



FAITH FORMATION 2024-25

CONNECT.GROW.LIVE.RADIATE

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a family of disciples who **CONNECT** to, **GROW** in, **LIVE** out, and **RADIATE** the transformative power of Jesus in the world.

2024-25 SERMON SERIES



Kingdom Parables

Starts 9/8/24 • 6 Messages

This series looks at six parables unique to the book of Luke. Jesus, the master storyteller, uses his parables to teach his listeners then and today how to love, how to pray, and how to see the world through the lens of the kingdom.

Kids - Jesus teaches us in ways that we can understand.

Youth - Jesus uses parables to teach us how to be disciples.

Adults - We can use everyday moments to help us see God's truths.



Wise Words from Sabbi

Starts 10/20/24 • 3 Messages

When we spend time truly listening to God - not ourselves, the world, or others, how we are to live now becomes extremely clear.

Kids - How we treat others is important.

Youth - Live a life focused on Christ alone.

Adults - We have a choice in how we reflect God's grace and truth.



Your Move

Starts 11/10/24 • 3 Messages

You are invited to participate in God's work in the world. We will look at biblical acts of faith and responses to God's call. We will be reminded to respond to God's call on our lives and make a move forward in obedience.

Kids - I can help others.

Youth - God calls me to serve in ways that help others.

Adults - We are to be obedient in our discipleship and serve God by using the gifts we have been given.



In Good Company

Starts 12/1/24 • 4 Messages

Learning how God uses each character of the Christmas story to encourage us to go deeper in our relationship with him.

Kids - Jesus' birth brings us from sadness to joy.

Youth - We can only truly understand joy when we fully understand despair.

Adults - Life is full of hills and valleys, how we walk in those moments define our closeness and dependence on God.



Light in the Night

Christmas Eve @ECOB • 1 Message

When the world tries to snuff out the light in the world, we are called to celebrate the one who was, is, and forever more will be.

Kids - Jesus is light.

Youth - Jesus brings light into dark places.

Adults - We are called to carry that light into dark places.



Be Present: Wake Up to God's Work

Starts 12/29/24 • 1 Message

Distractions can cause us to miss out on what God is doing in the present moment.

Kids - Pay attention.

Youth - What may God be doing in my life right now that I may not be seeing?

Adults - How can I be more attentive to the things around me that God may be calling me to?



Heart for the House

Starts 1/5/25 • 2 Messages

Moving forward together in God's vision for ECOB.

Kids - We are part of a team.

Youth - The church is here to be a voice in the wilderness.

Adults - ECOB is a family that connects, grows, lives, and radiates Jesus to the world.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Relationship Development **CONNECT** | Spiritual Growth **GROW**
Christian Living **LIVE** | Community Outreach **RADIATE**

Discipleship: Journeying Toward Sanctification

Starts 1/19/25 • 4 Messages

As we take a closer look at what it means to follow him, to be united with him, to be commissioned by him, and to become more like him, we'll discover that being a faithful disciple is about far more than just the steps we take toward Jesus. Being a disciple is about an unrelenting passion for discovering the Person at the center of it all.

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting

Starts 2/16/25 • 3 Messages

Time spent in undivided attention to God reminds us that God and only God is God. Christ alone saves. Only the Spirit brings life.

I AM: Jesus In His Own Words

Starts 3/5/25 • 7 Messages

Each "I Am" declaration illustrates a specific revelation of Jesus' character and testifies to his divinity. Also, each of the "I Am" announcements reveals our spiritual needs and how Jesus perfectly meets each and every one.

Living Hope: Easter @ ECOB

Starts 4/20/25 • 1 Message

The resurrection changes everything. It invites us into God's ongoing work of new creation—here and now, and in the life to come.

Dining with Jesus: A Place At The Table For Sinners and Saints

Starts 4/27/25 • 6 Messages

This series follows Jesus to the different meals he shared with people throughout his earthly ministry. He ate with sinners and saints, teaching, loving, and extending grace from table to table.

Corinthians: The Power of Unity

Starts 6/8/25 • 10 Messages

True unity in the body of Christ only comes when believers commit their lives wholeheartedly to Jesus.

Think. Feel. Do.

Starts 8/17/25 • 3 Messages

Gain a better understanding of how God designed the believer's mind, heart, and will to interact with one another.

Kids - I follow Jesus.

Youth - I need to learn how to follow Jesus more closely.

Adults - Following Jesus is not something that can be done part time, it is an everyday experience.

Kids - Focus on God.

Youth - I need to be more attentive to God's desire for me.

Adults - Praying and Fasting will help me learn to put God first and not the desires of my heart.

Kids - Jesus is everything to me.

Youth - Jesus cares for me fully, in every way, so that I do not need anything else but him.

Adults - Jesus' character is something I am to seek after. How do I truly see Jesus?

Kids - Jesus rose!

Youth - I can be a new creation in Christ.

Adults - Jesus can take what is older and make it new...if I allow him to.

Kids - Jesus loves everyone.

Youth - How do I extend grace to those that are different than me?

Adults - How can we better love others in a biblical way, extending grace, but not giving up on truth?

Kids - We are family.

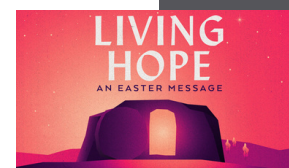
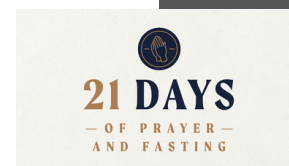
Youth - Learning how to walk together, even when it is hard.

Adults - May we not allow struggles to stop us from finding opportunities for building the kingdom in unity.

Kids - I am valued.

Youth - I am more than just a young person, I am a fellow believer.

Adults - I cannot just hope for things to happen, I need to act and be a part of sharing the good news.



EVENTS WITH IMPACT ON FAITH FORMATION



MISSIONS

Participating in missions, near and far, you will have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS

Participating in events to develop relationships with others will have a deep impact on your faith formation as together, we grow closer to Jesus and one another.

AGE-APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES

Each person at ECOB can participate in a ministry that will impact their faith walk no matter how young or old.

MILESTONES:



ECOBKIDS

Parent/Child Dedication and Move Up Sunday

ECOBYOUTH

Driver's License and Graduation Sunday

FOR ANY AGE

Baptism, Membership and Memorial Sunday

REGULAR PROGRAM OFFERINGS:



WORSHIP

Each week, ECOB offers two worship services that praise God and engage us in our discipleship. Traditional at 8:30am and Contemporary at 10:45am.

LIFE GROUPS

At the core of our faith formation is our Life Group Ministry, meeting both on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Each week, there are opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus both within ECOB and our local community.