



Count the Stars

Emmanuel Faith
Community Church
May 10, 2026

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for May 10, 2026

Annual Meeting Update | From Sunday, April 26

Thank you to all who voted, and attended, our recent Annual Meeting! In case you missed the meeting, the results of the election are as follows: Michael de Neve and Austin Nielsen were re-elected for a second Elder Board term; Gary Bell, Greg Hill and Greg Mizel were newly elected to the board. Board officers will be chosen at the Tuesday, May 12, Elder Board meeting. Also, Tom Anderson, Ron Peet and Irene Phillips were elected to the Nominating Committee.

Parent Dedications | Class: Sunday, May 17; Dedications: Sunday, May 31

Our next time of Parent Dedications is coming soon. Parents will be recognized with their children to be dedicated in the worship services on Sunday, May 31. A required preparation class for parents will be held on Sunday, May 17, at 9am in the Children's Center, Room 24 (upstairs). Sign up online at efcc.org/events.

Mother & Son Dance Party | Fri., May 22, 6:30-8:30pm, Family Center (Gym) *For boys up to 6th grade*

Moms, grab your son(s) and come join us on Friday night, May 22, for a quality night of mother-son time featuring pizza, games, prizes, dancing, and lots of fun. The cost is \$5 per person, which covers event entry, food and beverages. Visit efcc.org/events to sign up online today. See you there!

Next Library Book Sale | Sunday, May 31, 8am-12:30pm, Courtyard

A wide variety of Christian books and materials will be available at the EFCC Library's all-church book sale. Visit the church Courtyard after each morning service on May 31 between the Worship Center and the Children's Center. All book-sale proceeds will go toward new materials in our on-campus library. Most items for sale will cost only \$1.00 each.

The Foss Fund: EFCC's Interest-free College Loan Program

Application window now open until Monday, June 15!

The Robert B. Foss Memorial Fund provides a limited number of interest-free loans to qualifying college students who attend California schools and are Emmanuel Faith members. Student applicants will be considered based on church involvement, school and community activities, and GPA. The application period for the 2026-2027 school year for new or reapplying applicants ends on Monday, June 15. Visit our website to apply online at efcc.org/events and/or sign up for our next Membership Class (June 7).

Don't Miss These Other Upcoming Events in June (see efcc.org/events):

Newcomer Lunch | Sunday, June 7, 12:15pm, Cafe

Membership Class | Sunday, June 7, 9am, Education Center, Room 20

Beach Day & Baptisms | Class: Sunday, June 14 | Event: Wednesday, June 24

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 ...

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.

Pick Up Your REST Journal

A way to spend more time with Jesus!

Have you picked up a *REST Journal* yet? This 90-page journal is a simple tool you can utilize for your daily time in the Scriptures. It includes a guide for weekly prayer and a framework for living on mission. Our prayer is that as you rest in Scripture, you would be formed into the image of Christ and grow closer to him. Purchase a *REST Journal* at church this Sunday for a suggested donation of \$8.

Join a Sunday Adult Bible Fellowship | efcc.org/abf

Find your new place to connect and grow!

Emmanuel Faith has several Sunday morning Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs) for various life stages which meet each week for teaching, fellowship, prayer support, connection, fun activities, and more. These groups are open to welcoming new members. We'd love to have you come and visit an ABF! For more info on available fellowship classes, please visit efcc.org/abf or pick up a class listing at the Welcome Center desk in the lobby.

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. Consider our newest support group ...



Strength for the Journey Support Group | Next Meeting: Tues., May 12

6:30pm, Education Center, Room 20 (meets twice a month)

Contact: Jeffrey Worsham, (858) 869-4180, or jrworsham@gmail.com

Now meeting! Join us this month on Tuesday, May 12, and/or May 26, for this hope-filled and healing-based support group. This group offers prayer, community and understanding for individuals living with chronic illness or pain, cancer or other health challenges. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming meetings (twice a month, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays).

See more information on back ...



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COUNT THE STARS
"Faith in the Face of Pain"
Genesis 16:1-16
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

You can't walk _____ if you withhold/hide your _____.

- _____ the urge to _____. (Sarai)
- _____ the impulse to _____. (Hagar)

God's word into our pain:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Pain that we process with God leads to

_____ and _____.

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

Join us at

Embrace 2026

Multicultural Missions Camp
In partnership with
Agua Viva Ministries



Trip Dates

July 12-17, 2026

Ensenada, Mexico

Make a meaningful impact just south of the border! Join Embrace Week — a multicultural missions camp where believers from across North America and Latin America serve together side by side. We focus on strengthening our relationship with Jesus by serving others.

Families Welcome

Bring the kids and serve together as a family.

First Trip Friendly

Accessible, close to home an ideal first mission experience.

Spots Available!

There's still room — apply today!

What to expect: Stay in dorms and enjoy meals at the beautiful Agua Viva camp facilities. Each day, serve through children's programs, home building, and community outreach across the region. Each evening, gather for bilingual worship and a guest speaker.

Ready to go?

Spaces are limited — apply today!
Scan the QR Code or visit
www.efcc.org/missiontrips



Community Partner Spotlight: Alternatives Medical Clinic *Making abortion unwanted*

Alternatives Medical Clinic traces its roots to a group of friends at Emmanuel Faith Community Church in Escondido who felt called to help women facing unplanned pregnancies. They started simply — distributing baby food, formula, and diapers — before growing into a broader ministry offering free pregnancy tests, baby supplies, and educational outreach in schools.



Today, Alternatives is a licensed clinic that offers medical and educational services that provide a biblically-guided approach to pregnancy, parenting, and sexual health.

They serve women facing unplanned pregnancies and meet every mom and dad with compassion. After their baby arrives, Alternatives remains present through ongoing relationships and practical support.

Alternatives serves as a resource to men and women in our community who need post-adoption counseling, prenatal care, referrals for housing, and adoption.

Visit www.efcc.org/partner/alternatives-medical-clinic to watch a short video about their work and learn how you can be involved!



Your gift to the Outreach Fund supports local and global partners, projects, and ministry teams like these. Thank You!



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

Mary Whittenburg — A memorial service will be held for her on Friday, May 8, at 11am in the Chapel.



Jason Pike (Son of Kathy Gossein) — A Celebration of Life will be held for him on Saturday, June 6, at 11am at Felicita Park in Escondido.

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

Alexander Van Storch — A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, June 20, at 11am in the Chapel.

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

Will McLennan and Joyce Olson.

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Monte Bowers, Carol Creamer, Shirley Elmore, June King, Bob Moberly, Janene Smith, Ron Strubhar, and Zack Swinscoe.

In Hospice Care

Sally Eaton, 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, Joyce Olson, Luanne Rishel, Shirley Roireau, Virginia Sanderson, Joseph Patrick Stoker, Pamela Thacker, John Twombly, Silvia Vargas, Nancy Wilson, Gary Williamson, and Cynthia Zabuska.