



Count the Stars

Emmanuel Faith
Community Church
April 26, 2026

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for April 26, 2026

Annual All-Church Meeting & BBQ Lunch | Today

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.

Recently, "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 today 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 the church.

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.

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!

Is It Time to Join a Meet-Up?

Get info and register at efcc.org/meetups

Want to connect and have some fun together? Sign up for one of our ongoing Meet-Ups activities, going on now, such as family fun nights, fencing, knitting/crocheting, crafts, quilting, pickleball, painting, and more! View the list of Meet-Up activities online via the link above and sign up.

Visit the Emmanuel Faith Church Library

Open Sundays, 8am-12:30pm, and weekdays, 9am-4pm, Mon.-Fri.

Or visit us online at efcc.org/library

Have you visited our on-campus church library? It's located on the front side of the Family Center (Gym) — just look for the signs on Sunday mornings. Plan a visit the next time you're at church. The Library is open Sunday mornings, and each weekday when the church office is open (even on Fridays). Or search for a book online via the website link noted above.

Emmanuel Faith Employment Opportunity

Come and join our church staff team! We have an immediate opening for a full-time Outside Facilities Maintenance Worker to help us maintain our 27-acre campus, vehicles, and equipment. Get more information about this, and other open positions, and apply on our website at efcc.org/jobs.

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 ...

Come and Visit the Holy Grounds Cafe

Open Sundays, from 8-11am, located in the Courtyard

Our on-campus Cafe is open on Sunday mornings and serves breakfast fare, including "half" or "full" breakfast options, breakfast burritos and sandwiches, donuts, pastries, coffee, and other beverages. Stop by before or after the 9am service (open through the 1st and 2nd services) for great food and/or a chance to just hang out. You can even watch the worship service.

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

We're so grateful for your continued, faithful giving. See the latest financial report below through March 2026, the last month of the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Any financial gifts can be given in person at church, via our EFCC App, or online at efcc.org/give. 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 loan balance is at \$6,813,822.74 as of April 14, 2026.

Church Fund	Actual Given	Budgeted	Difference (+/-)
General	\$5,639,480	\$5,425,659	+\$267,821
Outreach	\$738,567	\$780,000	-\$41,433

Additional Giving Note: The General Fund generously provides scholarships so that our students can go to Hume Lake (High School) and Hume SoCal (Junior High) camps each summer. Please consider giving to General Fund-Camp Scholarships so we can help as many students go to camp as possible.

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. Is something holding back your faith walk? The Inner Healing Prayer Team can help! Learn more below and contact us.



Discover the Power of Inner Healing Prayer

Meetings by appointment | email to innerhealing@efcc.org

Jesus seeks our freedom! Inner Healing Prayer invites the Holy Spirit to heal the wounded parts that keep us from living the abundant life Jesus offers. Through it, you can experience hope and healing as hidden lies, bitter roots, areas of unforgiveness, and enemy strongholds come to light. If you would like more information regarding Inner Healing Prayer, please contact Ramona Broekema via the email address above.



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Living by Faith Between
Promise and Fulfillment
"The Tension of Trust"
Genesis 13:1-14:24
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

Faith holds the tension between

_____ and _____.

• _____ to preserve _____.

• _____ to extend _____.

When you are confident in _____,

you don't need to grasp for _____.

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

Kenya Medical Mission Highlights



The medical team served close to 900 people, meeting their physical needs. Our local ministry partners met and identified 36 people as potential leaders to start Bible study groups with, bringing the gospel to people who have never before heard the name of Jesus.



Mission trips and partnerships like these are made possible by your generosity. Scan the QR code to donate to the Outreach Fund:



Every child and family touched by foster care or crisis deserves to know they are seen, supported, and loved. That's what our Family Strong ministry is here for.

Care Communities are teams of church volunteers who rally around one family for about six months — bringing meals, babysitting, helping with homework, and praying consistently. It's one of the most tangible ways a church can actually be the church.

Host Families open their homes when parents hit a crisis point and have nowhere to turn. For one night or up to 90 days, children of all ages have a safe, loving place to land while their family stabilizes.

Respite Nights give foster and adoptive families something they rarely get: a break. These quarterly events let parents breathe while kids enjoy games and pizza.

The Snowball Bash is a giant Christmas party for the foster and adoption community. Each December, we turn Emmanuel Faith into a winter wonderland with snow, Santa, food, and games. Over 1,000 people come. Hundreds of volunteers make it happen.

Olive Crest is dedicated to preventing child abuse by strengthening and restoring families in crisis — one life at a time. Through their Strong Families program, Emmanuel Faith Host Families provide a safe, loving place for children while their parents work through a temporary crisis, without any threat of losing custody. It's a practical, community-rooted alternative to the state child welfare system — and a powerful way to extend the love of Christ right from your own home.

Scan the QR code to learn more about Olive Crest:



There's a place for you in this ministry — whether you have a spare room, a free evening, or simply a willing heart. Scan the QR code to learn more, or email familystrong@efcc.org.

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, Janene Smith, 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, John Twombly, Silvia Vargas, Nancy Wilson, Gary Williamson, and Cynthia Zabuska.