



CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for August 16, 2026

Join a Team Sunday | Today, in the Courtyard, after both morning services



You're part of our story! Come and find your place to serve and volunteer here. God has uniquely gifted you to make a difference. Discover the joy of helping others take their next step with Jesus. Many opportunities are available. Visit the Courtyard this Sunday after the 9 and 10:45am services, or scan the QR code to get involved.

All-Church Worship Night | Wednesday, August 19, 6:30pm, Worship Center
Let's proclaim the Lord's goodness and greatness together with our hearts and voices during our next all-church Worship Night. This special time with Jesus will help us prepare for the beginning of the new school year and launch us into the fall season of church ministry. We hope to see you there!

Estate Planning Workshop | Saturday, August 22, 9-10:30am, EFCC Chapel
Attend an informative estate planning seminar with attorney John Yphantides. Get some practical tools to equip you to take the next steps toward planning for your future, including the biblical perspective on ownership and stewardship, avoiding the high cost of probate, providing for minor children, wills, living trusts, charitable trusts, and much more. No RSVP needed.

Grief Support: Loss of a Spouse Seminar | Saturday, August 22, 9:30-11:30am
Chapel downstairs | *Register online at efcc.org/help*

As a widow or widower, do you dread the lonely days and nights? Wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings? At this workshop, you'll meet other people who understand and have found ways to make it through. Discover reasons for hope and find practical tips for coping with the death of a spouse. The cost to attend is \$10 for the workshop booklet.

Summer Seminar Series | Wednesday, August 26, 6:30pm, Chapel
Join us on Wednesday, August 26, for our last Summer Seminar, "The Art of Neighboring." What does it mean to be a good neighbor? And how do we do that as followers of Jesus? This workshop will be interactive, practical, and fun. It will include stories, ideas, and resources to help you get to know your neighbors, build community, and live on mission right where God has placed you. You'll leave with next steps that you and your family can take together to love your neighbors well. This seminar will be led by Emmanuel Faith's Outreach team and volunteers. Learn more at efcc.org/events.

Family Water Night, Junior High & HSM Programs | Wed., Aug. 26, 6:30pm
FaithKids event on the field | *Youth programs resume in the Youth Center*
Parents, if you're unable to attend the Summer Seminar, your whole family is invited to join FaithKids for a night of water slides, jump houses, a dunk tank, snow cones, and more! Bring your lawn chairs and invite your friends and join us at 6:30pm on the field. In addition, our Wednesday night Junior High and High School programs resume for the fall at 6:30pm in the Youth Center.

See additional 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 ...

Annual Outdoor Baptisms & BBQ | Sunday, August 30

Come to the Courtyard after the 10:45am service

Prep class: Sunday, August 23

Come and join us on Sunday, August 30, for a great time of baptisms and testimonies of new life in Christ. We'll gather around the pool in the Courtyard right after the 10:45am service. You'll also enjoy a free BBQ lunch. RSVP for the baptism prep class on our website at efcc.org/events. The class will be available after each morning service on Sunday, August 23, in the Garden Room of the Worship Center, located by the Main Office front desk, or in the Chapel Bride's Room after the 5pm service.

Love Esco Back to School Shoe Drive | Collections Accepted This August!

Our annual shoe collection drive, which benefits under-resourced students who attend local Escondido elementary schools, is going on now. Look for the red donation containers in the lobby this Sunday to see what shoe sizes are needed, and then play your part and get involved to help local students and families. Learn more at serve.loveesco.org.

Fall GriefShare Support Group | Tuesdays, Sept. 1 – Nov. 17, 6:30-8:15pm

If you're grieving the death of someone close, or experiencing another form of loss, our fall GriefShare Support Group is for you. This group is a safe, welcoming place where you can come and be with others who understand how you feel and can relate to your pain. You'll learn what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Group meetings will be held in the Chapel downstairs rooms. The cost to attend is \$25 per person. Learn more and register at efcc.org/events.

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 this upcoming fall group and class ...

Divorce Care Support Group | Wednesdays, Begins in September 7-8:30pm, Education Center, Room 23/24

This group is a safe place to process hurt, heal, and grow from a broken relationship, separation, or divorce. Online registration will be available.

The Freedom in Christ Grace Course | Thursdays, Sept. 24 to Dec. 3 6:30-8:30pm, Youth Center, Youth Adults Room (upstairs)

Discover how God's grace can free you from guilt, shame, fear, and pride while helping you grow in His love each day. Registration begins soon.



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THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING
A Study Through Galatians
"Standing Firm in Freedom"
Galatians 5:1-15
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

Freedom is _____, but living free is _____.

We lose freedom through:

- _____: Living to _____.
- _____: Living to _____.

We use freedom to:

- _____: Living to _____.

Three ways to know you're living free:

- ① _____ no longer _____ you.
- ② _____ no longer _____ you.
- ③ _____ is becoming your _____.

Choose to stand in _____ by
standing in _____.

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

Additional sermon notes ...

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. To connect more, or to go deeper here, see some ways to take a next step below ...

Need Prayer? | 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.



Give to EFCC | 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

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

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

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.



CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Children | efcc.org/kids

Sundays | Children's Center

Infants to 6th Grade | 9 and 10:45am

Wednesdays | Children's Center

Kindergarten to 6th Grade | 7-8:30pm* (September to May)

Junior High & High School

efcc.org/jh | efcc.org/hsm

Sundays | 10:45am | Youth Center

Wednesdays | 7-8:30pm* (Sept. to May, and summer camps/events)

Young Adults | efcc.org/ya

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

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

**Please note new Wednesday night meeting time, effective Wed., Sept. 2.*

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)



BACK TO SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE

BENEFITTING EUSD STUDENTS



**DROP OFF SHOES THROUGH
THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

**SNEAKERS AND TENNIS SHOES
KIDS SIZES 3.5 TO 7
ADULT SIZES (WOMEN 4-8, MEN 6-10)**

**FOR MORE INFO VISIT:
SERVE.LOVEESCO.ORG
OR EMAIL INFO@LOVEESCO.ORG**



YOU'RE PART
OF THE STORY

JOIN A TEAM!

God has uniquely gifted you to make a difference. Discover the joy of helping others take their next step with Jesus.

Hospitality Teams
Kids & Student Ministries
Adult Ministries
Care and Counseling Teams
Outreach Teams
Operations Teams
Worship & Production



Scan to sign up or visit efcc.org/teams

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

Donna Rowan — A memorial service will be held for her on Thursday, August 20, at 11am in the EFCC Chapel.

Cathy Hain — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, August 29, at 10am in the Chapel.

Elaine Castellaw — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, September 26, at 2pm in the Chapel.

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

Kim Brett

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

H.D. Brumfield, Carl Hicks, Bob Moberly, Christy Riley, and Don Smith.

In Hospice Care

Sally Eaton, Nancy Peet, and Pamela Thacker.

Fighting Cancer

Don Chilson, Tim Daugherty, Bob Davidson II, Sally Eaton, Bev Feiker, Bruce Gephart, Wally Goff, Leonard Haynes, Erica Howard, Pam Irwin, Will McLennan, Thelma Monigold, Eligio Moreno, Joyce Olson, Luanne Rishel, Shirley Roireau, Virginia Sanderson, Joseph Patrick Stoker, Pamela Thacker, John Twombly, Nancy Wilson, Gary Williamson, and Cynthia Zabuska.

