



Count the Stars

Emmanuel Faith
Community Church
May 17, 2026

CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for May 17, 2026

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!

Strength for the Journey Support Group | Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 26
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 26, and/or June 9, 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 (the group meets twice a month, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays).

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, Cafe and 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.

Impact a Kid's Life Through Summer Sundays — 60 Volunteers Needed!
This summer, starting Sunday, June 7, you can make a big impact by serving with our Children's Ministry, even just one Sunday. As many of our regular volunteers take some time away, our Children's Ministry needs about 60 extra helpers to create a fun, welcoming space where kids can learn about Jesus. Whether you serve once, or all summer long (12 Sundays in all), every Sunday matters. No experience needed — just a willingness to jump in, have fun and help kids feel loved and known. You might be surprised how one simple "yes" can make someone's summer. Learn more or sign up at efcc.org/serve.

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). See more information on the next page.

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 Membership Class | Sunday, June 7
9-10:30am, Education Center, Room 21 (2nd floor)

Membership is a spiritual discipline of publicly committing to a local body of believers for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God together. This class will walk you through our Statement of Faith and Membership Covenant so you'll be ready to officially apply for membership. Register online at efcc.org/events or contact us at welcome@efcc.org.

Emmanuel Faith Elder Board Members Serving | For Fiscal Year 2026-2027
The following men will be serving on the Emmanuel Faith Elder Board for the next term (those denoted with an * represents those newly elected or re-elected at the April 26 Annual Meeting, and board officers are highlighted as well): Gary Bell*, Rich Bell (Chairman), John Borland, Michael de Neve*, Jaisen Fuson, Greg Hill* (Secretary), Jon Goodman, Rodger Keester**, Rob Lomicka, Larry Michel, Deric Moen, Austin N.* (Assistant Secretary), Steve Nelson (Vice Chairman), and Kenny Winter. Also, Tom Anderson, Ron Peet and Irene Phillips are serving on the Nominating Committee.

***Please note: Although Greg Mizel was elected to the board as a Lay Elder, he vacated that position when he was recently hired as EFCC's new Executive Director. He will remain on the Board as a staff (pastoral) Elder. The Nominating Committee designated Elder Board candidate, Rodger Keester, to fill Greg's vacated Lay Elder spot on the Board.*

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 upcoming support group ...

GriefShare Summer Support Group | Tuesdays, June 2–August 11
6:30–8:15pm, Chapel downstairs

Our Summer GriefShare support group is for people grieving the death of someone close or experiencing another form of loss. Come be with others who understand how you feel, and can relate to your pain. The cost to attend is \$25 per person. Register online at efcc.org/help.

See more information on back ...



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COUNT THE STARS
"The Foundation of Faith"
Genesis 17:1-27
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

God often gives us a _____

before he gives us a _____.

• _____

• _____

Take it home:

① _____ false _____.

② _____ lies with _____.

③ _____ it through _____.

When your _____,

your _____.

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

Global Partner Spotlight: Indonesian Missionary Movement

Indonesia is the world's largest Muslim-majority country — 293 million people across 6,000 islands, 788 people groups, and 87% Muslim. Religious identity, collectivist family culture, and vast geographic and ethnic diversity have made Indonesia one of history's hardest mission fields. Conversion is legal but carries enormous social, economic, and religious cost.



In 1998, a handful of taxi drivers encountered Jesus and began sharing the Gospel with their Muslim passengers. From just five new believers, a movement has grown to 1.15 million Christians from Muslim backgrounds — spanning all 34

provinces and spreading to 22 other countries through Indonesian migrant workers and missionaries.



Small groups of 5–6 believers meet in homes for Bible study and prayer. These groups multiply into clusters, clusters into regional movements, generation

after generation — now 30 generations deep. Community development — micro-loans, health clinics, and job creation — builds the trust that allows the gospel to move freely across the islands.

EFCC is partnering with this movement to strengthen its leaders and fuel its expansion across Indonesia and beyond. Through targeted funding, we're investing in leaders who will reach people in places we could never go.

Community Partner Spotlight: The Anchor

The Anchor is a military ministry serving active-duty, reserve, veterans, and their families since 1951. Strategically located on North Coast Highway just outside Camp Pendleton, they create a safe harbor where anyone can leave their rank at the door and encounter Jesus.



Every weekend, they serve made-to-order sandwiches and milkshakes while opening their doors for pool, videos, and real conversation with volunteers. Free books and Bibles are always available, and staff are ready to engage life's big questions and help people develop a personal relationship with Jesus.



Throughout the week, Bible studies and men's groups meet in person — and virtually, as deployed service members tune in from around the world for encouragement and community.



If you have a heart for the military, The Anchor would love to have you. Scan the QR code to watch a ministry video or visit www.efcc.org/partner/the-anchor

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

May 17, 2026

Pray for Our Church Family

Home With the Lord

Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates

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.



Jeanita McGill — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, June 6, at 11am in the Chapel.

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

Cathy Hain — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, July 11, at 10am in the Chapel.

Please be praying for Jake Frank and his family as **his grandfather** recently went home to be with the Lord.

Alexander Van Storch — The memorial service previously scheduled for him in June has been postponed to a later date.

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, Bob Moberly, Janene Smith, Ron Strubhar, and Zack Swinscoe.

In Hospice Care

Sally Eaton and Pamela Thacker.

EFCC Family News Update

(Continued)

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.