

## February 19, 2023

I recently watched the captivating movie *Thirteen Lives* based on real events involving twelve boys soccer players ages 11-16 years old and an assistant coach who, after a training session, went into a cave in northern Thailand on a summer day in 2018. The cave was only a bike ride away from where they lived. They planned to enjoy some time in the cave then head back home.

Hours later the parents began texting and calling their sons asking, "Where are you?"

When there were no replies, they tried calling the head coach to find out if he knew anything. He was unavailable, but when he saw about 20 missed cell phone calls from the parents asking about their children, he immediately called the assistant coach to ask, "Where are you?"

When his assistant coach didn't answer he pieced some clues together and found out they went to the Tham Luang cave. Upon arrival at the cave entrance, he saw the bicycles and backpacks of his players but found the passageway blocked by water from a torrential rainfall that had come sweeping in. His heart sank in fear when he realized they were trapped inside.

I'll let you read about it or watch the movie for yourself to find out more.

Last Sunday, Glenn's sermon title was this question "Where are you?" God asked it of Adam when he and Eve attempted to hide from the LORD in the Garden of Eden after they had disobeyed Him by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Of course God knew where Adam was, but He gracefully asked Adam in order to restore their relationship.

Did you give thought to that question, "Where are you?"

I did and I hope you did. We need to ask ourselves regularly where we are spiritually. Am I hiding from God? Or am I hiding something from God?

Of course He knows where I am. Of course He knows what's going on in my life. Does my relationship with God need to be restored?

Similar to the parents of the Thai youth soccer players and their head coach, I don't know where you are spiritually, but I'm going to ask, "Where are you?" Are you hiding from God? Usually it happens gradually, right?

Our eyes look a little too long at something sensuous  $\rightarrow$  Next time, we look a little longer  $\rightarrow$  In private we click on the revealing image  $\rightarrow$  We go back for more and more but don't tell anyone.

We fudge a little on the insurance claim because we deserve that money  $\rightarrow$  We don't claim some income on our taxes because we worked hard for it and the government won't miss it  $\rightarrow$  We spend a little money on something when we should have consulted our spouse first  $\rightarrow$  We spend money on what we want first, then share if there is anything left.

Someone hurts us with their words and/or actions whether intentional or not and we keep running it in our mind rather than prayerfully taking it to God and if needed talking with that person or seeking Christian counsel  $\rightarrow$  We let our hurt swirl into anger as we think about it day after day  $\rightarrow$  Our anger stews in our thoughts and leads to bitterness toward that person  $\rightarrow$  Possibly without that person knowing, we put a wall up in that relationship, maybe even vilifying that person as our enemy rather than our true enemy the devil.

We slowly wander into sin and now we're trying to hide.

In 2 Samuel 11, King David slowly wandered into sin. He saw Bathsheba and fell to his sexual temptation. When she informed him that he got her pregnant he tried to cover it up, eventually having her husband killed

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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.

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Jotham Andrews

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#### **February**

Youth Mission Fundraiser **Daylight Donuts** 

#### March

- 3 Son Shiners Chances "R," 5:30 pm
- Beginning of spring quarter Children's Bible Classes
- 11 Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall, 8 am
- 12 Daylight Saving Time spring forward one hour
- YU Equip Conference
- Food Distribution South Lot, 10:30-11:30

Andrew Van Gomple 2/24 Paul & Alexis Lamonde

# MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Youth Mission Fund Raiser: Daylight Donuts has graciously offered to donate a percentage of their sales this 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!

Food Distribution Date and Time Change: Beginning in March, the Lincoln Food Bank's food distribution from our south parking lot will be moved to the fourth Tuesday of each month rather than the first Friday. The time will also change. They will begin the distribution at 10:30 with the scheduled finish time of 11:30. This month the distribution will be on March 28.

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) is here! We have 35 kids between 3rd-12th grade (17 families), that are using their talents while learning about God's word. We appreciate the church's prayers for personal growth for each of the kids and that bonds between kids/ families will be strengthened, through the LTC experience. Thank you East Hill for being supportive of this ministry!

Weekly schedule for group events (subject to change by coaches).

Wednesday nights

6:20-7:20 Drama (3-5th grade) Drama Room in Children's wing

6:20-7:20 Drama (6-9th grade) Auditorium 7:30-8:30 Drama (10-12th grade) Youth Room

Sunday afternoons

TBA Bible Bowl (all grades) participants will get email with details 3:00-4:00 Chorus (3-6th grade) Children's wing

3:00-4:00 Chorus (7-12th grade) Youth Room

Teachers for Spring Quarter: We have opened the sign up for teachers for the spring Bible class quarter which begins two weeks from today on Sunday, March 5. There is a sheet on the information table in the foyer, and the online sign up will be included in emails beginning this week. See Tana Albin or Hannah Sikes with any questions.

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.

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 was able to go home on Wednesday. His transplant will have to be pushed back a little to give his incision time to heal, but otherwise he is on track to feeling better.

#### Thanks:

Thank You, from the bottom of my heart. I thank you for the help the first week after I broke my ankle & kneecap, for the food, the phone calls, the visits, the cards; but most of all for your prayers for healing, I thank you sincerely. God has truly blessed me with His loving family of believers. ~Love you all, Margaret Spencer

My family and I would like to thank the East Hill family for your kind expressions of compassion for the loss of my mother. I will long cherish the cards and flowers. I love you and we are grateful to be a part of this family. ~ Michael Case & Family

#### Did you know?

Today is **Drew Gordon's** last Sunday with us. He will be moving to Alabama to take a new job.

Annsley Vernon participated in YHS's first year offering a girls' wrestling team and she qualified to make a run at the state wresting competition which took place this last week.

Today we recognize the Jewell family as members here at East Hill. Welcome to John, Samantha, Andy, and Ben.

Baby Blessing: We have four new little ones to ask God's blessing upon today. As a congregation we are blessed with these four families who have been given a precious gift this year and we hope to be a blessing to them as well. Ephraim Kretz joined his brother Aiben with David and Collette in July, Vivian Mogul, Conner and Allison's first, arrived in August, Molly Kinnison joined her big sister, Zoe with Casey and Courtney in November, and Riley Nugen joined his big brother, Rowan with Jake and Taylor in January.

**Prayer Focus:** Our church and our culture both celebrate marriages, and rightly so. But we often forget that the Bible also celebrates the single person. Paul talks about the advantages of being single like he was, like Jesus was. Let us give thanks this week for our single brothers and sisters and how they serve our church body. And let us work as a church to develop a better theology of singleness.

### 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

**Choruses** meet today 3-4 pm with 7th-12th in in the youth room, and 3rd-6th in the children's wing.

**Dramas** will meet Wednesdays. 3rd-5th in the drama room in children's wing and 6th-9th in the auditorium from 6:20-7:30 and 10th-12th in the youth room 7:30-8:30.

**Bible Bowl** practice times are still to be arranged, participants will be informed by email.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion Love for God's Word – Psalm 19:10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

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. in ...

#### 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 12, 2023

Weekly Attendance:

: 2

Weekly Giving Budgeted Actual:

TBD \$6,005.70

Children's: Year to Date

Budgeted: Giving:

Children's for Ecuador:

\$53.61 TBD

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Children's Ministry - Preschool Hannah Sikes

Youth Ministry - Coordinator Garrett Schwarz

Administrative Assistants

Michele Briggs Tera Knapp 9 am-noon 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.

in combat. The prophet Nathan confronted David saying, "You did it in secret" (2Sam 12:12 NIV).

Sin is ugly. So, we try to keep it hidden. Sometimes we need someone like the prophet Nathan to confront us.

So, I'm looking at you eye to eye and asking, "Where are you?"

If you are hiding, come out and walk with the LORD. Our God is full of grace and compassion and wants to walk with us. As Glenn reminded us in his sermon, The LORD is near.

He wants to walk with us.

I praise God if you are walking with Him. How blessed it is to be led by peaceful streams and to walk through the darkest valley with Him because He is close beside. His goodness and unfailing love pursue us all the days of our life. (Psalm 23 NLT)

If you need help to step out of hiding or help with walking with the Lord, please know that the elders/ shepherds and ministry staff here at East Hill want to help you follow our Chief Shepherd. If you don't catch any of us elders today, our phone numbers are in the bulletin. I pray also that you will make a habit of getting together with other Christians regularly who will ask you that penetrating question if you need it, "Where are you?"

By God's Grace, Matt Coppinger

## Order of Worship

#### The Glory of Our King

144 O Worship the King

Call to Worship: Simeon Tremaine

Reading: Dawson Schwarz Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 99:1-9

Prayer: Luke Case

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Behold Our God
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Lord's Supper: Willis Hood

Children's Offering

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"Where Have You Come From and Where Are You Going?"

Genesis 16:6-10 Glenn Hawley

429 O To Be Like Thee

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Coppinger

**Baby Blessing** 

Body Life: Glenn Hawley

Only a Holy God