



## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for March 29, 2026

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

As we journey toward Easter, come and join us for a night of prayer as we take time to 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

Easter is almost here! 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.

### Home-baked Cookies for the Prison Ministry | Needed by Sunday, April 12

Help our KAIROS Prison Ministry bless inmates with homemade cookies for the upcoming ministry time at the prison. We hope to collect 4,000 home-baked cookies. To participate, please package one dozen cookies in clear, zip-lock-type bags and drop them off at the main church office by Sunday, April 12. When you place the one dozen cookies in each bag, please don't use tinfoil or wire twist ties. Thank you!

### Newcomer Lunch | Sunday, April 12, 12:15–1:30pm, Cafe

If you're new to our church, join us Sunday, April 12, for lunch. You'll hear from some of our pastors, elders and staff. Learn more about Emmanuel Faith and find ways for you and your family to get connected here. Please RSVP for the lunch online at [efcc.org/events](https://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](https://www.efcc.org).

## Announcements Continued ...

**Strength for the Journey Support Group** | Starting Tuesday, April 14  
6:30pm, Education Center, Room 20 (will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays)  
Contact: Jeffrey Worsham, (858) 869-4180, or jrworsham@gmail.com

**NEW Group!** Join us 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. See you there!

### Year-to-Date Giving Update (April 2025 Through February 2026)

We're so grateful for your continued, faithful giving. See the latest financial report below through February 2026 of our current fiscal year. Any monetary 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 Fund loan balance is at \$6,847,870.41 as of March 18, 2026.

Church Fund	Actual Given	Budgeted	Difference (+/-)
General	\$5,520,754	\$4,995,000	+\$525,754
Outreach	\$672,703	\$720,000	-\$47,297

### 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 these two upcoming classes ...



#### Divorce Support Class: **Safe People** | Wednesdays, April 15–June 3

6:30–8pm, Education Center, Room 23/24

This class by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend will help you discover why good people can get tangled up in bad relationships. Come learn how to avoid repeating your own mistakes, and surround yourself with accepting, honest, healthy, and safe people who will draw you closer to being the person God intended you to be. The class cost is \$15 per person, and you can register online at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events).

#### Premarital Class | Mondays, April 20–May 11, 6–8pm, Ed. Center, Brd. Rm.

Join our God-centered Premarital Class which is designed to help couples lay a solid spiritual and practical foundation for a lifetime together. This class will equip you with powerful tools to build a healthy, lasting, and joy-filled marriage that will honor God and grow stronger through every season of life. The class cost is \$20 per couple (materials are included). Register online at [efcc.org/marriage](http://efcc.org/marriage).



March 29, 2026  
**THE CRUX**  
The Way of the Cross  
1 Peter 2:21–25  
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor



The cross doesn't just \_\_\_\_\_;

it shows us \_\_\_\_\_.

- Release the demand for \_\_\_\_\_  
and practice \_\_\_\_\_.

- Release the desire for \_\_\_\_\_  
and choose \_\_\_\_\_.

- Release the need for \_\_\_\_\_  
and walk in \_\_\_\_\_.

The cross doesn't just show us \_\_\_\_\_,

it gives us the \_\_\_\_\_.

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)



## Donate Supplies for the Kenya Medical Trip



EFCC team and our partners on the ground will run medical clinics in multiple villages among the Turkana people April 7-19, meeting practical needs as a bridge to meaningful relationships that grow into discipleship.

Help send the team with necessary items for the clinic and for team meals. Scan the QR code to shop the Amazon registry.



### Next Trips:

#### Oaxaca May 31 - June 7 (Men only)

Come alongside our partners to serve the poor and those struggling with addiction. This trip is for men who love adventure and want to follow Jesus in community on mission.



#### Türkiye June 21 - July 1 (Open to all adults)

Partner with a local church in their evangelism efforts through language lessons, sports, and meaningful conversations over meals and coffee. Step into early church history with a day in Ephesus.



Limited spots. Use the QR code below or email [outreach@efcc.org](mailto:outreach@efcc.org).

Scan the QR code to explore upcoming mission trips and to support teams through giving.



## Community Outreach Opportunities

### Family Strong Respite Night

Saturday, April 11 | 3-7pm | EFCC

#### About Family Strong

We believe in the importance of families. Many children worldwide face abuse and neglect, so our ministry aims to protect them by promoting resilient families. We advocate for family preservation, restoration, and expanding the definition of family.



Volunteers ages 15+ are needed to provide childcare for the upcoming respite night. Let's create a fun and safe environment for children to play while their parents and caretakers get a night out! Scan the QR code to volunteer.

### Love Esco Kit Carson Park Clean-Up

Friday, April 10 | 9am | Kit Carson Park



Created by world-renowned French American artist Niki de Saint Phalle, Queen Califia's Magic Circle welcomes visitors from around the world.

Help care for this unique and colorful space by cleaning the fence, raking leaves, wiping down the maze walls, and sweeping. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Scan the QR code to get Global and Local Outreach updates in your inbox:



# EFCC Family News Update

*Sharing our family passings and prayer needs*

March 29, 2026

## Pray for Our Church Family

### Home With the Lord

*Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates*

**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.

**Don King** — The re-scheduled memorial service for him will be held on Saturday, June 13, at 11am in the Chapel.

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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, 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.