



CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for Sept. 6, 2026

Public School Educators Meeting | Join us today, 10:15am, EC-Board Room
Are you a teacher, administrator, counselor, aide, or other public school employee? You're invited to a new EFCC ministry created to encourage and support Christian educators. Connect with others who understand the unique opportunities and challenges of serving in public schools, share ideas, and be equipped to live out your faith where God has placed you.

Divorce Care Fall Support Group | Wednesdays, Sept. 9 to Dec. 16
7-8:30pm, Education Center, Room 23/24

Please join us for our fall Divorce Care series, which is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. During this 15-week video-based support group program, you'll find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and gain practical tools for better decision-making. The class cost is \$20 per person and includes a workbook. Register online at efcc.org/help.

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 (will meet off-campus)
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.

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 former 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.

Fall Connect Groups Begin Soon | Wednesday, September 16, 7pm, Chapel
Faith grows better together! We're excited that our fall Connect Groups will begin in mid-September. Come and build relationships, grow in your faith, and explore the questions Jesus asks together. The groups will follow along with our upcoming sermon series, *Honest to God*. To take a next step to attend, visit the Courtyard this Sunday or go to efcc.org/events. The companion study guide will be available for a suggested donation of \$10.

Announcements Continued ...

Dinner's on Us! | Wednesday, September 16, 6-7pm, Cafe & Courtyard
Kick off the first night of Connect Groups with dinner together! Bring the whole family to the Café & Courtyard from 6-7pm for free hot dogs and chips before groups begin. Let's grab dinner, connect, and start fall together!

Emmanuel Faith Membership Class | Sunday, September 20
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 or contact us at welcome@efcc.org.

Fall Apologetics Class | Begins Thursday, September 24
6:30pm, Education Center, Room 24 | Gary at gary.zacharias@gmail.com

Christians are told to make a defense for what we believe. That's what apologetics does — it gives good reasons why Christianity is true. Starting Thursday, September 24, and running for seven weeks, Gary Zacharias and Steve Bruecker will lead our fall Apologetics Class with all new material. We'll meet weekly from 6:30-8pm. Come and join us at any time!

The Grace Course | Thursdays, September 24-December 3
6:30-8:30pm, at Emmanuel Faith

Join us on Thursday nights, starting September 24, to experience the transforming power of God's grace. Discover how God's grace frees you from guilt, shame, fear, and pride while helping you grow in His love each day. This class will also feature a one-day retreat on December 5. Learn more or sign up at efcc.org/events.

Join the Bell Choir for the Christmas Season

Bell Choir is coming! Do you have experience or are you interested in learning? Join us as we make a joyful sound together in preparation for Christmas. Rehearsal times will be decided based on the convenience of the individuals who express interest. Sign up 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.



See more information on back ...



September 6, 2026
THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING
A Study Through Galatians
"Closing Thoughts on
the Gospel of Grace"
Galatians 6:11-18
Pastor Dennis Keating

The Gospel Message:

Forgiveness and freedom from sin come by _____
through _____ in Jesus Christ _____
changing a person, from the _____.

The Main Point: If the gospel message is _____, it
_____ everything! Therefore, it must be _____.
(Isaiah 64:6; 2 Cor. 5:21)

We must protect ...

① The Gospel's _____. (6:11; 1:11-12)

The Point: The gospel has _____. (Rom 1:16)

② The Gospel's _____. (6:12-13)

The Key Insight: Circumcision symbolized a commitment to _____
_____. (James 2:10; 2 Tim. 1:14)

③ The Gospel's _____. (6:14-15; 1 Cor. 2:2; 1 John 5:19)

The Point: God is not simply concerned about _____,
but about _____. (2 Cor. 5:17)

④ The Gospel's _____. (6:16-18)

_____!

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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639 E. 17th Ave., Escondido, CA 92025
Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm (full & part day)

New Global Partner Spotlight: Neil and Kristiana

God wants the whole world to be saved, and partnering with him in this mission is something Emmanuel Faith has done since its beginnings. We are excited to welcome Neil and Kristiana as new Global Partners, who are breaking ground among people who have yet to hear the Gospel.



Neil and Kristiana have served cross-culturally for 28 years and currently live and work among the people of the Arabian Peninsula. With love and respect, they build relationships within Muslim communities, share the Gospel, and invite people to follow the Messiah.



Their ministry focuses on developing relationships in the heart language of the people, discipling local believers, and equipping them to reach their own communities. They also oversee and mentor other workers in the region, currently providing leadership for four teams in the country where they live.

Kristiana additionally serves as a regional director for the Arabian Peninsula, providing leadership to 40 teams.

She trains and develops new leaders, facilitates prayer and outreach strategies, provides culturally relevant training and equipping, and helps guide the region toward disciple-making movements and church planting.

Here's how you can pray for them:

After several years back in California, Neil and Kristiana 'launched' their sons to university and are moving to a new city.

- Pray for their two boys who are attending Biola University.
- Pray for open doors to form new relationships.
- Pray for spiritual protection and health.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as leaders caring for many workers impacted by the current conflict.

We'd love to meet you!
Stop by the Board Room after morning services this Sunday.

FAITHFUL EDUCATORS

Help us build a community of
public school educators who...



Live out their faith in challenging environments



Connect & encourage one another



Meet 3 times throughout the school year



Help us shape this community!



Scan the QR code to
take a short survey.



First gathering: **Early November**

Your generosity helped Escondido kids
step into the school year with confidence!

THANK YOU
FOR DONATING
SHOES



Giving to the Outreach Fund is one way we collectively share the Gospel here in Escondido and around the world. Thank you for your generous gifts!



EFCC Family News Update

Sharing our family passings and prayer needs

September 6, 2026

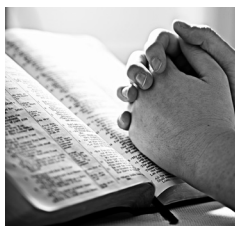
Pray for Our Church Family

Home With the Lord

Upcoming Memorial Services & Homegoing Updates

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

Patricia Boldt — A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, October 3, at 2pm in the Chapel.



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

Kim Brett, Ginny Colandrea, Patrick Hetherington

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

H.D. Brumfield, Bob Moberly, Ida Murrery, 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, Marilyn Texton, Pamela Thacker, John Twombly, Nancy Wilson, Gary Williamson, and Cynthia Zabuska.