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**Emmanuel Faith**  
Community Church  
Sunday, February 22, 2026

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for February 22, 2026

**Missions Garage Sale** | Donations taken: March 1-5; Sale dates: March 6 & 7  
Get ready for our 2026 Mission Trips Garage Sale! Items to be donated to the sale may be dropped off at the Family Center (Gym) from Sunday, March 1, to Thursday, March 5, from 9am to 6pm (Sunday to Tuesday). On Wednesday, March 4, drop-off times will occur from 3-8pm, and from 9am to 3pm on Thursday, March 5. The Sale will occur in our Gym on Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7, from 6am to 12:30pm. All proceeds from the sale will go toward our High School and Young Adults summer mission trips. Please visit [efcc.org/sale](http://efcc.org/sale) to learn more about items we're accepting and not accepting. *Note: We'll be accepting some clothing items this year.*

**Next Baptism Opportunity** | Sunday, March 8, at all services  
Attend the baptism prep class on Sunday, March 1 (after all services). Our next opportunity to celebrate baptisms during our worship services is coming soon. To be baptized, attend one of our info meetings on Sunday, March 1, following each morning worship service in the Garden Room near the main office front desk, or after the 5pm service in the Chapel Bride's Room. You may also sign up for the baptism online at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events).

**Host Families for European Students Needed for This Summer** | July 2-28  
*Host sign-ups needed by Sunday, March 1. Contact: Mary, (760) 532-5325*  
High school students from Spain and Andorra are coming to San Diego this July. You can spiritually impact a student by hosting, sharing your lives, and planting seeds for the gospel. Young Life Ministry of Spain invites unchurched students to experience American culture and attend a Young Life summer camp during part of that time from July 17-22. We're seeking 20 host families this year. Sign-ups are needed by Sunday, March 1. To learn more or to sign up to be a host, contact Mary Schuhler or visit [efcc.org/hosting](http://efcc.org/hosting).

**Spring Apologetics Class Will Begin Soon** | Thursdays, March 12 – April 23  
*6:30-8pm, Education Center, Room 23 (second floor)*  
We hear today of people who have "deconstructed" their Christian faith. What does that mean? What can we say in response? Starting Thursday, March 12, the EFCC Apologetics class will deal with deconstruction issues. For seven weeks, Gary Zacharias and Steve Bruecker will lead this Thursday night class. Let Gary and Sharon Zacharias know if you plan to attend (email [gary.zacharias@gmail.com](mailto:gary.zacharias@gmail.com) or call 760-212-6391).

**Men's Discipleship Retreat and Campout** | March 13-15, Ocotillo Wells  
Guys, come join us for our Men's Discipleship Retreat and Campout in Ocotillo Wells! We'll study God's Word together, enjoy some small group time, and play with our desert toys. Five meals will be provided for the weekend (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast). This event is for men and their sons/nephews/grandsons. The cost to attend is \$35 for adults, \$25 for youths (14 and under), or \$85 for a family. Register online at [efcc.org/events](http://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](http://www.efcc.org).

## Announcements Continued ...

**Young Adults Winter Retreat** | March 13-15, Camp Maranatha (Idyllwild)  
If you're a Young Adult (age 18-24) looking for community at EFCC, then don't miss our upcoming retreat. Our time together will be led by spiritual director, Lloyd Gilbert, who will help us incorporate rhythms of rest into our busy lives. Cost is \$150 (includes 2 nights & 5 meals). Register online at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events).

### **Be the First Smile Someone Sees: Join the Front Desk Reception Team!**

We're seeking six more friendly volunteers to join our Receptionist Team. You'll answer the phone, greet and interface with people who come into the office, and receive packages and the mail. Minimal to no computer experience required. If you're available any time during the week from Monday to Thursday, from 9am to 12:30pm, or 12:30-4pm, please contact Jody Dietel via email at [jdietel@efcc.org](mailto:jdietel@efcc.org) or call (760) 781-2150.

### **Year-to-Date Giving Update (April Through January 2026)**

We're so grateful for your continued, faithful giving. See the latest financial report below through January 2026 of our current fiscal year. Any financial gifts can be given in person at church, online at [efcc.org/give](http://efcc.org/give) or via our EFCC App. You may give to our two main funds, the General Fund or the Outreach Fund, and/or to our Beyond Fund (building projects).

*Our Beyond loan balance is at \$6,883,546.80 as of February 18, 2026.*

Church Fund	Actual Given	Budgeted	Difference (+/-)
General	\$5,183,545	\$4,655,000	+\$528,545
Outreach	\$621,238	\$645,000	-\$23,762

**EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry** | [efcc.org/help](http://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](mailto:care@efcc.org) or call (760) 781-2108. Is something holding back your faith walk? The Inner Healing Prayer Team can help! Learn more below and contact us.

### **Discover the Power of Inner Healing Prayer**

*Meetings by appointment* | email to [innerhealing@efcc.org](mailto:innerhealing@efcc.org)

Jesus seeks our freedom! Inner Healing Prayer invites the Holy Spirit to heal the wounded parts that keep us from living the abundant life Jesus offers. Through it, you can experience hope and healing as hidden lies, bitter roots, areas of unforgiveness, and enemy strongholds come to light. If you would like more information regarding Inner Healing Prayer, please contact Ramona Broekema via the email address above.



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**"Community"**

Acts 4:32-37; Phil. 2:3-4

Josh Rose, Family Pastor

Discipleship is not a \_\_\_\_\_,

it is a \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of community is precisely where the  
\_\_\_\_\_ lies.

The prerequisite of community is \_\_\_\_\_.

• I take the \_\_\_\_\_ off of \_\_\_\_\_.

• I make \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

The way of Jesus has always been \_\_\_\_\_.

Will that be \_\_\_\_\_?

### **The DNA of Discipleship:**

- Daily time with God
- Nurtured in community
- Active on mission

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*Need more room to add notes? See the back side of this sermon outline.*  
Helpful links: [efcc.org/sermons](http://efcc.org/sermons) | [efcc.org/devos](http://efcc.org/devos) | [efcc.org/podcasts](http://efcc.org/podcasts)

## Additional sermon notes ...

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## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:prayer@efcc.org).



### Give to EFCC | [efcc.org/give](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://efcc.org/connect).



## CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

### Children | [efcc.org/kids](http://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](http://efcc.org/jh) | [efcc.org/hsm](http://efcc.org/hsm)

Sundays | 10:45am | Youth Center

Wednesdays | 6:30-8pm (Sept. to May, and summer camps/events)

### Young Adults | [efcc.org/ya](http://efcc.org/ya)

Tuesdays (ages 18-24) | 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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639 E. 17th Ave., Escondido, CA 92025  
Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)

# Love Esco Month — Final Week!

## Donation Drives

- Olive Crest car seat drive
- We See You clothing drive
- Interfaith hygiene kit drive

*Drop off your donations at the EFCC office this week, or shop the individual registries to direct ship.*

## Conway Academy Garden | Saturday, February 28, 8am

Our friends at Conway Academy need a little help refreshing their garden beds and outdoor learning spaces—be part of the team, get your hands dirty, and help revive the garden!



# Mission Trip Info Meeting

Be part of what God is doing around the world on a 2026 mission trip. Hear details about each trip, get your questions answered, and find out which trip is right for you!

**Sunday, March 1**

**12:30-2pm**

**Holy Grounds Cafe**

Kenya Medical Mission | April 7-19

Oaxaca | May 31-June 7

Türkiye | June 21-July 1

Ensenada | July 12-17

India | July 23-August 2

Jordan Medical Mission | September 18-25



Scan the QR code for details on donation drives and to register for the garden project:



A light lunch will be provided. Scan the QR code to RSVP:



# EFCC Family News Update

*Sharing our family passings and prayer needs*

February 22, 2026

## Pray for Our Church Family

### Home With the Lord

*Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates*

**Kevin Berry** — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, February 28, at 2pm in the Chapel.



**Don King** — The memorial service previously scheduled for Don on Saturday, March 7, has been postponed until further notice.

**Gary Zent** — Passed away recently. A memorial service is being planned for him on Saturday, March 21, at 11am in the Chapel.

**Ken Wright** — Passed away recently. Please pray for his wife, Carlene, at this time.

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

None

### Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Joyce Blankenship, Monte Bowers, Kris Coates, Carol Creamer, Shirley Elmore, June King, Barry Miller, Bob Moberly, and Ron Strubhar.

### In Hospice Care

Pamela Thacker and Barbara Tucker.

### Fighting Cancer

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, Joseph Patrick Stoker, Pamela Thacker, Barbara Tucker, Silvia Vargas, Nancy Wilson, Gary Williamson, and Cynthia Zabuska.