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**Emmanuel Faith**  
Community Church  
Sunday, March 8, 2026

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for March 8, 2026

**Spring Apologetics Class This Week** | Thursdays, March 12 – April 23  
6:30-8pm, Education Center, Room 23 (2nd floor)

We hear today of people who have “deconstructed” their Christian faith. What does that mean? What can we say in response? Join our Apologetics Class this spring as we look at these deconstruction issues. For seven weeks, Gary Zacharias and Steve Bruecker will lead this Thursday night class. Contact Gary if you plan to attend at [gary.zacharias@gmail.com](mailto:gary.zacharias@gmail.com) or (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](https://efcc.org/events).

**Young Adults Winter Retreat** | March 13-15, at Camp Maranatha in 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). Sign up online via [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

**Trauma REBOOT Course** | Tuesdays, March 17 to June 2  
7-8:30pm, Education Center, Room 4 (1st floor)

*Trauma REBOOT* is a 12-week, faith-based, peer-led course empowering everyday people to overcome past trauma and embrace a brighter future. Through practical teaching and a supportive community, *Trauma REBOOT* can help you break free from the pain of your past and find renewed purpose and strength. The cost is \$25 per person. Register online at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

**Rend Collective in Concert** | Saturday, March 21, 7pm, Worship Center  
Join Rend Collective on their headlining tour this March, all up and down the West Coast, playing favorites like “My Lighthouse,” “Counting Every Blessing,” “Build Your Kingdom Here,” as well as new music from their recently released album, *FOLK!* Tickets are still available; purchase them on [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events). General admission entry will be at 6:15pm.

**Emmanuel Faith Membership Class** | Sunday, March 22  
9-10:30am, Education Center, Room 21 (2nd floor)

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 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](https://efcc.org/events) or contact us at [welcome@efcc.org](mailto:welcome@efcc.org).

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](https://www.efcc.org).

**Announcements Continued ...**

**All-Church Work Day** | Saturday, March 28, 8am-Noon  
Ron Preston, [rpreston@efcc.org](mailto:rpreston@efcc.org)

Don't miss our annual all-church work day to help prepare our 27-acre campus for Easter! We'll have projects for every age and skill level. Bring along your favorite shovels, pruners, hoes, rakes, and gloves and we'll spend a few fun hours together preparing our campus to look more welcoming for our guests. If you don't have the tools, we'll have a bunch of options available and ready to go. We'll gather in Parking Lot B on the south (Chapel) side of the Worship Center. Sign up to help at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events).

**Prayer Update: War in the Middle East**

As we follow the recent news, let's remember to pause and pray for:

- 1) Our missionaries and ministry partners in Iran, United Arab Emirates, Northern Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Yemen and Turkey, being light and salt in the middle of this crisis.
- 2) Our partner network of 10,000+ believers in underground churches inside Iran, who are eagerly hoping for new freedom to follow and worship Jesus publicly.
- 3) Our military troops and service men and women putting their lives at risk.

To learn more or to help support our work in the Middle East, please contact the Outreach Team at [outreach@efcc.org](mailto:outreach@efcc.org).

**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. Please consider this upcoming training class.

**Lay Care Team Training** | Sunday, March 22  
9-10:30am, Education Center, Board Room (2nd floor)

Would you like to be used by God to care for others in our church? Come and learn about the Lay Care Team. You're invited to join us for our next team training time. This class will teach you how to assist our pastoral staff in handling unscheduled, urgent care needs (spiritual, emotional, financial, etc.) on Sunday mornings and other selected times each month. For more information, contact us via the information listed above.

See more information on back...



**March 8, 2026**  
**FOLLOW**  
**"Renewal"**  
Jeremiah 29:1-14  
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

Following Jesus isn't about \_\_\_\_\_;  
it's about \_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_ with all your heart and join \_\_\_\_\_  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world he loves.

**Live it out:**

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

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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://efcc.org/connect).



## CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Sundays | 10:45am | Youth Center

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

### Young Adults | [efcc.org/ya](https://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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Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)



## Step into Hope this Easter!

### **Palm Sunday, March 29**

Children's Palm Parade in the morning services.

### **Good Friday, April 3**

Noon - Worship Service  
6:30pm - Worship Service

## **EASTER WEEKEND**

### **Saturday Evening, April 4**

5pm - Modern Worship Service in the Worship Center  
Children's programs for infants to 6th grade

### **Sunday Morning, April 5**

7:30am - Classic Worship Service in the Worship Center

9am - Classic Worship Service in the Worship Center  
Modern Worship Service (video venue) in the Chapel  
Children's programs for infants to 6th grade

10:45am - Modern Worship Service in the Worship Center  
Children's programs for infants to 6th grade

## How will you share the Hope of Jesus this Easter?

### **Invite**

*Easter is the perfect time to invite friends, family, or those you just met to come hear a message of hope.*

#### **What you can do:**

- Pick up some of our invitation cards in the lobby to carry with you.
- Share our Easter page at [efcc.org/easter](http://efcc.org/easter).
- Share our social media posts on both Instagram and Facebook.

### **Serve**

*Want to be a part of the fun and help our visitors feel welcome?*

- Join us March 28, 8am-Noon, for our all-church clean-up day. Let's get our campus ready for guests!
- Sign up for one of our fun Easter weekend volunteer opportunities. From greeting, to serving treats, helping visitors find their way, or rocking babies, we have a place for you.

Scan the QR code or visit [efcc.org/easter](http://efcc.org/easter) to learn more and sign up!



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# EFCC Family News Update

*Sharing our family passings and prayer needs*

March 8, 2026

## Pray for Our Church Family

### Home With the Lord

*Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates*

**Ken Wright** — A memorial service is being planned for him on Saturday, March 14, at 1pm in the Chapel.

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

**Barbara Tucker** — Passed away recently. A memorial service will be held for her on Friday, March 27, at 1pm in the Chapel.



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

Monte Bowers

### Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

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

### In Hospice Care

Pamela Thacker

### 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.