



CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for August 23, 2026

Summer Seminar Series | Wednesday, August 26, 6:30pm, Chapel

Join us for our last Wednesday Summer Seminar, "The Art of Neighboring," led by EFCC's Outreach team and volunteers. What does it mean to be a good neighbor? How do we do that as followers of Jesus? This workshop will be interactive, practical, and fun. Hear 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. [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 can't 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.

Annual Outdoor Baptisms & BBQ | Sunday, August 30

Will be held in the Courtyard after the 10:45am service

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. Attend our baptism prep class today, which will be available after each morning service 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.

New Wednesday Night Program Times | 7-8:30pm, beginning September 2

Beginning September 2, all Wednesday night ministries at Emmanuel Faith will move to a new time, 7-8:30pm. This change is designed to make Wednesday nights more accessible for our church family — giving students more opportunity to participate here at church after practices and activities, while creating a little more breathing room for families at the end of a busy day. We're excited about how this new schedule will help more people be a part of Wednesday nights at EFCC!

Lead a Fall Connect Group | *Be a key part of our fall Honest to God sermon series by leading a Connect Group. Sign up today!*

We're excited to kick off our fall season of Connect Groups, where you can build relationships, grow in your faith, and explore the questions Jesus asks together — and we need leaders willing to help make that happen. Whether you've led a group before or this would be your first time, you don't have to have it all figured out. We'll give you the tools and support you need at the Connect Group Leader Training time on Wednesday, September 2, from 7-8:30pm in the Chapel.

Our fall Connect Groups season begins on Wednesday, September 16. Take your next step and sign up to lead or attend at efcc.org/connect-groups.

Announcements continue on the next pages or see more online at efcc.org.

Announcements Continued ...

Let's Talk Medicare Seminar | Thursday, Sept. 10, 3-4pm, Chapel downstairs
Host: Bridget Olson, PharmD, MS, (858) 290-3790, bolson@BOSTbenefits.com
Turning 65? Have questions about Medicare? Join us for an educational session to learn about the basics of Medicare and the options available to you. We'll also discuss changes taking place with Medicare prescription drug coverage. Stay ahead by understanding these updates and preparing now. *Note: This event is for educational purposes. No plan or benefit information will be provided.* Please RSVP at efcc.org/events.

Newcomer Dinner | Thursday, September 10, 6-8pm
If you're new, we'd love to meet you at our Newcomer Dinner on Thursday, September 10. You'll enjoy dinner 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. You can register online at efcc.org/events. The dinner will be held at a nearby, off-campus location.

Men's Breakfast — Fall Kickoff | Saturday, September 12
8-10am, Family Center (Gym)
Guys, join us on Saturday morning, September 12, for a great time of food, fellowship and spiritual growth. We'll enjoy a special morning with guest speaker Marcus Preciado. Marcus is the current President of HomeWord Ministries and the previous Executive Pastor of New Vintage Church. A full breakfast will be served. Bring your sons and grandsons. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family (of three or more). Register online 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 support group ...

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/help.

See more information on back ...



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THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING
A Study Through Galatians
"Walk By The Spirit"
Galatians 5:15-26
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

Real change doesn't come from _____;

it comes from learning to _____.

• _____ a _____.

• _____ what your life is _____.

• _____ to follow the _____.

When we follow _____,

we walk into _____.

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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Global Partner Spotlight:
Alex & Kristi Tan



Alex & Kristi Tan serve with One Challenge International, equipping and mobilizing national churches through sports ministries in Taiwan, China, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

This summer, their Sports Ambassadors team visited 10 schools and seven villages in Taiwan, sharing the Gospel with an estimated 900 people through sports, testimonies and relationships. Despite injuries and a short-handed team, God faithfully provided as local believers stepped in to serve.

At one outreach, a pastor prayed for 20 young people to attend—more than 50 came! Churches across the region were encouraged by the impact of sports ministry and the unity of believers working together.



As Alex and Kristi follow up with churches and new connections, they are praying that the seeds planted this summer will continue to bear fruit and that sports ministry will reach even more people with the hope of Christ.

Thank you for giving to the Outreach Fund and supporting partners, trips, and projects across the world!



Reading Mentor Training | Tuesday, August 25 | 10 am–1 pm

Last chance to join the Reading Mentor Training, this Tuesday, at 10 am! For just 30 minutes a week, you can impact a child's life through sharing the love of reading. Join us for this in-person training and learn everything you need to become a Reading Mentor in a local elementary school this year.



Scan the QR code to register or email outreach@efcc.org for more information.



Back-to-School Shoe Drive | August

The Back-to-School Shoe Drive is going on now! Look for the big red donation bins in the Worship Center and Chapel lobbies—and around town—to donate new shoes for local students.

Last year we collected more than 300 pairs. Let's see if we can beat that record and help even more kids start the school year on the right foot!

Educator Support Meeting | Sunday, September 6 | 10:15 am | Boardroom

Teachers! Administrators! Paras! And more! If you're a public school educator, save the date for the launch of a new ministry at Emmanuel Faith. There will be free burritos, an encouraging word, and a chance to connect with other educators. Want to get your homework done early? Complete the survey by scanning the QR code to help shape future gatherings.



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 was held for her this past Thursday morning, August 20, 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, Dale Jackson, 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.