

## **“Therefore I Will Hope in Him” – Lam. 3:24**

“Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies.”— Do you remember who said that? It is a line from one of the best movies of the 1990’s, about a man imprisoned unjustly for almost 20 years. He devised a brilliant scheme to defraud the corrupt warden of thousands of dollars and then to escape. He also managed to expose the warden’s corruption and his murder of a fellow inmate. This all led to the warden’s downfall. The movie is called the “Shawshank Redemption,” starring Tim Robins and Morgan Freeman. There are several spiritual themes developed in this movie. One is the universal need of redemption. But the most enduring lesson is taken from the most famous line of the movie. It is said by Freeman’s character, Red, as he is making his way to meet Andy, where he hopes to begin a new life. After years of languishing in prison he now has reason to hope.

Yes! This movie raises awareness of basic human needs. It may provide an avenue for the gospel for anyone willing to think about how we can possibly have the hope that makes life meaningful.

The human soul yearns for hope as the body thirsts for water. “I hope ...” We all hope for something. But what reason do you have that your hopes will be satisfied?

A more important question is, in whom, or in what do you hope?— Andy had pinned his hopes on his brilliance and his patience to work his scheme. Red was lucky enough to have Andy for a friend. Do you see a problem? What about those who are not brilliant or lucky?

At this point please stop reading these reflections, and open your Bible and find Lamentations 3:21-24. Read these words several times. Observe that the author has been surveying the devastating consequences of the Babylonian invasion of Jerusalem. The pain has been

severe and unrelenting. But in the midst of a desert of despair, he finds an oasis of hope. What is it? ... We will come back to this passage in a moment.

In the last scenes of the Shawshank Redemption Andy and Red are embracing on the beach in Mexico, far away from those who would try to trouble their lives. They seem to be free to live out their days pursuing their dreams. “I guess it comes down to a simple choice really. Get busy living, or get busy dying,” says Red. Shawshank Redemption is a good movie because it is inspiring, and it helps us to think about what we really need. But had the movie gone on, and followed the lives of Andy and Red in years to come, we would have seen that they still lived in the same kind of world they thought they had left, a world where bad things can happen and luck runs out, a world that is often dark and confusing, where hope is often scarce. They would have faced trials that they were not prepared for, and eventually, they would have died.

Back to Lamentations. What did you find? Read (or sing) it with me: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases ...” That exclamation is anchored in the story of scripture. That story explains the world we live in, and why we have the problems we do. It unfolds God’s plans to redeem sinful people and set things right. In other words, the story of scripture gives an account for the problems we all have in this troubled world, reveals a God who is bigger than our problems, and who offers us a way out. The hope God provides is not based upon luck or our intelligence. It is based upon the promise of a God who is faithful.

In the movie Red spoke truth. Now Red, and Andy, and everyone else need to come to the only one who can satisfy the human longing for hope. The same living God about whom the Lamenters sang is there for you and me. Is your hope in this God? Can you share that hope with others?

~Michael Case



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

## February

- 18 Ladies' Craft Day  
Fellowship Hall, 8 am-6 pm

## March

- 3 Food Distribution  
South Parking Lot, 12-1 pm  
3 Son Shiners  
Chances "R," 5:30 pm  
5 Beginning of Spring quarter  
Children's Bible Classes  
11 Men's Breakfast  
Fellowship Hall, 8 am  
12 Daylight Saving Time  
spring forward one hour  
14 YU Equip Conference

- 2/12 Saxton Andrews  
2/12 Jodie Yunevich  
2/13 Jeff Shafer  
2/15 Angela Case  
2/17 Pam Miller  
2/18 Ken Van Gomple

# C E L E B R A T E

## MINISTRIES & EVENTS

**YU Equip Conference:** Do you want to see God's church grow here in York? If you do, then plan to attend the inaugural *Equip* conference hosted by York University on Tuesday, March 14. The \$25 fee covers breakfast, lunch, and all conference resources, as well as admission to a Bible storytelling event on March 13.

Dr. Evertt Huffard, one of the featured presenters, will also speak at the annual *Ides of March* fundraising dinner for the Clayton Museum of Ancient History. Tickets for that event are \$25 while they last. We are blessed to have such extraordinary resources so easily available to us. See the posters on our bulletin board or go to [York.edu/equip](http://York.edu/equip) to learn more.

**One Day Mission Trip!:** One-Day Mission Trip: Danny Jaekel has worked with the Auburn Church of Christ since Bob Lawrence moved away. The Auburn church sends its greetings to East Hill with a special invitation. They would love to host a group from East Hill for worship on Sunday, February 19 at 9:30 AM. It's an easy two-hour drive. It would be great if 20 or more could come! Of course, any number would be a blessing. Maybe some of us could caravan or carpool. Though small, they are a loving and passionate group, and you would no doubt be edified too. Please contact Danny to inform him you're coming or with questions (573 -233-9400).

**Mountain State Children's Home Spring Food Drive:** Items to donate for MSCF's spring food drive can be placed in the cans behind the information center. Pick up will be Monday, April 10. A list of needed items is on the back page of the bulletin. Please be aware that they are not allowed to use outdated items, please check the dates before donating. They can also use gift cards to Walmart and Sam's clubs for house parents to purchase perishable items. Please turn those into the office.

**Youth Mission Trip:** This summer, the high school youth group will travel to Ecuador, May 29 to June 6, to work with Josh Marcum in Salinas, Ecuador. Salinas is a newer church plant and has not had any mission trip groups come and work with them. The teens will go there to work with the church, encourage the members, and assist in community outreach in Salinas. The youth group will host several fundraisers to help with travel and projects they will be doing with the new church plant. Please keep them in prayer and watch how you can help with this.

**Youth Mission Fund Raiser:** Daylight Donuts has graciously offered to donate a percentage of their sales on Saturday, February 25 to our East Hill teens who will be traveling to Ecuador in May. Please mark your calendars and make sure to stop in and purchase some donuts!



*But in your hearts, revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

I Peter 3:15 East Hill 2023 Theme Verse

## BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

### Prayers:

**Marty Salsbury** had some rough days this last week. He had an emergency appendectomy late Saturday night, swelling in his leg from a large blood clot on Tuesday, and an appointment to see an orthopedic doctor to see if anything needs to be done before his stem cell transplant about a new pathological fracture in his right hip (not caused by trauma) that showed up in the CT scan from the emergency Saturday night. It has been a long week for both Meghan and Marty. Please keep them in prayer.

**Margaret Spencer** got out of her boot and leg brace on Tuesday this week! The doctor said both the knee and ankle were good. The leg is weak from disuse and she will start physical therapy this week to build up the muscles.

**Eddie Kennedy** had a minor heart attack after services last week. He spent time at the Heart Institute in Lincoln for procedures and a surgery for some minor blockage. He is home and will be fitted with a heart monitor soon to monitor for additional issues.

Theresa Brown, **Marilyn Brown's** daughter-in-law, has had a health setback. She is again battling an infection.

**Michael Case's** mother, Janece, passed away this week. Please keep the Case family in your prayers.

**Larry and Kareen Light's** great granddaughter has been fighting an infection with high fever this last week. Please pray for healing.

### Did you know?

**Wesley and Wyatt Tandy** were in the York County Spelling Bee. Wesley placed 4th in the 7/8 grade division and Wyatt placed 3rd in the 5/6 grade division. Congratulations!

### This Week's Prayer Focus:

A week ago, Turkey was devastated by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake that also affected parts of Syria. The death toll has climbed past 20,000 as aftershocks and winter weather make things more difficult. We are most inclined to pray for those who are "like us" or in our own backyard, but this week let's pray for those who are suffering during this terrible tragedy.

### 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.

### LTC Practices

**7-12 Choir:** Meeting today 3-4 in the youth room, everyone this week.

**HS Drama:** Today at 2 pm.

**3rd-6th Drama:** Will be meeting on Wednesday during Bible classes.

**Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion Control** – I Corinthians 9:26-27

So I do not run like someone who doesn't run toward the finish line. I do not fight like a boxer who hits nothing but air. No, I train my body and bring it under control. Then after I have preached to others, I myself will not break the rules. If I did break them, I would fail to win the prize.

### Weekly Scripture Memory

February 12-April 16— Rom 12:9-18

*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.* Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful...



## 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: February 5, 2023

Weekly Attendance: 295  
Weekly Giving  
Budgeted TBD  
Actual: \$10,204.97  
Children's: \$54.86  
Year to Date  
Budgeted: TBD  
Giving: \$54,154.37  
Children's for Ecuador: \$365.75

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## Ministry Staff:

**Preaching Minister**  
Glenn Hawley  
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**Children's Ministry - School Age**  
Tana Albin  
**Children's Ministry - Preschool**  
Hannah Sikes  
**Youth Ministry - Coordinator**  
Garrett Schwarz  
**Administrative Assistants**  
Michele Briggs 9 am-noon  
Tera Knapp 11:30-2:30  
**Missionaries in Ecuador**  
Joshua & Julie Marcum  
Michaela, Eliana, Jana, Enoch

## Shepherds:

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 Gompel ----- LTC

## Mountain State Children's Home Spring Food Drive List

\* indicate high priority items

### Canned/Jarred items

Sauces— Worcestershire, soy, Heinz 57, A-1, BBQ, Mayonnaise & Miracle Whip, Nutella, Enchilada sauce (red and green), Canned fruit— pineapple, peaches, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, and pears. Olives, pinto beans, pickles, cooking spray

### Personal/Household items

Allergy medicines, disposable razors, mouth wash (alcohol free), deodorant, face wash, face moisturizers, Q-tips.

### Boxed/Package items

Cereal, oatmeal packets, baking chips— chocolate, white, butterscotch, Rice-a-Roni— all flavors, scalloped and au gratin potatoes.

### Snack and Beverage items

individual chips/snacks for lunches, \*tortilla chips, \*cookies, \*nuts, \*trail mix, \*fruit snacks, \*granola bars— Kind, Cliff, Belvita, \*breakfast bars, \*microwave pop corn— kettle corn, \*crackers— Cheez-It, Club, Chicken n Biscuit, Gold Fish, Ritz, Saltines, Graham, \*Carnation Instant Breakfast/ Breakfast essentials, 100% fruit juices, orange, prune, cranberry. \*Capri Suns, juice boxes, Chocolate syrup/powder, Lipton Sweet Tea, herbal tea, tea bags, peppermint, sleepy time, Coffee, K-cups, Ground Espresso

### Paper goods/Plastic/Cleaning items

Tall kitchen trash bags, carpet shampoo, laundry stain remover, \*paper plates (no foam), Solo plastic cups, toilet paper, napkins, paper towels

## Order of Worship

### Let God Arise

**Worship Leader:** Steddon Sikes

### Call to Worship

**325/66** Praise to God Medley

*Let God Arise*

**Prayer of Praise:** Lonnie Shafer

**Scripture:** Cameron Clifford  
*Deut. 30:15-30, Psalm 119:1-8*

*Let Us Adore*

**47** *Holy, Holy, Holy  
Holy and Anointed One*

**Communion:** Ivan Keller

*Arise*

### Children's Offering

**3** *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

**"Where Are You?"**

*Genesis 3:9*

Glenn Hawley

*Lord, Take My Life*

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Michael Case

**Body Life:** Dan Goodwin

*Lord, Reign in Me*