



Count the Stars

Emmanuel Faith
Community Church
April 12, 2026

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for April 12, 2026

Home-baked Cookies for the Prison Ministry | Needed by Monday, April 13
Help our KAIROS Prison Ministry bless inmates with 4,000 homemade cookies for the upcoming ministry time at the prison. To participate, please package one dozen cookies in clear, zip-lock-type bags and drop them off at the main church office by 4pm on Monday, April 13. Please don't use tinfoil or wire twist ties on your bags. Thank you!

Newcomer Lunch | Today, 12:15-1:30pm, Cafe

If you're new to our church, join us today 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.

Strength for the Journey Support Group | Starts 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
Join us for this new 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.

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 people who will draw you closer to being the person God intended you to be. The class cost is \$15 per person. Register online at efcc.org/events.

Upcoming Spring Bible Studies | Studies just started or beginning soon
Visit our classes page online (efcc.org/classes) to see some of our ongoing or upcoming studies this spring. For example, the Women's Thursday morning Bible study begins April 16 at 9:30am with a new study of Jonah. Or join our Apologetics ministry, the just-started Grace Course, FROGS, or others.

Baptism Class and Baptisms

Class: Sunday, April 19, after services; **Baptisms:** Sunday in services, April 26
Our next opportunity to celebrate baptisms during our worship services is coming soon. To be baptized, attend one of our info meetings on Sunday, April 19, 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.

Premarital Class | Mondays, April 20-May 11, 6-8pm, Ed. Center, Board Room
Our God-centered Premarital Class will equip you with powerful tools to build a healthy, lasting, joy-filled, and God-honoring marriage. The class cost is \$20 per couple. You may register online at efcc.org/marriage.

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.

Announcements Continued ...

SENT | Wednesdays, April 22, 29, May 13 & 20, 6:30-8pm, Cafe
You're not just called to be a disciple; you're called to make disciples. The question is, how do you actually live that out without it feeling forced, awkward, or outdated? This four-week cohort will show you how, practically, naturally, and without the awkwardness. Pastor Ryan will kick it off, and we'll hear from John Mark Comer and other trusted voices. The Good News is too good to keep to yourself. Come and learn how to share it. See the enclosed Outreach update insert to learn how to sign up.

Annual All-Church Meeting & BBQ Lunch | Sunday, April 26
Free BBQ Lunch: 12:15pm | Annual Meeting: 1pm, Family Center (Gym)
Don't miss a delicious BBQ lunch for the whole family, and our Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 26. Right after lunch, we'll meet in the Family Center (Gym) to hear encouraging news and learn more about the great things God is doing through our people and ministries.

"Active status" church members will be emailed a digital link prior to the meeting to vote for new Elder Board and Nominating Committee members. Members will also have the opportunity to vote in person on April 26 from 8:30am to 1pm in the Cafe. Election information will be available soon on our website at efcc.org/events and also at church.

Hume Lake Family Work Week 2026 | May 3-8

Come enjoy five nights of meals and housing in the natural beauty of Hume Lake Christian Conference Center with EFCC's Men on a Mission. 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 visit moam.online.



EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry | 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 or call (760) 781-2108. Please consider this upcoming workshop ...

Tears in the Shadows (Grief Workshop) | Saturday, May 2, 9-11am, Cafe
Are you or someone you love experiencing the pain and varied emotions of grief? Join Pastor Scott Smith at *Tears in the Shadows*, our upcoming grief recovery workshop. You'll learn to heal through the use of prayers of lament. No registration is needed. Join us on Saturday morning, May 2.



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COUNT THE STARS
Living by Faith Between Promise and Fulfillment
"A Dangerous Departure"
Genesis 11:27-12:9
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

Faith is trusting God enough to _____ what feels _____
and _____ him into the _____.

• From _____ to _____.

• From _____ to _____.

• From _____ to _____.

The _____ is directly tied
to the _____.

OUTREACH COMMUNITY SUNDAY

EFCC
COURTYARD

APRIL
19

PICNIC WITH A PURPOSE



MEET COMMUNITY PARTNERS, MINISTRY TEAMS, AND ENJOY GOURMET HOT DOGS IN THE COURTYARD AFTER CHURCH.

GOURMET HOT DOGS

CLASSIC DOG

Grilled beef sausage in a soft bun with ketchup, mustard, and relish.

TEXAS DOG

Loaded with chili, cheese, and jalapenos.

TJ HOT DOG

Crispy bacon, jalapenos, and salsa.

HAWAII DOG

Top your dog with pineapple, onions, and teriyaki sauce.

NEW YORK HOT DOG

Grilled onions and peppers and a side of peppercinis.

DIY DOG

Create your own masterpiece with whatever toppings your heart desires!

OUTREACH PARTNERS

OLIVE CREST

BRIDGE BUILDERS

WE SEE YOU

LOVE ESCO

ALTERNATIVES

CEF

ALABASTER JAR

THE ANCHOR

MINISTRY TEAMS

FAMILY STRONG

EDUCATION TEAMS

JOURNEY OF HOPE

TEACHER SUPPORT

EXTRAS

BOUNCE HOUSE

BALLOON ANIMALS

POPCORN

COLD BREW

PICK YOUR FAVORITE HOT DOG:
SCAN NOW!



Wednesday Nights in the Cafe at 6:30pm

April 22 | April 29 | May 13 | May 20

In our culture today, the idea of sharing the Gospel seems intimidating.

This four-week training will help you confidently join God on mission in your everyday life, naturally and without fear or awkwardness. You will walk away equipped with practical ways to pray for your neighbors, coworkers, and friends, practice hospitality, enter spiritual conversations, and share your story with God.

We will use a combination of live training from Pastor Ryan and other staff, video teaching from John Mark Comer, table discussions, and practical exercises.

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Scan the QR code to register:



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

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



Don Packwood — Passed away on Sunday, March 22nd. Please pray for his extended family.

Melvin Rich — Passed away on Wednesday, April 1st. Please pray for his wife, Mary, and his extended family.

Don King — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, June 13, at 11am in the Chapel.

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

None.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

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

In Hospice Care

Elaine Schlunt (Brown) and 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.