

august

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				Pastor Joe's Sabbatical		
				Strip and Wax Hallway and FLC		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Pastor Joe's Sabbatical	EHCA Teacher Prof. Development		Worship Choir Social EHCA Meet the Teachers and Curriculum Review	EHCA Tears and Cheers - Parents Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL		
Promotion SUNDAY	11	12	13	14	15	16
			EHCA All School Chapel Student Ministry Back to School Party		EHCA Back to School BBQ	Men's Ministry Breakfast Women's Ministry Council Mtg
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			The Forge for Young Adults Randy and Joan Bell	CornerStone Game Day		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			EHCA All School Chapel			JOIN US FOR BRUNCH EHBC KIDS Family Brunch
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september

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Church/School Closed Labor Day	2	3 CornerStone Second Chance Kids on Mission Begins	4	5 EHCA Grandparents' Day	6 Groves Norman Wedding
7 Grandparents Day	8	9	10 EHCA All School Chapel	11	12 Men's Bible Study Begins at Larry's House	13 Bible Study Leaders Appreciation Banquet
14	15	16 EHCA Picture Day	17 The Forge for Young Adults	18 Patriot Day CornerStone Speaker and Lunch ERLC Candidate Meet and Greet	19	20 Men's Ministry Breakfast
21 THE LORD'S SUPPER Business Meeting	22 Autumn Begins	23	24 EHCA All School Chapel	25	26	27 Women's Ministry Retreat
28 Zoolapalooza	29	30				

People helping people live out the unexpected love of Jesus every day. This is Eastern Hills' mission as a church: to help one another be more like Jesus, and to help others hear about, experience, and live out His unexpected love every day.

Our values declare that we are an **AUTHENTIC FAMILY**: We have fun and encourage each other through life's ups and downs. We value **REAL TRUTH**: We dig into Scripture for clarity in a confusing world. **TRANSFORMATIONAL GROWTH** is our third value: We thrive as we learn to become more like Jesus together. And finally, we desire to make a **PRACTICAL IMPACT**: We seek to meet the needs of our neighbors wherever we find them.

INFORMER

Follow the Son Bible Club
Bringing Jesus to Children

John 8: 12 "I am the light of the world; he that follows Me shall not be in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Follow the Son Bible Club is in more 15 elementary and middle schools in the East Mountain and Albuquerque area. At an Elementary Club, the children listen for the bell to ring for dismissal and head for a classroom where Bible Club Teachers wait! They hear God's word through music, learning a memory verse, and hearing a Bible lesson. The gospel

is presented each week along with teaching for the child who already knows Jesus. You can be a part of this in any of the following ways: Teacher, Small Group Leader, Song Leader, Prayer Warrior, Organizer or Snack provider. See Bonita Ortiz at the table in the foyer for more information or call the church office.

AUGUST 2025

BACK TO SCHOOL
Prayer Needs:

- Eastern Hills Christian Academy
- Public and Private Schools
- ALL Teachers
- ALL Students
- Protection on ALL Campuses
- Age Appropriate Curriculum in ALL Schools
- God's Intervention

Prayer was taken out of school, but we can always and continually pray FOR school!

Promotion SUNDAY

August 9th - All Grades/Ages



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KIDS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Join us on
Sunday
Mornings
at 9am for
Bible Study

We are here to serve the Families and Children of Eastern Hills Baptist Church

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Amanda Bowman - Curriculum Director amandab@ehbc.org

Liana Hill - Special Events Coordinator liana@ehbc.org



**PASTOR
BILL**

Proverbs 27:2 says, "Let another praise you, and not your own mouth—a stranger, and not your own lips." (CSB) Well, I'm not a stranger to Rich, but I wanted to take this space this month to praise and encourage him (and Lara) as they make their move to Phoenix this coming month.

When Rich and Lara first came to Eastern Hills, way back before COVID, Rich shared with me about his passion for serving the church body, his training for ministering to the hurting, and his desire to use those gifts in the work here at Eastern Hills. I was thrilled. Not terribly long after that, just when he and Lara were getting really plugged in (with Lara using her musical gifts and talents in both the church and the school), it looked as though we would lose them as a church in a neighboring state was considering calling him to an associate pastor position. Of course, we should want everyone to walk in the center of God's will, even if it means going to Texas (or Arizona)!

But then COVID struck, and that other church had to cancel their plans for adding another associate pastor. Rich and Lara stayed. In 2021, Rich became our Pastoral Ministry Group Leader and started work on his DMin project, likely a first-of-its-kind doctoral focus on member-to-member care of (primarily) senior adults. This work became known here as the Barnabas Caregivers Ministry, and this ministry and his wisdom in working with senior adults has been an incredible blessing to this church family. Eastern Hills called Rich to serve as the Associate Pastor of Senior Adults in early 2022, and he stepped into that role with gusto. Lara has faithfully served by his side since then, as well as doing her own things: taking the lead in one of the ladies' Sunday morning Bible Study classes, singing in the choir, playing with Donna and Tony in their sweet jazz trio... Both Rich and Lara are treasures to this church family.

Rich's greatest quality, in my mind at least, is his genuine care for the people he shepherds. He wants to know their hurts and fears, to laugh and cry with as many as he can, and to enjoy a good conversation over Ghirardelli chocolate squares. In many ways, he has excelled at giving to the senior saints of EHBC a commodity that is always in limited quantity: Time. His visitation ministry and availability to give counsel or even just a listening ear to the older adults of our congregation have made a real impact in their lives. His engagement in seeking the best for those dealing with difficult situations has been above and beyond.

Furthermore, Rich and Lara have done a tremendous job coordination and planning of the Cornerstone Ministry meetings, the fun and interesting nature of the monthly Cornerstone Chronicle newsletter, and the addition of Cornerstone's monthly "Second Chance" meeting. Their ability to connect with people through these avenues has been a blessing to our church family in many ways.



Finally, Rich has been a true blessing as a member of the staff, particularly the pastoral staff. His kindness, positivity, and sense of humor help each of us in various ways at various times, and his gentle demeanor, wise sayings, and biblical acumen are always an encouragement. Rich has preached when asked, led prayer meeting when asked (and when not asked because I got caught up in a counseling meeting that ran long!), and has even played in the praise band. His heart is truly to serve where God has placed him, and it shows in all that he has done at Eastern Hills.

It's my privilege to get to praise Rich and Lara, and even more so to praise our Lord for bringing them to Eastern Hills. To the Willards: We love you, and we are so grateful for you both! The Lord's riches blessings be upon you as you step into this new chapter. We look forward to seeing all that God will continue to do with you and through you!

Blessings, Bill




Join Eastern Hills on a trip to Israel!
February 14th, 2027-February 25, 2027
for more information
[ehbc.org/ trip](http://ehbc.org/trip)
or see Joe



**New Church
Library
Hours
Open at
10:15 am
Sundays**

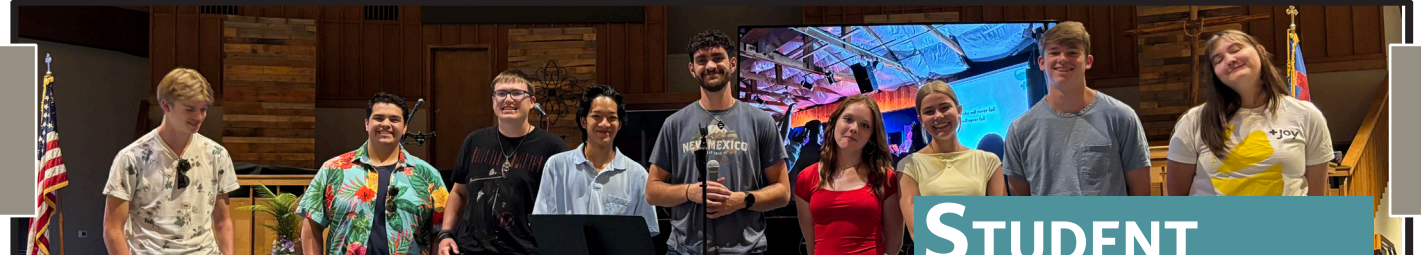
Ethics and
Religious
Liberties
Committee



This November the City of Albuquerque will be holding elections for the Mayor's office, for each of the odd numbered city council districts and several APS school districts. There are numerous candidates vying for these positions as there are currently still 7 running for Mayor and several city council seats with 3 or more candidates. The ERLC is going to hold a public forum and invite all candidates for Mayor and any of the City Council and APS seats that might be of interest to our congregation. The event is schedule for

Care Net Walk for Life
Saturday August 23rd
HOFFMANTOWN PARKING LOT
8 am registration
or register online
www.carenetabq.org
Questions?
505-880-8373

September 18th at 7 pm in our Family Life Center. Invitations are going out as we speak to give every candidate an opportunity to participate if they wish. We hope that many will join us so that you can see and hear from them in person. They will each be given time to speak and we hope they will stay to answer any questions that you may have for them. We encourage you to attend and invite your friends so that you can get a better understanding of each of the candidate's views on items that concern us. As with each election cycle, the ERLC booth will be available in the foyer starting the first Sunday in September for any questions you may have about the election. As we get closer, we will again print individual sample ballots upon request.



STUDENT MINISTRY

SUMMER 3.0

Thank you! For praying for and supporting our youth in all their endeavors this summer! And especially, thank you to the staff and volunteers investing in them!

Back2School Bash! August 13 @ Eastern Hills.

Upcoming TBDs: Possible mission trip in September (BCNM's One Day); McCall's Pumpkin Patch (opening weekend is September 20).



Pray our graduating seniors' next steps and for new students in





MEN'S/WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

**Coming in September
Women's Retreat
September 27
More Information Coming**

**INVITING
ALL
WOMEN**



Thursday Night Precepts Bible Study

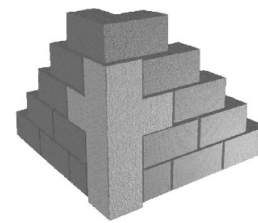
Led by Mauna Schott
Will begin again on
September 4th at 6:30 pm
in RM. 101B
Starting Romans Chapters 9-11



*Women's Ministry
Prayer Connection Box
on the Get-Connected Table
Fill out a pink slip if you want to be connected
with other women
for prayer needs and new friendships.*



**BREAKFAST
AUGUST 16
FLC @ 8 AM**



CORNERSTONE
60+ Senior Ministry Fellowship



2025

Be Sure To Welcome the "NEW GUY"

August 21st Thursday @ 9:30 in Miller Hall



Coffee, Donuts, Games and Lunch



GAME DAY!

Wait there's More!

SecondChance-Wednesday September 3rd - TBD-More Info Soon



Until We Meet Again-Love, Rich (Phil 3:20-21)

