



# Count the Stars

**Emmanuel Faith**  
Community Church  
May 24, 2026

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for May 24, 2026

**Strength for the Journey Support Group** | Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 26  
6:30pm, Education Center, Room 20

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

We hope to see you soon at our newest 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. The group meets twice a month on the 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 next EFCC Library book sale. Visit the church Courtyard after each morning service on May 31. All book sale proceeds will go toward new materials in our on-campus library. Most items for sale will cost only \$1.00 each.

**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](http://efcc.org/help).

**Impact a Kid's Life Through Summer Sundays — 60 Volunteers Needed!**

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, we need 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. Learn more or sign up at [efcc.org/serve](http://efcc.org/serve).

**VBS 2026 Is Coming Soon!** | July 27-31 — Registration begins Sunday, June 7!

Join us for our Illumination Station VBS, a fun-filled, energetic week of worship and learning from God's Word for elementary-aged kids (kindergarten to 5th grade). Our VBS week will shine the light on who Jesus really is (John 8:12).

**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](http://efcc.org/events). If you're not a church member yet, sign up for our next Membership Class (June 7). See more information on the next page.

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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](http://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](http://efcc.org/events) or contact us at [welcome@efcc.org](mailto:welcome@efcc.org).

**Newcomer Lunch** | Sunday, June 7, 12:15-1:30pm, Cafe

If you're new, we'd love to meet you at our June Newcomer Lunch. You'll enjoy a meal with some of the church's elders, pastors and staff. You'll also have the opportunity to learn more about the church and ways you can connect here. RSVP online at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events) for this free lunch.

**Emmanuel Faith Elder Board Members Serving** | For Fiscal Year 2026-2027

The following men will serve on EFCC's Elder Board for the next term (those denoted with an \* represents those newly elected or re-elected at the recent 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 will serve on the Nominating Committee. **\*\*Note:** Rodger Keester was named to the Board when Greg Mizel was hired in May as EFCC's new Executive Director.

**EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry** | [efcc.org/help](http://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](mailto:care@efcc.org) or call (760) 781-2108.

### More Support Group Leaders Needed

Contact Amanda Ainsworth at [care@efcc.org](mailto:care@efcc.org) or (760) 781-2108  
Emmanuel Faith provides a wide variety of support groups for people of all ages who are facing illnesses, mental health challenges, addictions, and relationship challenges. If you have experienced the care and support that comes from meeting with others who need and offer encouragement in life's journeys, and would like to lead or help lead a support group, please contact us. We're currently seeking leaders wherever God may be calling you to serve.



May 24, 2026  
**COUNT THE STARS**  
"Faith That Intercedes"  
Genesis 18:1-33  
Ryan Lunde, High School Pastor

Prayer is powerful enough to \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

But do we \_\_\_\_\_ enough to even pray?

### Abraham's Hospitality:

He had \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart for God because:

- Abraham had \_\_\_\_\_ in himself.
- Abraham had \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
- Abraham had a \_\_\_\_\_ for his guests.

Being God's \_\_\_\_\_ prepared Abraham to be  
humanity's \_\_\_\_\_.

Good hosts and good prayer warriors are motivated by a \_\_\_\_\_  
that doesn't quit.

### Abraham's Intercession:

He prayed \_\_\_\_\_ prayers that saved lives because:

- Abraham had \_\_\_\_\_ in himself.
- Abraham had \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
- Abraham had a \_\_\_\_\_ for humanity.

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*The sermon outline continues on the next page.*

## Sermon notes (cont.) ...

God \_\_\_\_\_ out our prayers because He  
\_\_\_\_\_ in being petitioned.

Abraham had \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart for humanity.

Opening our hearts to \_\_\_\_\_ opens our hearts  
to \_\_\_\_\_.

Helpful links: [efcc.org/sermons](http://efcc.org/sermons) | [efcc.org/devos](http://efcc.org/devos) | [efcc.org/podcasts](http://efcc.org/podcasts)

## Take Your Next Step!

*Thank you for attending Emmanuel Faith today! If we can help you in any way, contact us at [welcome@efcc.org](mailto:welcome@efcc.org). To connect more, or to go deeper here, see some ways to take a next step below ...*

### Need Prayer? | [efcc.org/prayer](http://efcc.org/prayer)

*We'd love to pray for you!* Visit our prayer form online, scan the QR code at right, or email [prayer@efcc.org](mailto:prayer@efcc.org).



### Give to EFCC | [efcc.org/give](http://efcc.org/give)

*Your generosity changes lives!* To give to EFCC, visit our Giving page, access our App, scan the QR code, or use an offering envelope at church.



### Find a Group | [efcc.org/groups](http://efcc.org/groups)

*Learn about God's heart for you,* build lasting relationships, and walk alongside others in every season of life. Scan the QR code or visit our groups page online.



### Join a Team | [efcc.org/teams](http://efcc.org/teams)

*Helping others through volunteering* gives us a greater sense of meaning and brings great joy both to us and those we help. Join a team and come serve at EFCC.



## NEW TO EFCC? Start Here!

### We'd Love to Get to Know You! | [efcc.org/connection](http://efcc.org/connection)

Take a moment to tell us more about yourself. Scan the QR code at right, or fill out a Connection Card in the chair back. You also can visit our Welcome area in the Worship Center lobby, or go online to visit our website at [efcc.org/connect](http://efcc.org/connect).



## CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

### Children | [efcc.org/kids](http://efcc.org/kids)

Sundays | Children's Center  
Infants to 6th Grade | 9 and 10:45am

Wednesdays | Children's Center  
Kindergarten to 6th Grade | 6:30-8pm (September to May)

### Junior High & High School

[efcc.org/jh](http://efcc.org/jh) | [efcc.org/hsm](http://efcc.org/hsm)

Sundays | 10:45am | Youth Center

Wednesdays | 6:30-8pm (Sept. to May, and summer camps/events)

### Young Adults | [efcc.org/ya](http://efcc.org/ya)

Tuesdays (ages 18-24) | 7pm | Youth Center, Young Adults Rm. (2nd Flr.)

Week Night Small Groups | 7-9pm (off campus)

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

CLASSIC | Sundays, 9am, Worship Center

MODERN | Sundays, 9am, Chapel (video venue)

MODERN | Sundays, 10:45am, Worship Center, & 5pm, Chapel

EN ESPAÑOL | Sundays, 10:45am, Chapel



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# One-Third of the World

Two thousand years ago, the Church was born in a room. Today it circles the globe.

On the first Pentecost, a handful of disciples received the Spirit and turned the world upside down. Nearly two-thirds of the world now identifies as Christian. That is nothing short of miraculous.

But the mission isn't finished.

## 3 billion people

*More than 1 in 3 people alive today — living in communities with no meaningful access to the Gospel.*

These are not people who have heard and walked away. They live in over 7,000 distinct cultures and languages where there is no church, no Bible — often no word for “Jesus” at all. They are unreached not by choice but by circumstance, separated by geography, language, and closed borders.

Most live in a band of nations from West Africa through the Middle East to East Asia — the heartland of the world's largest Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist populations. **Emmanuel Faith has made the unreached its mission — not someday, but now.**



## Emmanuel Faith at work in 58 countries...

- Disciple-making movements across West & East Africa, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.
- Digital evangelism reaching thousands in closed countries.
- Discipleship for underground believers from Iran, Yemen, Qatar & Saudi Arabia.
- Pastor training in Mongolia, Vietnam, Kazakhstan, Nepal & Mali.
- Bible education for refugee children in Jordan & Lebanon.
- Supporting sports ministry leaders across North Africa, the Middle East & Asia.
- Trauma care for former ISIS brides in northern Iraq.
- Bible translation & missionary aviation in Papua New Guinea.

And here is something remarkable: the world is moving. Refugees, students, and workers from unreached people groups are arriving in London, Toronto, Houston — and Escondido. The people the Church once crossed oceans to reach are now crossing our streets.

The same Spirit who fell in that room two thousand years ago is still moving. This Pentecost Sunday, how will you join Jesus' mission in reaching the unreached?

**Pray** Pray for unreached people groups and global missionaries. (Find prayer guides at [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net))

**Grow** Meet a Global Partner, join an outreach lunch, or take a short-term mission trip and let God grow your heart for the nations.

**Give** Support missionaries and gospel projects worldwide through the Outreach Fund. Scan the QR code to give.



**Go** Across the street or across the world, people need the hope of Jesus. Will you share it? Join a community practicing everyday witness this summer — scan the code to learn more.



# EFCC Family News Update

Sharing our family passings and prayer needs

May 24, 2026

## Pray for Our Church Family

### Home With the Lord

*Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates*

**Bernice Yphantides** — A Celebration of Life will be held for her on Saturday, May 30, 1pm at New Life Presbyterian Church, 615 W Citracado Pkwy, Escondido.

**Gordon Frank** — Passed away recently. Please pray for the Frank family at this time.

**Shirley Elmore** — Passed away recently. Please pray for the Elmore family at this time.

**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** — The memorial service previously scheduled for her in July has been postponed until the fall.



# EFCC Family News Update

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## 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.

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

Will McLennan

### Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

Monte Bowers, Carol Creamer, Bob Moberly, Janene Smith, Ron Strubhar, and Zack Swinscoe.

### In Hospice Care

Sally Eaton and Pamela Thacker.