

Mission Minded or Dethroning King Dumb

I've found that praying the same brief Biblical phrase for several weeks at a time several times each day works well for me. It's similar to steeping tea. The longer the phrase stays in my head to "brew" the stronger an impact it makes on me. The phrase that I've practiced this most with is, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10 NIV - when Jesus taught us how to pray).

I'm not the center of the universe and I need to remind myself of that... often. God's Kingdom and His mission are my kingdom and my mission. I can get that turned around easily where I'm living for my kingdom and doing my thing/mission. I want to be a part of bringing God's Kingdom to us, accomplishing His will on earth as it is being accomplished in heaven. I need this kingdom orienting phrase on continual repeat to remind me to live for my King because King Dumb - that's me sometimes - wants to do his own thing. King Dumb has his agenda. King Dumb builds his castle waving his prideful banner. King Dumb feeds his desires. King Dumb serves others when King Dumb benefits.

Living in our own little King Dumb, or Queen Dumb if that fits you better, is quite selfish and doesn't align with the mission God has for us. His mission for us is others centered and comes from the risen Son of God to whom every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord.

Recall Jesus' words at the end of the good news according to Matthew:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and

teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Mt. 28:18-20 NIV).

God intends to use us to love and influence others so that they will become His followers. What do we intend to do? To pursue earthly gain and success? To live a comfortable life? To do everything in our power to be healthy and live long? No, no and no. We are kingdom focused rather than King Dumb focused. We are mission minded.

We love our neighbors, both those in Christ and not in Christ, the former so that they will be encouraged to be a more dedicated disciple and the latter praying that they will get a taste of what it means to be a follower of Jesus and want more.

We give financially extra today so that God's Kingdom work in Ecuador and beyond will have needed resources. We serve in various ways as the East Hill church family to motivate each other to acts of love and good works and to share the love of Christ with our community.

Father, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

By God's Grace,
Matt Coppinger

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

April

- 23 Mission Sunday
- 23 Tremaine-Stachura shower
Fellowship Hall, 2-4 pm
- 25 Lincoln Food Distribution
parking lot, 10:30-11:30 am
- 29 YU Spring Graduation
- 29 Ladies Day
Stolley Park C of C
- 30 Secret Sister Reveal Party
Fellowship Hall, 3-4 pm

May

- 5 Son Shiners
Chances R, 5:30 pm
- 6 Men's Breakfast
Fellowship hall, 8 am
- 7 HS Seniors Sunday
- 14 Mother's Day
- 21-27 Round Up at YU

- 4/23 Trent Hinton
- 4/24 Skyler Jacobson
- 4/26 Delores Hartman
- 4/26 David Odom
- 4/28 Allan Huskins III

C E L E B R A T E

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Mission Sunday Today is Mission Sunday, so we will be taking up a special collection. The trays on the tables are intended for our weekly offering. For the mission offering we will be passing trays down the aisles during the service. If you wish to make your mission offering using the Tithely app, please let the church office know so it goes to the right place. We want to be in prayer for God's blessing on the work in Ecuador and the Marcum family. We have set a goal of \$11,500 for the special offering: \$7,500 to help pay the salary of one of the teachers in the Quito School of Biblical Studies and \$4,000 to sponsor a Gospel campaign that is conducted by the student body.

Wedding Shower for Julie Tremaine: Ladies! You are invited to a wedding shower for Julie Tremaine (marrying Jeremy Stachura) today, April 23, in the East Hill fellowship hall from 2-4 pm. Let's shower them with blessings and prayer as they prepare to start their journey together! They are registered on Amazon. If you have any questions, please see Rose Miller or Katie Tandy.

Clothing Exchange: Thank you so much to all who helped out with all that was done for our Spring Clothing Exchange! Thank you to everyone that helped to reach out and serve our community in this way.

Lincoln Food Distribution: Tuesday, April 25, from 10:30-11:30 am in the south parking lot off the fellowship hall. Please remind others of the recent change in the schedule.

Secret Sister Reveal Party: Next Sunday, April 30, those involved in the Secret Sisters from this last year will find out who has been praying for you. Please come from 3-4 pm and bring a light snack to share.

National Day of Prayer: Please join believers across York County for The National Day of Prayer. We will pray for our communities, Nebraska, and our nation as we seek God and His ways. This year's theme: *Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much*. Thursday, May 4, from 5:15-6:15 pm at the York University Prayer Chapel.

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

Prayer Requests:

Emily Tandy had hernia surgery last Tuesday. Thanks to everyone for the prayers and meals.

Rose Barrett had surgery last week. They are waiting to hear back on the results of the lymph node biopsy.

Body Life:

Congratulations to the York University students that will be graduating Saturday: **Mattia Beske** (Bachelor, Psychology), **Riley Brown** (Bachelor, Biology), **Elias Coppinger** (Bachelor, Psychology), **Samantha Crump** (Bachelor, History), **Hannah DeHart** (Bachelor, Elementary Education), **Emily Eggar** (Bachelor, Biology), **Grace Gaer** (Bachelor, Psychology), **Parker Hughes** (Bachelor, Business Administration), **Harley Williamson** (Bachelor, Secondary Education), and **Skyler Jacobson** (Associate, Arts). **Elias Dallmann** is graduating from York University with a degree in Secondary Education English. All are invited to his graduation party on Saturday, April 29, at noon. It will be at the Dallmann's house (802 N Iowa Ave in York). Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP on Facebook or to Elias Dallmann. His phone number is available through the office.

Prayer Focus: University Students

It is hard to believe, but another year at York University has come and gone. This week is finals and then the graduates will receive their diplomas. Although a few will remain in York over the summer, we will be saying goodbye to the rest, at least for a few months. Let us pray that they succeed this summer, not just in jobs or internships they may be in, but succeed in keeping their spiritual lives thriving. Above all else, that should be our prayer.

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 to 11:30 am in the fellowship hall and on Zoom.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Generosity – A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. ~Proverbs 11:25

Weekly Scripture Memory

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~1 Peter 3:15

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: April 16, 2023

Weekly Attendance: 312

Weekly Giving

Budgeted: \$6,971.50

Actual: \$8,554.35

Children's: \$43.59

Year to Date

Budgeted: \$111,544.00

Giving: \$119,218.61

Children's for Ecuador: \$891.52

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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 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

Ring Out!

Call to Worship: Steddon Sikes

*You're Worthy of My Praise
Shout Hallelujah*

Prayer: Ron Kretz

Matthew 28:16-20

Reading: Kyle Stewart

Had it Not Been the Lord

Communion: Tim McNeese

Children's Offering

273 More Precious Than Silver

Video for Mission Sunday

Collection for Ecuador:

Tim McNeese

650 Send the Light

622 Ring Out the Message

Treasures in Jars of Clay

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Glenn Hawley

416 Footsteps of Jesus

Shepherd's Prayer: Matt Coppinger

Body Life: Ken Van Gomple

290 Shine, Jesus, Shine