

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for March 22, 2026

**All-Church Work Day** | Saturday, March 28, 8am-Noon

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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. Meet in Parking Lot B near the Chapel on the south side of the Worship Center. Sign up to help at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

**April Prayer Night** | Wednesday, April 1, 6:30pm, Chapel

As we journey toward Easter, we want to slow down and make space to seek God together. Join us at 6:30pm on April 1 for a night of prayer as we fix our eyes on Jesus, remember the power of the cross, and prepare our hearts for the hope of the resurrection. This will be a simple, meaningful time to worship, listen, and pray, for our lives, our church, and our world.

**Good Friday & Easter Weekend Services** | April 3-5 at EFCC

Come join us on Good Friday and Easter weekend! Pick up some invitation cards in the lobby at church to help you invite others to attend a service. Childcare for infants through 6th grade will be available at several of our worship service times (note the \* on selected times below). Visit our website at [efcc.org/easter](https://efcc.org/easter) for childcare specifics and other details. Our service times will be as follows:

**Good Friday (April 3):** Noon & 6:30pm, Worship Center

**Easter Saturday (April 4):** 5pm\*, Modern Service, in the Worship Center;

**Easter Sunday (April 5):** Classic Services, 7:30 & 9:00am\*, Worship Center; Modern Services, 9am\*, Chapel (video venue), and 10:45am\*, Worship Center; and En Español services, 10:45am\* and Noon, Chapel.

**Serve With Us On Good Friday & Easter** | Sign up at [efcc.org/easter-serve](https://efcc.org/easter-serve)

This Easter, help us bless and greet the many people who will visit and attend services at EFCC. Some of our opportunities include working with children, welcoming and greeting, serving food, decorating our campus, or being on the prayer team. Please visit [efcc.org/easter-serve](https://efcc.org/easter-serve) to sign up and volunteer.

**The Grace Course** | Wednesdays, April 8-June 10, 6:30-8pm,

or Thursdays, April 9-June 11, 6:30-8:30pm

In this *Freedom in Christ* course, you'll experience the depths of God's grace like never before. Encounter a true heart transformation as you consider the role that guilt, shame, fear, and pride have in causing you to strive and perform. Become secure and able to rest in God's love for you. Learn more or register at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events). The cost is only \$5 per person.

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See more announcements, the 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 ...

**Strength for the Journey Support Group** | Starting Tuesday, April 14  
6:30pm, Education Center, Room 20 (will meet twice a month)  
Contact: Jeffrey Worsham, (858) 869-4180, or jrworsham@gmail.com  
**NEW Group!** Join us on Tuesday, April 14, for this hope-filled and healing-based support group offering understanding, prayer and community for individuals living with chronic illness or pain, cancer or other health challenges. This group will meet twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays.

**Sign Up for Hume Lake Family Work Week 2026** | May 3-8  
For over 25 years, Emmanuel Faith has partnered with Men On A Mission and Hume Lake Christian Camps for a unique service opportunity. Come and enjoy five nights of meals and housing near the natural beauty of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Participants will work about 4-6 hours each day.



There are many projects of varying skill levels. Skilled craftsmen are needed, but all who are willing to work, including children, are welcome. Learn more or RSVP for the trip at by scanning the QR code above or please visit [moam.online](http://moam.online).

**EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry** | [efcc.org/help](http://efcc.org/help)  
*Support Groups & Other Classes*



### Have a Need? We're Here to Help!

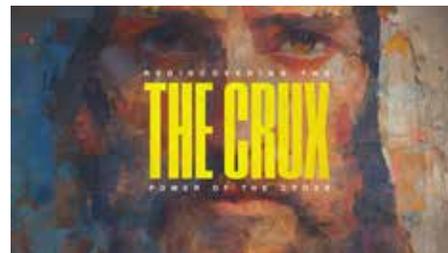
Life can be hard at times, but you don't have to go through it alone. Whatever your need, the Emmanuel Faith Care & Counseling ministry is here to help, guide, encourage, and point you toward the love of Jesus. We'd love to come alongside you. We can help with counseling, mentoring, or spiritual direction. 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. Consider this ongoing care and support group ...

### Alzheimer's Support Group

Contact info: [care@efcc.org](mailto:care@efcc.org) or (760) 781-2108

Are you caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's, Dementia, or another neurodegenerative disease? Or are you a Caregiver looking for support? You're not alone and you don't have to go through it alone. Care & Counseling offers caregiver resources designed to be support for families impacted by Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, Frontotemporal Dementia, and other conditions. Whether you're a caregiver seeking encouragement, resources, and fellowship, or you have a loved one who could benefit from extra care and understanding, we invite you to contact us.

See more information on back ...



**March 22, 2026**  
**THE CRUX**  
In My Place Condemned He Stood  
Isaiah 53:4-6  
Pastor Dennis Keating

Because of His \_\_\_\_\_, God established divine laws that His creation would be \_\_\_\_\_ to, and if not followed, \_\_\_\_\_ for. (Rom. 5:20; Col. 2:14)

The penalty imposed was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23; Hab. 1:13; Rom. 3:23)

### Our Question:

"How can a just and holy God express His unfailing love and compassion to forgive His sinful creation?"

God instituted a religious system whereby sin's penalty could be paid

\_\_\_\_\_.

Atonement comes from a root word meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

It required a \_\_\_\_\_. (Lev. 23:27)

### Why?

Because from God's perspective \_\_\_\_\_ was equated with \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Lev. 17:11; Heb. 9:22)

### The Point:

God accepted the blood of the innocent animal as the

\_\_\_\_\_.

1. The Identity of the Substitute. (52:13-15)

Jesus was predicted to be like a " \_\_\_\_\_."

2. The Rejection of the Substitute. (53:1-3)

Jesus was predicted to be a " \_\_\_\_\_."

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## Sermon notes continued ...

3. The Sacrifice of the Substitute. (53:4-6)

Jesus was predicted to be \_\_\_\_\_ so that we could be made \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 3:25-26; 2 Cor. 5:21)

### Our Challenge:

Stop \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves for a failure that Jesus was already \_\_\_\_\_ for. (Col. 2:13-14)

Helpful links: [efcc.org/sermons](http://efcc.org/sermons) | [efcc.org/devos](http://efcc.org/devos) | [efcc.org/podcasts](http://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](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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Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)

# Upcoming Events



## ➔ April 2026

- 01 Prayer Night
- 03 Good Friday Services @Noon & 6:30pm
- 04 Easter Service | Saturday @5pm
- 05 Easter Services | Sunday @7:30, 9, & 10:45am
- 12 Newcomer Lunch @12:15pm
- 19 Community Sunday (Outreach)
- 19 Baptism Class after services
- 26 Baptisms in services
- 26 Annual Meeting @12:15pm

### Dates to Save:

July 19-25 - Junior High Summer Camp  
July 27-31 - VBS

## ➔ MAY

- 03 Love Esco Blood Drive
- 06 Worship Night @6:30pm
- 10 Mother's Day
- 25 Memorial Day - Campus Closed
- 27 Last Night of Wed. Night programs
- 31 Book Sale & Parent Dedications

## ➔ JUNE

- 07 Kids and Students Promotion Day
- 07 Newcomer Lunch @12:15pm
- 10 Summer Youth Programs Begin
- 14 Baptism Class (for beach baptisms 6/24)
- 14-20 High School Camp at Hume Lake
- 21 Father's Day
- 24 All-Church Beach Day & Baptisms
- 27 Men's Breakfast

# EFCC Family News Update

*Sharing our family passings and prayer needs*

March 22, 2026

## Pray for Our Church Family

### Home With the Lord

*Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates*

**Gary Zent** — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, March 21, at 11am in the Chapel.

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

**Dewey (Duane) Mueller** — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, April 11, at 2pm in the Chapel.

**Janice Petrek** — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, April 18, at an off-campus location.



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

None

### Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Charles Bell, Joyce Blankenship, Monte Bowers, 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, Silvia Vargas, Nancy Wilson, Gary Williamson, and Cynthia Zabuska.