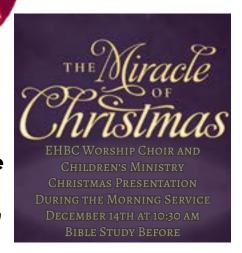
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Mirror. Window. Lens. You see what these have in common. They are all panes of glass with some relation to light and sight (all related, but each differently related, of course). One isn't better than another, and sometimes they work together for good, as in the making of a telescope.

These three optical objects represent three different ways to read the Bible—all good, but all different. We use a "mirror" approach to reading Scripture when we behold ourselves in the text; when it shows us the things we need to work on or believe (James 1:22–24). We use a "window" approach to the Bible when we let the pages of the book inform us about its divine Author; when we read Scripture to learn about God rather than ourselves. Finally, the "lens" approach happens when God's word brings something into focus; when we say "I've never thought about it like that before!"

The Christmas Season is a really wonderful time to read the Bible using a "window" approach. We can take the focus from ourselves and our questions and turn it to God and what He has done.

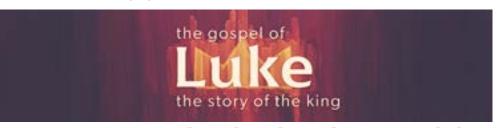
Shifting similes, this approach to Scripture is like one of the two main responses children have to the Christmas tree. On one hand, there is the understandable urge to get under the tree and open the presents there, to see what one gets. On the other hand, there is the impulse to stay seated on the couch and simply behold the beauty of the scene—lights and ornaments and wrappings, colors and shapes and shadows, warmth and mystery and magic. (You can tell I like Christmas, right?).

The "window" approach to Scripture is like the second of these two ways that we might wake up on Christmas morning. We should certainly seek to apply Scripture; it was written for training in godliness, after all (2 Timothy 3:16-17), and it is filled with presents to unwrap! However, it is sometimes helpful to simply appreciate it before trying to get something out of it. As you read the Christmas story this season, remember it is a window. Press your face against the pane like a child at a storefront, and wonder.

Trevor



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Associate Pastor of Youth and Families Trevor Clark 46: "Turnabout is Fair Play" Luke 20: 20 - 21: 4



YouVersion Notes

Offering November 30, 2025

	This Week	Year-To-Date
Budget Needs:	\$20,829.00	\$999,792.00
Budget Receipts:	\$49,436.80	\$1,058,683.76

	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	
GOAL	\$32,500.00	
GOAL Received	\$11,461.87	

ENDEAVOR Campaign Received to Date:

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Sunday, December 7, 2025

Parade of Gingerbread Homes (Foyer)

8:30 to 10:15 AM \cdot Church Library Open

9:00 AM · Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM · Family Worship/Kid's Worship Infants - 5th grade

11:30 AM · Curtis Smith's Class Christmas Party (Rm. 103B)

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM · Lisa Francis Piano Recital (Sanc., MH)

5:30 PM · Pastor's Bible Study (MH)

Monday. December 8, 2025

9:00 AM · Schuler - Women's Bible Study "Jesus and Women" (Rm 101B to 103A)

9:00 AM · EHCA Performance Rehearsal (Sanc.)

1:00 PM · Set-up for Deacon's Party (MH)

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - Joe's 18th Anniversary

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)

6:00 PM · Deacon's Christmas Party (MH)

6:30 PM · EHCA Christmas Celebration and Art Show (Sanc., & East Foyer)

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

9:00 AM · EHCA Chapel (Sanc.)

9:30 AM · Hope Ahead Women's Bible Study (Rm 102)

5:00 PM · Churchwide Family Dinner (MH)

5:45 PM · Prayer Meeting (MH)

6:15 PM · Kids on Mission (Rm 102)

6:30 PM · Worship Choir Rehearsal (CR)

6:30 PM · Women's Bible Study - Monica Seiler (Parlor)

6:30 PM · Youth Prime Time (Youth Rm)

Thursday, December 11, 2025

5:00 PM · Set Up for Women's Cookie Exchange (MH)

6:30 PM · Worship 4:24 Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)

Friday, December 12, 2025

3:30 PM · Set Up for Follow the Sun Bible Club and Dinner (FLC)

1:00 PM · Men's Bible Study - Church History (Larry's House)

6:00 PM · Women's Ministry Christmas Cookie Exchange (MH)

Saturday, December 13, 2025

5:00 PM · Follow the Sun Bible Club and Dinner (MH, FLC)

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Parade of Gingerbread Homes (Foyer)

10:30 AM · Worship Choir and Children's Ministry Christmas Perf. (Sanc.)

4:00 PM · Cocoa and Caroling (MH)

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