for hope and find practical tips for coping with the death of a spouse. The cost to attend is \$10.

Newcomer Lunch | Sunday, January 11, 12:15-1:30pm, Cafe

If you're new, we'd love to meet you at our next Newcomer Lunch. You'll enjoy lunch with some of the church's elders, pastors, and staff. You'll also have the opportunity to learn more about the church and ways you can connect. RSVP online at efcc.org/events for this free lunch.

Mom's Swap Event | Saturday, January 17, 10am – Noon, Chapel downstairs
Calling all moms! Let's come together for a "swap time." Bring any gently used items to "swap" with other moms. You'll also enjoy complimentary coffee and conversation. This event is just for moms (no kids please). This event is sponsored by Emmanuel Faith's MomCo group.

Announcements continue on the back page or see more online at efcc.org.

Announcements Continued ...

Kids and Youth 2026 Winter Camps Are Almost Here

The cost to attend any of our 2026 winter camps is only \$195 per student. High School 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. Camp registration is open online at efcc.org/events.

2025 Year-end Donor Statements | Contact: Lori Pierce, (760) 781-2114

In January, year-end donor giving statements will be emailed (and mailed to those without email) to donors 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).

CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

We have weekly programs for children and students through high school on Sundays and Wednesday nights. We also have programs for young adults (18-25) on Tuesday nights and week night groups that meet off campus. No groups will be meeting this week from December 29 – Thursday, January 1. Please visit our website to learn more about our kids, youth and young adult groups.

efcc.org/kids | efcc.org/jh | efcc.org/hsm | efcc.org/ya

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)

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

Richard Lawrence, Bruce Marshburn and **Jean Slaughter** all recently passed away.

Please pray for their families at this time.



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.

Barbara Pillsbury — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, January 24, at 2pm 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*)*

None.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Joyce Blankenship, Shirley Elmore, Pam Irwin, Bob McQuead, Barry Miller, Bob Moberly, Lilian Mohler, Linda Nolan, Vanessa O., Ron Strubhar, 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, Bev Feiker, 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.