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<title> **East County Churches Celebrate Halloween with Family-Friendly “Trunk or Treat” Events**</title>

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<h1>East Country Churches</h1>

<p>Across East County San Diego, many families are swapping traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating for lively church-sponsored <q>Trunk or Treat</q> events. Instead of walking through neighborhoods, children wander through parking lots lined with festively decorated cars. Each trunk becomes a mini attraction — some transformed into pirate ships, pumpkin patches, or superhero headquarters — as volunteers pass out candy and prizes to excited kids in costumes.</p>

<h2>Family-Friendly</h2>

<p>These family-friendly gatherings have become a growing trend among local churches that want to offer a safe, community-centered alternative to Halloween night. Many events also feature food trucks, bounce houses, carnival-style games, and even pony rides or petting zoos. Parents appreciate the cheerful, supervised environment, while children enjoy the variety of activities. <q>It’s my favorite night of the year,</q> said 8-year-old Emma Carter, dressed as a unicorn. <q><strong>I got more candy than ever, and I even got to pet a goat!</strong></q></p>

<h2>Organizers</h2>

<p>Organizers say the goal is to create a space where families can celebrate together without worry. As the popularity of trunk-or-treats continues to grow throughout East County, local churches are already planning bigger events for next year. For many families, these faith-based festivities have become a new Halloween tradition — <i>one filled with laughter, lights, and community spirit.</i></p>

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