



Count the Stars

Emmanuel Faith
Community Church
April 19, 2026

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for April 19, 2026

Outreach Community Sunday | This morning in the Courtyard
You're invited to come and join us in the Courtyard after the morning services (see the insert in your worship guide today to learn more). Meet our visiting Outreach community partners and ministry teams. You might find a new place to connect, serve with and help make a positive impact in our community. Also, grab a gourmet hot dog for lunch. There are fun activities for your kids, too. Learn more at efcc.org/events.

Baptism Class and Baptisms

Class: Today, 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 today 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. This class is designed to help couples lay a solid spiritual and practical foundation for a lifetime together. The class cost is \$20 per couple. You may register online at efcc.org/marriage.

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 The question is, how do you actually live that out without it feeling forced, awkward, or outdated?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 or visit efcc.org/events.

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.

This past week, "Active status" church members were emailed a digital link to vote for the 2026–2027 Elder Board and Nominating Committee. Members will also have the opportunity to vote in person on April 26 from 8:30am to 1pm in the Cafe. A meeting agenda and voting information are available on our website at efcc.org/events. Printed voter guides are also available at church.

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 ...

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.

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.



You may RSVP for the trip by scanning the QR code above. Or to watch some recap videos of previous trips, or to learn more (and also RSVP), please visit moam.online.

Worship Night | Wednesday, May 6, 6:30-8pm, Worship Center
You're invited to attend our spring Worship Night on the first Wednesday of May. Come praise and worship the Lord together with your church family. Invite a friend or family member and join us on May 6th!

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 ongoing prayer group ...

God's Waiting Room (Prayer Group) | 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:00-8:30pm
Youth Center Lounge (upstairs) | Contact: [Toni, toniflash73@gmail.com](mailto:Toni_toniflash73@gmail.com)
Join a safe community of caring mothers in prayer, sharing and encouragement while waiting for the return of our young adults who have strayed away from following the Lord. Contact Toni for more details. Join us this Thursday night, April 23, for our next meeting.

See more information on back ...



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COUNT THE STARS
*Living by Faith Between
Promise and Fulfillment*
"Faith and Famine"
Genesis 12:9-20
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

God does some of His _____
in our _____.

• _____ instead of _____.

• _____ instead of _____.

Rely on the truth that _____

is consistent even in _____.

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

OUTREACH COMMUNITY SUNDAY

Jesus' Kingdom is good news for everyone — and it starts in our neighborhood.

We do that through five ministry areas where we sense God inviting us to make a Kingdom impact together. They reflect real needs in our community and line up beautifully with the skills, passions, and gifts we have as a church: families in crisis, education, homeless, refugees, and our city.

Every week, everyday people from Emmanuel Faith show up — on ministry teams and alongside our partners — giving sacrificially of their time and resources to lift others up and demonstrate Jesus' love in both word and deed. They are making a real difference. And if you asked them, they'd be the first to tell you: serving has changed their lives.

We hope today sparks something in you: a new and practical way to join Jesus on mission, right here in Escondido. We can't wait to take those next steps together. What will yours be?



CARING FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS

Foster care and family crisis don't just affect children — they affect entire families. Our Family Strong ministry exists to make sure no one walks through that alone.

Care Communities

Join a team that stands behind a foster family.

Host Families

Open your home to a child needing love and safety.

Respite Nights

Play with kids and give parents a break.

Snowball Bash

Throw a Christmas party for foster and adoptive families.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Not every student has an adult that can help with homework and often our teachers are overwhelmed. Education teams meet real needs in and out of the classroom.

Reading Mentors

Give 30 minutes a week to read to a student.

Homework Club

Connect with teens over homework and cookies.

Teacher Support

Encourage teachers through coffee, resources, and mentorship.

WELCOMING REFUGEES AS NEIGHBORS

Refugees have left behind not just war and persecution but their family members and safety net. Jesus' call to welcome the stranger is as urgent today as it has ever been.

Good Neighbor Teams

Walk alongside a newly settled family.

Afghan Kids Camp

Play sports, do crafts, and build friendships.

EMPOWERING FRESH STARTS

Some of our neighbors have no place to call home. We meet immediate needs and invite them to new beginnings.

Dinner Parties

Serve homeless guests a warm meal and invite them to recovery.

Clothing Drives

Donate warm clothing and blankets to people in need.

LOVING OUR CITY

We want to bring the hope of Jesus to our community through radical generosity and unexpected acts of service. By partnering with Love Esco, we help keep our favorite places clean, support schools and small businesses, and care for our neighbors.

Love Esco Projects

Love our city through practical acts of service.

Love Esco Teams

Lend your specialized skills to help Love Esco grow.

Cash Mobs

Leave an extravagant tip to bless a service worker.

We support these fantastic local partners:



TODAY...

1.

Grab a fancy hot dog in the Courtyard!



2.

Check out the booths and meet awesome volunteers and partners.

3.

Find a project or a team that you're excited about and sign up!

4.

Join SENT Training this Wednesday to help you confidently join Jesus on mission in your everyday life. Scan to register.



5.

Give to the Outreach Fund — every dollar makes a difference. Scan to donate.



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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

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*)*

Will McLennan.

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, Luanne Rishel, Shirley Roireau, Virginia Sanderson, Joseph Patrick Stoker, Pamela Thacker, Silvia Vargas, Nancy Wilson, Gary Williamson, and Cynthia Zabuska.