

Been Spurred Lately?

Growing up on a small Oklahoma farm with cattle, there were times when we had to move the herd to a different pasture for fresh grazing. We always had a couple of horses at the ready, Appo (Appaloosa) and Lucky, who were gentle beasts and made light work of the event. But occasionally, a cow... more often than not... a boneheaded steer, got it into their head that they could make a break in a different direction. All it took was a kick or spur to the back portion of the horse's flank, and in no time, the wayward bovine was "headed off at the pass" so to speak and the herd was saved. Okay, maybe that's a little too dramatic but having watched my share of John Wayne westerns, I have pictured myself as the hero in the saddle more than once.

Would you consider spurring an undeserved punishment to the horse? If you envisioned a spiky piece of metal deeply embedded into the horse's flesh then, yes, you may have a point. Our family didn't actually own any spurs, so our spurring was just a gentle nudge with the heel of our boot or shoe to the flank and that was enough to communicate with the horse that it was time to go. My gut tells me those moments of Appo and Lucky showing their strength and speed were the highlights of their day. This is what they were made for, or in God's own words about His awesome creation, "In frenzied excitement he eats up the ground." (Job 39:24)

Grant it, you can only take this analogy so far when comparing it with Hebrew 10:24, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds," but it gives me a visual demonstration of the passage. The timing and direction of the horses'

bursts of speed were key to a successful migration. In our church family, the aim of our lives is not just loving and doing good deeds, but helping to spur one another on, to stir up or stimulate one another towards love and good works and arriving at greener pastures as a family.

And I believe the key to this is to pause and give thought and prayer as to who and how you will spur on. The instruction that we can easily overlook or take for granted is: let us consider... Begin the day with a plan, or even better, with asking God to reveal His plan. Be on the lookout for opportunities that mysteriously present themselves. If the Spirit places someone in your mind, don't be too quick to move on to the next "sporadic" thought. Allow yourself time and space to question, "Okay God, what are You trying to tell me?"

When you hear an answer, take the reins in hand and do. Or if you can visualize the classic True Grit scene of Rooster Cogburn holding the reins in his teeth and a gun in each hand, spurring his horse into the fray — that inspires me too.

Hebrews 10:23-24 "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

~Steddon

Welcome to East Hill Church of Christ, a place where you can discover the gospel!
Please, don't hesitate to let any of the greeters or ministers know how we can serve you.

C A L E N D A R

January

- 29 Elder Led Service
- 29 Areawide Singing
Stolley Park C of C, 6 pm

February

- 3 Food Distribution
South Parking Lot, 12-1 pm
- 3 Son Shiners
Chances "R," 5:30 pm
- 11 Men's Breakfast
Fellowship Hall, 8 am
- 18 Ladies' Craft Day
Fellowship Hall, 8 am-6 pm

- 1/22 Brenda Mersch
- 1/22 Adam Kreifels
- 1/23 Dawn Sikes
- 1/23 Carol Shafer
- 1/24 Callen Hinton
- 1/24 Mason Fifield
- 1/25 Garrett Knapp
- 1/25 Timothy Tandy
- 1/25 Tim McNeese
- 1/25 William McNeese
- 1/25 Amy Vernon
- 1/25 Madi Miller
- 1/27 Lori Keller
- 1/27 Sadie Carr

1/23 Dan & Lori Keller

C E L E B R A T E

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Meals-on-Wheels: East Hill has January for meals-on-wheels for 2023. The sign up sheet is on the information table in the foyer. There are still some openings this week. See Susanne Keller if you have questions.

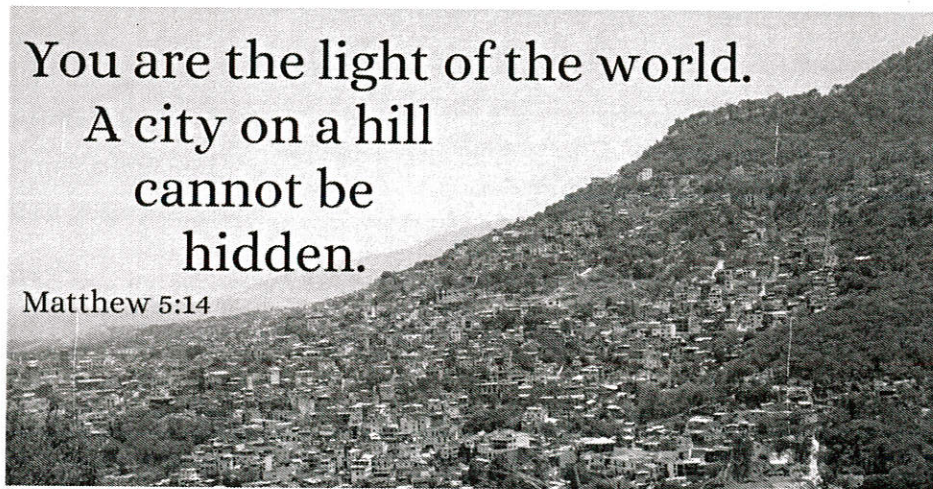
Men's Breakfast has been rescheduled and will meet this Saturday, January 21, in the Fellowship Hall at 8 am. Terry Kite will lead the devotional from Ezekiel.

Areawide Singing: Stolley Park church of Christ in Grand Island will host an area-wide singing next Sunday, January 29 at 6:00 pm. Refreshments of cookies and lemonade will be served following the singing.

Bulletins are back on the Website! If you like to get a sneak peek at the bulletin or want to see it while you are out of town, you can head over to our website now at www.easthillcofc.org. Just click on the bulletins tab at the top of the home page and then click the link to the bulletin you wish to see.

You are the light of the world.
A city on a hill
cannot be
hidden.

Matthew 5:14



You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ... In the same way, let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 East Hill 2022 Theme Verse

BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

Dear Family, I don't even know how to express my gratitude for all the ways you have blessed and supported our family through these last 20+ years. You have provided us with funds, food, emotional support, and prayers. Please know that we love each and everyone of you. Also, thank you for helping us with these last days with Mike. You are all amazing!

Love the **Rush family**.

Virginia Holland had a heart cath procedure on Tuesday. The procedure went well and she rejoices that she did not need a stent.

Nancy Phan has requested prayers for the Herschfeld family in Kearney. Those with connections to the Kearney church have probably heard that Trudy, wife, mother and grandmother passed this last week. Nancy remembers Trudy as a great encourager, much like Mike. Trudy blessed Nancy's own family like everyone she met and will be greatly missed. The family had a private service.

Congratulations to **Jake and Taylor Nugen** (and son, **Rowan**), on the addition of **Riley Dean** to the family. He was born on Friday, January 13, he was 7lbs 8oz and 19 in. We thank God that Riley and Taylor are healthy. Stay tuned for a baby shower date in the near future.

This Week's Prayer Focus:

Prayer is more than just our conversation with God. It changes us as a group. Acts 4:24 says, "When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God." Praying together is a unifying force, a shared experience, a group awakening. We need times of praying together as a church. This week, please pray for this church family as we lead up to next Sunday when the elders will lead us in prayer for our future together. Amen.

Weekly Events

Attended Nursery: You can drop off children ages 0 up to 2 years in the nursery during services.

Youth Updates: Contact Garrett Schwarz to get the Remind notices and stay connected on the latest news regarding the East Hill Youth.

Women's Thursday Class: Join women of all ages for a time of prayer and study. The class meets on Thursdays, 10 am to 11:30 in the fellowship hall and on Zoom.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion
Grow in Grace – But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.
~II Peter 3:18

Weekly Scripture Memory

January 8-January 28

Psalm 19:1-3

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. *There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.*

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Worship 10 am, livestreamed on Facebook
Bible classes for all 9 am
Sunday evening 5 pm, communion available

Wednesday

Bible Classes for all 6:30 pm
Adult class is livestreamed on Facebook

For the Record: January 15, 2023

Weekly Attendance: 275

Weekly Giving

Budgeted TBD

Actual: \$11,365.55

Children's: \$36.27

Year to Date

Budgeted: TBD

Giving: \$134.71

Children's for Ecuador: \$24,465.31

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Children's Ministry - Preschool

Hannah Sikes

Youth Ministry - Coordinator

Garrett Schwarz

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Michele Briggs 9 am-noon

Tera Knapp 11:30-2:30

Missionaries in Ecuador

Joshua & Julie Marcum

Michaela, Eliana, Jana, Enoch

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Tim Carr

Michael Case

Matt Coppinger

Keith Miller

Mark Miller

Steddon Sikes

Eric Tremaine

Shepherd of the month is in bold font.

Deacons-----Area of Service

Marty Barrett -----Benevolence

Trey Colle -----Emergency Meals

Robert Cunningham -----Son Shiners

Troy Flynt -----Treasurer

Jansen Fraser -----Grounds

Trent Hinton -----Livestream

Ron Kretz -----Singles

Larry Light ----Single Seniors, Facilities

Garrett Schwarz -----Youth

Jeff Shafer -----Worship Support

Lonnie Shafer ----Elder/deacon liaison

Ken Van Gomple -----LTC

East Hill's Vision Narrative

East Hill is a community where every Christian belongs to the body and grows together into the image of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that each of us is unique and has different gifts, but we are one body in the Spirit.

At East Hill, our Christianity is lived out through the use of our gifts. We believe that every member has been gifted and that each one of us is called to use his or her gift in

service to the family of God. We challenge one another to make church-life central to our own lives. We encourage and support one another in our combined effort of serving Christ.

At East Hill, our Christianity is also lived out through our proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in our community. We share privately and publicly what God has done and is doing among us. We also equip one another to share their faith with those outside of Christ so that they, too, can participate in the grace of God and the blessings of the Kingdom.

We know that East Hill exists not just for our own good, but to serve as a witness of Jesus before the world, beginning right here in the York community. We are motivated by the return of Christ and the glory of God.

Order of Worship

Deliver Us

Call to Worship: Chris Martens

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Blessed be Your Name

We Shall Assemble

Reading of Isaiah 9:2-7

Cody Wyatt

Prayer: Simeon Tremaine

480 Blessed Assurance

4 To God be the Glory

Communion: Titus Robison

Children's Offering

In Christ Alone

"Jesus is King"

Revelation 19:11-16

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

Build Your Kingdom Here

Shepherd's Prayer:

Steddon Sikes

Body Life: Dan Goodwin

Worthy is the Lamb