

UPCOMING



**Men's Ministry
Breakfast!!!**


April 26 at 8:00 AM




EHCA invites
you to their
Spring Family
Carnival
Friday April 25
6 to 8 pm
Games, Food,
Fun

**Bringing Home Baby Buddrius
Pancake Dinner/Silent Auction
Fundraiser
Friday, May 2nd 5 pm in FLC**



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LIFE

The idiom "Don't bet the ranch on that"; is a caution. To *bet the ranch* means to put all your resources, time, and effort into something with high stakes. The phrase originated when people would bet their entire farm or land as collateral for a loan. If they lost the bet, they would lose their property along with any other assets they had invested.

My seminary professors discussed reasons to believe in Christ and the ramifications if one did or did not. They did not like "Pascal's Wager" so much as other apologetics. However, that wager with some merit, is similar to our ranch idiom as a philosophical argument advanced by Blaise Pascal, a seventeenth-century French philosopher and theologian. His argument posits that individuals essentially engage in a life-defining gamble regarding the belief in the existence of God. Essentially Blaise said, if God does not exist, the faithful individual incurs only minimal and finite losses. However, if God does indeed exist, the faithful stand to gain immeasurably by an eternity in Heaven while simultaneously avoiding boundless losses associated with an eternal Hell. Christians know that it serves us well to "believe" (Eph 2:8-9). I propose, it is better to think of God's grace and our faith as gifts rather than as wagers, but we can agree there are high stakes involved here!

So today as believers, we find ourselves celebrating the resurrection of Christ. Christianity is fundamentally a resurrection faith of high stakes: "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Those, then, who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone" (1 Cor 15:17-19). We should be pitied as fools if there is no resurrection when we have placed all our hopes in a falsehood. Heresies, apostasy, skepticism towards the supernatural elements of Scripture, and modern "higher criticism" have failed to disprove the miraculous resurrection. Lives have changed! "He is risen!_____!" (fill it in).

Peace, Rich

**HIGH
STAKES**

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TODAY



SanctuaryWiFi Password: ehbc3100
EVERYONE: Please remember to mute your cell phones during service. Thanks!

the gospel of
Luke
the story of the king

Senior Pastor Bill Connors
16: "Changing the Rules"
Luke 6: 20-49

	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
GOAL	\$19,000
GOAL EXCEEDED!!!	\$21,475.16



Offering April 13, 2025

	This Week	Year-To-Date
Budget Needs:	\$20,829.00	\$312,435.00
Budget Receipts:	\$17,588.09	\$306,919.56

ENDEAVOR Campaign Received to Date: **\$1,060,385.13**

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THIS WEEK



Sunday, April 20, 2025 -Easter Sunday (No Evening Activities)

7:30 AM • Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast (Courtyard, FLC)
9:00 AM • Bible Study Classes
10:30 AM • Easter Celebration Service (Sanc.)

Monday, April 21, 2025

Church office Closed
Air Conditioning Hook Up

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

7:30 AM • Curtis Smith's Bible Study
(Zoom Meeting ID:459 651 0196 Pass code: 1000)
11:00 AM • Kindergarten Pictures (Parlor)
9:00 AM • Staff Meeting (Bill's Office)
6:30 PM • EHCA School Board Meeting (MH)

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - Secretary's Day

9:00 AM • EHCA All School Chapel (Sanc.)
9:30 to 11:00 AM • Hope Ahead Women's Bible Study (Rm 101A)
5:45 PM • Prayer Meeting (Rm. 103)
6:15 PM • Kids on Mission (Rm 102)
6:30 PM • Women's Bible Study - *Anyway* by Julie Morris (Parlor)
6:30 PM • Youth Prime Time (Youth Rm)

Thursday, April 24, 2025

8:30 AM to 2:30 PM • Auxano Team Session (Rm 101B to 103A, MH Kitchen)
6:30 PM • Precepts Bible Study - *'Romans' Part 2* (Rm 101b to 103a)
6:30 PM • Worship 4:24 Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)

Friday, April 25, 2025

1:00 PM • Men's Bible Study - Church History (Larry's House)
6:00 to 8:00 PM • EHCA Spring Carnival (FLC, Courtyard)

Saturday, April 26, 2025

8:00 AM • Men's Ministry Breakfast (FLC)
8:30 AM • ACBC Fundamental Training (MH)
1:30 PM • Violin Recital (Sanc.)

Sunday, April 27, 2025

1:30 PM • Lisa Francis Piano Recital (Sanc., MH)

MH = Miller Hall FLC = Family Life Center/Gym Sanc. = Sanctuary CR = Choir Rm.
CH = Clubhouse CY = Courtyard CC= CrossCourts

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