



CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for Sept. 13, 2026

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

Dinner's on Us! | This Wednesday, September 16, 6-7pm, Cafe & Courtyard
Kick off the first night of Connect Groups with dinner together! Bring the whole family to the Cafe & 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.

Help Make Christmas Sound Beautiful!
Love music? This Christmas, there's a place for you! Whether you love to sing or would like to play or learn handbells, join us as we prepare to fill the season with music that celebrates Jesus. No choir audition is necessary, and bell ringers of all experience levels are welcome. Come use your gifts, try something new, and be part of making Christmas at Emmanuel Faith something special. **Christmas Choir:** Rehearsals begin Saturday, October 3, from 9am-noon, followed by Thursday rehearsals at 7:30pm. **Bell Choir:** Rehearsal times will be determined based on the availability of those who sign up. Sign up at efcc.org/events or email ClassicWorship@efcc.org.

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

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Help Us Choose the Next EFCC Elders | Suggestions for Elders will be accepted until Monday, Monday, Sept. 28
Contact: Claire Williams, cwilliams@efcc.org, (760) 781-2163, or scan the QR code
Emmanuel Faith's Elder Nominating Committee will begin to prayerfully consider prospective Elder candidates soon for the 2027 spring Annual Meeting election. We welcome suggestions for church-member nominees. Church members may submit a man's name using the form provided at the wooden ballot box in the lobby, by scanning the QR code, or by emailing cwilliams@efcc.org with your suggestions through Monday, September 28. We'll begin consideration as soon as we receive your input.
Bible references for elder qualifications include Acts 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9; Hebrews 13:17; and 1 Peter 5:2-3



Parent Dedications | Sunday, October 4, during services; required class either Sunday Sept. 27, 9am or Wednesday, Sept. 30, 7pm
You don't have to have all the answers to lead your child toward Jesus—you simply have to choose to take the next step. Parent Dedication is an opportunity to publicly commit to raising your child to know, love, and follow Jesus, surrounded by a church family committed to supporting you along the way. Dedications take place during Sunday services, and parents are asked to attend a preparation class beforehand. Take this special step for your family and sign up today 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.

Umbrella Ministries | Meets monthly on a Saturday, in The Crosby Estates, San Diego 10am - 12pm
Janice Rosenkranz jcrosenkranz@gmail.com.
Are you a mom who has lost a child? You are not alone. Come join us for our monthly meeting and find love, care, grace, and support. We want to walk this journey along with you. Email Janice for our next meeting date.

See more information on back ...



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HONEST TO GOD
"What Do You Want?"
John 1:35-43
Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

- We all have _____.
- Jesus wants us to _____ our _____.
 - Our wants _____.
 - Our wants _____.
 - Our wants _____.
- Our _____ are rarely our _____.
 - A _____ to _____.
 - A _____ to _____.
 - A _____ to _____.
- What we want most deeply isn't something _____; it's _____.

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

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

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, and Betty Jensen

Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

H.D. Brumfield, Bob Moberly, Ida Murray, 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, Jaqueline Lawton, 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.