



# Count the Stars

**Emmanuel Faith**  
Community Church  
May 31, 2026

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for May 31, 2026

### **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. As many of our regular volunteers take needed time off, we need about 60 extra helpers to create a fun, welcoming space for our kids. Whether you serve once or all 12 summer weeks, 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. [[efcc.org/vbs](http://efcc.org/vbs)]

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

*The application window for 2026-2027 is open until Monday, June 15!*

Student applicants who are EFCC members and attending California colleges, will be considered for the interest-free Robert B. Foss Memorial Fund based on church involvement, school and community activities, and GPA. Visit our website at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events) to apply online. If you're not a member yet, consider taking our June 7 Membership class (more info below).

### **Emmanuel Faith Membership Class** | Sunday, June 7

9-10:30am, Education Center, Room 21 (2nd floor)

Membership isn't just a formality; it's a meaningful step of saying, "I'm in." It's a public commitment to grow, serve, and follow Jesus alongside a local church family. In this class, we'll walk through our Statement of Faith and Membership Covenant so you can confidently take that next step. Register online at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events) or contact us at [welcome@efcc.org](mailto:welcome@efcc.org).

### **Seminarian Fund Offering Is Next Sunday, June 7** | [efcc.org/give](http://efcc.org/give)

Our June Fellowship Fund offering (first Sunday of the month) will be designated for the Seminarian Fund, which supports EFCC members attending seminary and pursuing ministry degrees, such as biblical and pastoral studies. An offering will be taken at the doors on June 7, or you can give to the Seminarian Fund throughout the month of June.

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

If you're new, don't miss our June Newcomer Lunch. You'll enjoy a free meal with some of the church's elders, pastors and staff. Come learn more about the church and ways you can connect here. RSVP online at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events).

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 ...

**All-Church Beach Day & Baptisms** | Wednesday, June 24, Oceanside Harbor  
Baptism Class: *Sunday, June 14, after all services*

Don't miss our All-Church Beach Day, which provides the awesome opportunity to experience public baptisms and/or be baptized at the beach. We'll join together earlier in the day at Oceanside Harbor for a fun family beach time. In the evening, we'll enjoy a time of dinner, worship and then baptisms in the ocean. More Beach Day details will be made available soon.

To be baptized, attend one of our Sunday, June 14, info meetings after 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 RSVP for the class on our website at [efcc.org/events](http://efcc.org/events).

### April 2026 Giving Update

We're so grateful for your continued, faithful giving. See the latest financial report below for April 2026 of our current (new) fiscal year. Any monetary gifts can be given in person at church, online at [efcc.org/give](http://efcc.org/give) or via our EFCC App. 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 Fund loan balance is at \$6,779,119 as of May 14, 2026.*

Church Fund	Actual Given	Budgeted	Difference (+/-)
General	\$371,290	\$410,000	-\$38,710
Outreach	\$45,020	\$61,250	-\$16,230

**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. Consider this upcoming new summer class ...

**Divorce Support: Trust Class** | Wednesdays, June 17 – August 5  
Contact: [care@efcc.org](mailto:care@efcc.org) | Ed. Center, Room 23/24, 6:30-8pm

Having your trust broken can be life-altering, but it doesn't have to be *life-ruining*. Join us on Wednesday nights for an 8-week book and video series by Lysa TerKeurst. Through this study, you'll begin to develop the discernment and stability you long for within yourself and with God. Find the help you need to overcome cynicism and stop carrying a broken belief system. Instead, come and learn to walk with trust into every new relationship. The class cost is \$20, including a book.

See more information on back ...



May 31, 2026  
**COUNT THE STARS**  
"Failing Forward"  
Genesis 20:1-18  
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

God often confronts \_\_\_\_\_

before he brings \_\_\_\_\_.

• \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

• \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

• \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

• \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

God exposes our sin to \_\_\_\_\_,

not to \_\_\_\_\_.

① Prayerfully \_\_\_\_\_.

② Confess \_\_\_\_\_.

③ Develop \_\_\_\_\_.

Never forget that God remains \_\_\_\_\_

even when we \_\_\_\_\_.

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

## Additional sermon notes ...

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## 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://efcc.org/connect).



## CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

### Children | [efcc.org/kids](https://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](https://efcc.org/jh) | [efcc.org/hsm](https://efcc.org/hsm)

Sundays | 10:45am | Youth Center

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

### Young Adults | [efcc.org/ya](https://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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Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)

## Community Partner Spotlight: Bridge Builders Network

Thousands of Afghan families are rebuilding their lives in San Diego after fleeing war, violence, and Taliban rule. Everyday tasks many of us take for granted—speaking English, shopping for groceries, enrolling children in school, finding transportation, and securing employment—can feel overwhelming in a completely new country.



Bridge Builders Network comes alongside these families with tangible support and meaningful connection. Through women's sewing classes, driving lessons, ESL courses, after-school tutoring, and community gatherings, they help refugees gain confidence, stability, and belonging. Holiday

celebrations and home visits also create opportunities for authentic friendships between refugee families and local Christians.

Scan the QR code to watch a short video and learn more about Bridge Builders Network.



This summer, high school students from EFCC will have the opportunity to host a VBS program for Afghan children connected to Bridge Builders. To learn more about joining this ministry opportunity, email [outreach@efcc.org](mailto:outreach@efcc.org).

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



## Pray for the Oaxaca Team!

*Six guys headed out early this morning for Oaxaca, Mexico, where they'll be serving alongside a local house church this week. Here are a few ways you can be praying for the team:*

Pray for safety as the team travels through the mountains to serve people in the Triqui Nation.

Pray for dry weather during camping and hikes to remote villages.

Pray that everyone the team meets would experience the love and power of Jesus through their words and actions.

Pray the team encounters God in powerful ways this week—that they would return to Escondido spiritually changed, encouraged, and more.



Connor McFerran, Paul Robinson, Mark Tuttle, Sam Schaefer (back), Austin N., Randy Carter

## Live on Mission, In Community, This Summer!

Come practice living on mission together. Throughout the summer, we'll gathering for dinner, real stories, practical training, and simple next steps.



Next week at our first Summer Community Night, we'll debut the Love Esco Neighbor to Neighbor Initiative as a fresh way to build community and connect with the people living around you.

Our first gathering is Wed., June 3, at 6:30PM in the Cafe. Scan the QR code or email [outreach@efcc.org](mailto:outreach@efcc.org) to RSVP.



# EFCC Family News Update

*Sharing our family passings and prayer needs*

May 31, 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.



**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.

**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.

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

HD Brumfield

### 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.

# 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.