



What's the Problem?

I confess, I watch too much news. I watch news from different outlets not only because I want to stay informed, but because I want to understand how the pundits and the politicians analyze our problems. Here is a summary of what I have heard.

We are a divided people. There is much unrest and anger throughout the land, and little communication. We do not seem to be able agree on much of anything. So, what is the problem?

Broken families, women being denied their rights, mass shootings, hungry children, aborted children, a vulnerable economy ...? How would you diagnose our problems? Too much freedom, too little freedom, the wrong political party is in charge, identity politics, too many guns, too few guns ...?

Problems, problems ...

What about solutions? The one thing everyone I listen to seems to agree upon is that the solutions lie within us. "They" need to just agree with "us," and everything would be right. ... And after I turn the TV off, and the noise of the well-paid pundits is finally silent, I ask myself, What if the answer to all these problems does not lie within us? If any of them asked me what I thought, what would I say? Would I have the courage to speak like Jeremiah?

Jeremiah was called to speak to God's people in very difficult times. Judah was a small nation, occupying a very desirable piece of real estate. Unfortunately, the newly anointed Nebuchadnezzar set his eyes squarely on this plum. He would exploit her treasures and have the advantage of her trade routes one way or the other. Because Babylon was the most powerful nation in the world she would have her way. There was no way life for anyone in Judah in these times was going to be pleasant. What was the solution? The powerful tried to play the political game shrewdly, paying or not paying tribute, then finally seeking an alliance with Egypt. All of this was a fool's game.

Judah's real crisis was spiritual. "On every high hill and under every green tree" most were devoted to the worship of idols. In these difficult times Judah was intent on pursuing "things that do not profit."

So, if you were Jeremiah what would you say?— Consider: "The sin of Judah is written with an iron pen; with a diamond point it is engraved on the tablet of the hearts ..." (Jer. 17:1). Generations of idolatry had left their mark on the soul of the people, leaving them incapable of responding to Jeremiah's message. So, the bitter truth was that Judah was bound to reap the consequences of her sin. She was suffering from an "incurable wound." The only hope was if these stubborn people would "circumcise yourselves to the Lord ... wash your heart clean of wickedness so that you may be saved." (Jer. 4:4...14)

Do you see the parallel between ancient Judah and modern America?— The truth is, we are a nation of idolaters. We would rather trust anything but God.

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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.

June 18 Father's Day Shower 2-4 pm, FH Honoring Hannah Sikes Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 in South Parking Lot Men's Breakfast at 8 am Fellowship hall Son Shiners meet 5:30 at Chances "R" 7-12 Marcum Family in York Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 in South Parking Lot **Nebraska Youth Camp Summer Sessions:** Junior Sessions (3rd-6th grades) June 18-24 and June 25-July 1 Intermediate Sessions (6th-9th) July 2-8 and July 9-15

Senior Sessions (9th-12th)

July 16-22 and July 23-29

6/19 Tommy Carr

6/20	Milan Babcock	
6/20	Rick White	C
6/21	Graham Leinen	F
6/21	Timberly Carr	E
6/23	Kim Van Esch	
6/23	Glenn Dallmann	Ē
6/23	Paul Lamonde	上
6/24	Josie Coppinger	B
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6/18	Ivan & Vickie Keller	
6/22	Trey & Sarah Colle	

6/24 Jake & Taylor Nugen

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Wednesday Evening Event—This Wednesday, June 21, the children's ministry family event will be a picnic playdate at the Payton Parker Lane play area at Minks park (2222 E 14th St.) Families should bring their own "sack lunches" at 6:30 to eat and then let the kids play. Dan and Julie Goodwin are the hosts.

Next Sunday Matt Coppinger will bring our lesson.

Sunday, **June 25**—Please join us for a baby shower, honoring Hannah Sikes from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Baby boy, Carter, would welcome diapers of any size, but please no Luvs. If you feel inclined, there will also be a money tree to help with larger items for their growing family.

The Food Distribution is on Tuesday, June 27. Please spread the word that the food distribution will be from 10:30-11:30 am in the south parking lot. 11th and Florida is a good address to give to get people to the correct entrance. You can let them know the line goes to the north down Florida.

July Teachers—Will you be in town for July? We have some openings for Sunday Children's classes and one for a Wednesday night event. Marshall is due to become a big brother in July so Hannah would really like to have July filled in soon! Follow the QR code to see the sign up. To sign up from a phone or "pad" device you will need to download the Google Doc ap. A link will come out in EHPN this week if you would rather sign up on a computer.



Marcum York Visit—The Marcum family will be visiting in York June 7-12. Josh will bring our lesson on July 9. If you would like some fellowship time with the Marcum family, you can invite them for dinner or lunch while they are here. Follow the QR code to the left to sign up for a day. You will need the Google Doc ap to edit the document.

Robison's Water Fund Raiser—Join us in "refreshing others" (Proverbs 11:25) with "a cup of cold water" (Matthew 10:42&25:31-40)! Summer is the perfect time to appreciate the gift of clean water we have and share that blessing with others! We are raising \$5,000 for a water well to be drilled in Africa thru Christian Relief Fund. You can write checks out to us directly (Titus or Angela Robison) until August 31st and we will update weekly on the progress! So far, we have \$885 raised (Praise God!)-\$4,115 to go!"

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:

Lynnette Gonzalez will be having outpatient Ureteroscopy surgery this week on Wednesday, June 21 to take care of her remaining kidney stones.

We praise God for watching over **Charlene Huskins'** heart surgery and for her return home a week later. Please continue to pray for her healing.

The funeral for Pat Jackel's mother, Deloris, is tomorrow in Madison, WI. Please keep all the families, which include those of Heidi Dallmann and Paul Jackel, in mind during this time.

Margaret Spencer will have knee replacement surgery tomorrow at Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva.

Body Life:

Let us all rejoice together and praise God! Asher Stewart decided to follow Jesus and put on his Lord in baptism last Sunday, June 11.

More rejoicing and praise for Payton Miller and Troy Schmid who put their Lord on in baptism on Thursday night of Soul Quest.

Cole Vernon has qualified to participate in the National Junior High Finals Rodeo to take place in Perry, Georgia June 18-24.

Prayer Focus:

Our world is turning upside down. As you know, it's Pride month, and not a day goes by that we don't see a reminder. It's easy to fall into full critique mode. But I wonder if that should be our first move. Shouldn't our first move be toward compassion for the LGBTQ community? People are people first before whatever their orientation is. Possibly, shouldn't our second move be humility, that we will seek first to listen and understand? I believe we can have compassion and humility and still hold to the truths of our faith, even though it will be a challenge. Seems to me this is how Jesus treated the so-called "sinner." This week, let's pray for those we might know in the LGBTQ community, that they would know God's love and experience kindness from us. And let's pray for the church, that we would continue to give witness to God's design for humanity. Amen (GD)

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: The women's Bible study will resume after the summer break.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion
Faith – I will listen to what God the
Lord says; he promises peace to his
people, his faithful servants—but let
them not turn to folly. ~Psalm 85:8

Weekly Scripture Memory
May 28—June 18
Seek the Lord while he may be
found; call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the Lord, and he
will have mercy on them, and to our
God, for he will freely pardon. "For
my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the Lord. "As the heavens are
higher than the earth, so are my ways
higher than your ways and my thoughts
than your thoughts."

~Isaiah 55:6-9

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Worship 10 am, livestreamed on Facebook

Bible classes for all 9 am

Sunday evening 5 pm, communion available

Wednesday

Adult Class 6:30 pm

Adult class is livestreamed on Facebook

Children & Families event twice a month this Summer

For the Record: June 11, 2023

Weekly Attendance:

Weekly Giving

Budgeted: \$6,971.50 Actual: \$6,056.28

Children's: \$45.30

Year to Date

Budgeted: \$167,316.00 Giving: \$167,765.78

Children's for Ecuador: \$1,382.46

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Michael Case

Matt Coppinger

Keith Miller

Mark Miller

Steddon Sikes

Eric Tremaine

Shepherd of the month is in bold font.

Deacons Area of Service
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Troy FlyntTreasurer
Jansen Fraser Grounds
Trent Hinton Livestream
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The sexual revolution has been a cancer that has eaten away at the health of this nation. Our obsession with "sexual freedom" has destroyed trust between men and women, parents and children, families and faith communities. We have become a nation dominated by politicized, broken and angry people, with no moral foundation. The incurable disease may have to run its course, and as in Jeremiah's time, the patient (the nation) will die. Sound bleak? No doubt, but there is a way forward. "Return, O faithless children, I will heal your faithlessness" (3:22). Even in times like these God can do the impossible: God says, "For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal" (30:17).-So what can we do? Like Jeremiah we must model the penitence that God requires ...

Let's say these words together,

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for you are my praise" (Jer. 17:14).

~Michael Case

Order of Worship

He is Faithful

2 We Praise Thee, O God

Welcome: Simeon Tremaine

Prayer: Robert Cunningham

Scripture Reading: Kyle Stewart

Psalm 100

27 Great is Thy Faithfulness (Larry Light) 10,000 Reasons (Glenn Dallmann) How Deep the Father's Love (Bruce Watne)

Communion: Ron Kretz

Children's Offering

Shield About Me (Joel Coehoorn)

Myth: The Church Doesn't Matter Matthew 16:18 Glenn Hawley

Nearer My God to Thee

Shepherd's Prayer: Michael Case

Body Life: Glenn Dallmann

Behold Our God (Eric Tremaine)