

UPCOMING



# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday • 6:00 PM



## Church Office Holiday Closings

**Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
New Years Day**

**If you need to come to the church  
office during afternoon through  
the Holiday season, please call  
first to make sure we are here.**



• EasternHillsABQ  
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# LIFE

*People helping people live out the unexpected love of Jesus every day.*

In Charles Dickens' classic tale, *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Future. The ghost of Christmas Future reveals to him what his future is likely to hold should he not change his miserly ways. The ghost of Christmas Present shows him what is happening at his mistreated employee Bob Cratchit's house that very year. But it's the ghost of Christmas Past that sets the stage for Scrooge's ultimate redemption through the visions of them both.

During his visit with the ghost of Christmas Past, Scrooge is shown snippets, both good and bad, of Christmases in his past: being left at boarding school while others went home to be with their families, the year his sister Fan came and brought him home at Christmas, a Christmas party with his generous employer Mr. Fezziwig, and the end of his relationship with Belle over his ambition and greed. While I'm not visited by any ghosts, I do often reflect on my own Christmas Past, and about two very different facets of Christmases as I was growing up versus Christmas today.

The first difference is Jesus. I knew all the carols. I knew the basic story. But I didn't know Jesus. Christmas had almost nothing to do with the Christ for whom it is named. Similar to Scrooge, my own selfishness drove each Christmas season. But that's not what Christmas looks like now! Today, Christmas is about celebrating the Savior who came as a baby, born of a virgin, to live a perfect life that I couldn't live, to die the death that I should die, so that I could be saved from my sin and have eternal life. What a difference!

The second difference is the church. I didn't have a church family when I was growing up. I think about how important the church is to my family's life today, and I wonder how my family managed without a church when I was growing up. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for the blessing you are to me and to my family at all times, but especially at Christmas! We pray that your Christmas is a wonderful, sacred, and blessed time for you and yours.

Blessings,

Bill

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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  
47: "Watching and Waiting"  
Luke 21: 5-38



## Offering December 14, 2025

	This Week	Year-To-Date
Budget Needs:	\$20,829.00	\$1,041,450.00
Budget Receipts:	\$13,849.80	\$1,108,321.93

	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
GOAL	\$32,500.00
Received toward goal	\$17,589.12

ENDEAVOR Campaign Received to Date:

\$1,166,525.76

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# THIS WEEK



## Sunday, December 21, 2025

Parade of Gingerbread Homes (Foyer)  
8:30 to 10:15 AM • Church Library Open  
9:00 AM • Bible Study for all ages  
10:30 AM • Family Worship/Kids Worship - Infants - 5th Grade  
5:30 PM • Pastor's Bible Study (MH)

## Monday, December 22, 2025

EHCA Christmas Break Begins through January 7  
9:00 AM • Schuler - Women's Bible Study "Jesus and Women" (Rm 101B to 103A)

## Tuesday, December 23, 2025

7:30 AM • Curtis Smith's Bible Study  
(Zoom Meeting ID:459 651 0196 Pass code: 1000)  
9:00 AM • Staff Meeting (Bill's Office)

## Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Christmas Eve

Church Offices Closed  
6:00 PM • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanc.)

## Thursday, December 25, 2025 - Christmas

Happy Birthday, Jesus!!!!  
Church Offices Closed

## Friday, December 26, 2025

## Saturday, December 27, 2025

## Sunday, December 28, 2025

Pick up your Gingerbread Homes (Foyer)  
Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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



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