



# HONEST TO GOD

**Emmanuel Faith**  
Community Church  
September 27, 2026

## CHURCH LIFE | Announcements for Sept. 27, 2026

### Help Us Choose the Next EFCC Elders

*Elder Suggestions will be accepted until Monday, Mon., Sept. 28.*

*Contact: Claire Williams, [cwilliams@efcc.org](mailto:cwilliams@efcc.org),  
(760) 781-2163, or scan the QR code at right*



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](mailto: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.*

### Men's Campout at Hurkey Creek | Friday, October 2, to Sunday, October 4

*Email Scott Smith at [ssmith@efcc.org](mailto:ssmith@efcc.org) to join the Men's Ministry email list.*

Step away from the routine and make room to recharge, connect, and grow. Men of all ages — and their sons — are invited for a weekend of Bible teaching, great food, plenty of free time, and time together outdoors. Come build friendships, strengthen your faith, and make some great memories along the way. Learn more and register at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

### Can You Help Us Make Christmas Sound Beautiful?

Join us this Christmas, whether you love to sing or would like to play or learn handbells. No choir audition is necessary, and bell ringers of all experience levels are welcome. **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](https://efcc.org/events) or email us at [ClassicWorship@efcc.org](mailto:ClassicWorship@efcc.org).

**Parent Dedications** | Sunday, October 11, during services; *come to the required class on either Sunday, Sept. 27, 9am or Wednesday, Sept. 30, 7pm* You don't need all the answers to lead your child toward Jesus—you just need 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](https://efcc.org/events).

### Ladies & Gents Luncheon | Thursday, October 15

*Noon–2pm, Family Center (Gym)*

We would be honored by your presence at a special luncheon celebrating the faithfulness and legacy of the widows and widowers of our church family. Join us for a warm meal, sweet fellowship, and a time of encouragement as we gather in gratitude for the lives and faith that have shaped generations. Learn more or RSVP online at [efcc.org/events](https://efcc.org/events).

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*Announcements continue on the next pages or see more online at [efcc.org](https://efcc.org).*

## Announcements Continued ...

### Come and Visit the Holy Grounds Cafe

Open Sundays, from 8-11am, located in the Courtyard

Our on-campus Cafe is open on Sunday mornings and serves breakfast fare, including "half" or "full" breakfast options, breakfast burritos and sandwiches, donuts, pastries, coffee, and other beverages. Stop by before or after the 9am service (open through the 1st and 2nd services) for great food and/or a chance to just hang out. You can even watch the worship service.

### Emmanuel Faith Giving Update (Year to Date, April to August 2026)

See the latest church financial report below through August 2026. Any monetary gifts can be given in person at church, online at [efcc.org/give](https://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). Thank you for your faithful giving!

| Church Fund | Actual Given | Budgeted    | Difference (+/-) |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| General     | \$2,103,798  | \$2,110,000 | -\$6,202         |
| Outreach    | \$289,188    | \$306,250   | -\$17,062        |

### Beyond Fund Loan Update

Our Beyond Fund loan balance is at \$6,568,391 as of September 15, 2026. That's \$107,223 of the principal paid down since last month!

### EFCC Care & Counseling Ministry | [efcc.org/help](https://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 class ...



### Fall Marriage Enrichment Class: *From Surviving to Thriving*

Tuesdays, October 13 to November 10, 6-8pm, Ed. Center, Room 24

You won't want to miss our fall Marriage Enrichment class with our marriage enrichment team leaders, Ty and Kelly Paulson. You'll learn some transformational tools to deepen emotional connection, improve communication, and build a strong, healthy, Christ-centered relationship. Thriving marriages don't happen by accident; they're built one intentional choice at a time. Contact us for more information at [keltypaulson@gmail.com](mailto:keltypaulson@gmail.com).

See more information on back ...



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### HONEST TO GOD

"Why Are You So Afraid?"

Mark 4:35-41

Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_ is the gap between the \_\_\_\_\_ in front of me  
and the \_\_\_\_\_ available to me.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ our fear so it doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ us.

① \_\_\_\_\_ your fear.

② \_\_\_\_\_ the storm.

③ \_\_\_\_\_ the story fear is telling.

What do we do with our fear?

- \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ the next \_\_\_\_\_

The goal isn't to live \_\_\_\_\_;  
it's to live \_\_\_\_\_.

Need more room to add notes? See the back side of this sermon outline.  
Helpful links: [efcc.org/sermons](https://efcc.org/sermons) | [efcc.org/devos](https://efcc.org/devos) | [efcc.org/podcasts](https://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 | 7-8:30pm\* (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 | 7-8:30pm\* (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)

\*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)

# HELP MAKE THE HARVEST PARTY HAPPEN!

We need 450 volunteers + 800 bags of candy to create an incredible night for our community.

Pick your part today — sign up to serve or donate to help with candy!



Learn More  
[efcc.org/HP](https://efcc.org/HP)

# HARVEST PARTY

**Saturday, October 24 • 5:30–9:00 PM**

Tickets go on sale on October 4! Available Sundays in the Courtyard or at the door.



Learn More  
[efcc.org/HP](https://efcc.org/HP)

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# 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.



**Will McLennan**—A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, October 3, at 10am in the Chapel.

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

**Nancy Peet** — A lifelong Emmanuel Faith member, she passed away on Thursday, September 17. A family graveside service is pending.

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

Kim Brett

### Recovering at Home or in Extended Care

H.D. Brumfield, Ginny Colandrea, Jenny Cruz, Lynette Fuson, Cindy Hetherington, Karen Hoerster, Betty Jensen, 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 Lawhorn, 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.