

A Different Spirit

In the underappreciated book of Numbers we encounter a man of great faith whose heart and spirit set him apart from an entire generation. That man is Caleb, son of Jephunnah.

"Because My servant Caleb has a different spirit and has followed Me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he has entered, and his descendants will inherit it."

— Numbers 14:24 (BSB)

Caleb's probably best known as one of 12 spies Moses sent to scout the Promised Land (Numbers 13). After a 40-day reconnoiter, the spies return and, amazingly, agree on the facts: The land is plentiful but the cities are fortified and the people are big & scary.

The first of the 12 to speak up is Caleb (13:30), who's strongly in favor of entering Canaan and claiming God's promise, "We can certainly conquer it!" Interestingly, Joshua isn't mentioned till later. Meanwhile, the remaining 10 spies win the day by delivering a doomsday outlook that "made the hearts of the people melt with fear" (Joshua 14:8).

Mob rebellion ensues. (Numbers 14:1-10) Throngs of disgruntled Israelites discuss picking another leader, returning to Egypt, and stoning Joshua & Caleb. Imagine preferring to return to slavery in Egypt or dying in the wilderness to entering the Promised Land? (Numbers 14:2) Such are the fruits of fear.

So what was different about Caleb's spirit?

Caleb followed God wholeheartedly. (Numbers 14:24) You do things differently when it's from the heart. You're all in, you make fewer excuses, you're harder to distract, you're determined to overcome obstacles, and you're in it till the end. Imagine living your spiritual life that way?? That's how Caleb followed God.

Caleb trusted God's promises. (Numbers 14:24, Joshua 14:12) Caleb fully expected Yahweh to fulfill the

promise made to him to inherit the very land the spies had trodden 45 years earlier. Of 600,000+ men over 20 years of age that had entered the wilderness in the exodus (Numbers 1:17ff), only he and Joshua remained. With the conquest over, Caleb wanted his hill country!! (Joshua 14:6ff) By the power of God— and on His timetable— Caleb goes on to whoop a tribe of giants and take it ... at the age of 85! (Joshua 15:14)

Caleb believed. Why did Yahweh send the Israelites to wander 40 years in the wilderness in the first place? In a word: Unbelief. Hebrews 3:7-19 calls us to learn from Israel's wanderings and not to disqualify ourselves from God's reward by having "a wicked heart of unbelief" (:12) Against all odds, Caleb believed God and inherited what was promised.

The account of the 12 spies stands as a tragedy and warning to us (1 Corinthians 10:6,11). Within sight of the Promised Land, a whole generation of God's people succumbed to fear and disqualified themselves from the prize through the sin of unbelief.

Of special note is God's response to unbelieving leaders. Joshua's and Caleb's "Let's go and take the land!" conviction crossed the cowering views of their 10 fellow leaders in Israel (Numbers 13:2). Yahweh himself struck down those faithless spies (Numbers 10:37). Their fear and unbelief had plunged Israel into a near death spiral of grumbling and cynicism. They, too, would never leave the wilderness (Numbers 14:28-29). Leaders of whom God approves lead lives grounded in faith, are "tied to the mast" of Scripture rather than windsocks of popular sentiment.

Caleb stands as a model of the faith-filled "can-do" minority whom Yahweh has sought, blessed, and used for his purposes throughout history.

— Mark Miller

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

July

- 12 Family Fun Night
- 19 Family Fun Night at Wessels Farm
- 25 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 in South Parking Lot
- 26 Family Fun Night

August

- 4 Son Shiners meet at 5:30 at Chances "R"
- 12 Men's Breakfast 8 am in Fellowship Hall
- 16 York Public Schools begin
- 22 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 in South Parking Lot
- 23 YU Fall semester begins

Nebraska Youth Camp

Summer Sessions:

- Final Intermediate Session (6th-9th)
July 9-15
- Senior Sessions (9th-12th)
July 16-22 and July 23-29

- 7/9 Ken Yunevich
- 7/9 Elizabeth Zaiger
- 7/10 Nolen Albin
- 7/12 Abby Shafer
- 7/14 Kenny Miller
- 7/14 Jim Ulrich
- 7/15 Imri Knapp

- 7/9 Troy & Kami Flynt
- 7/11 CC & Amy Vernon

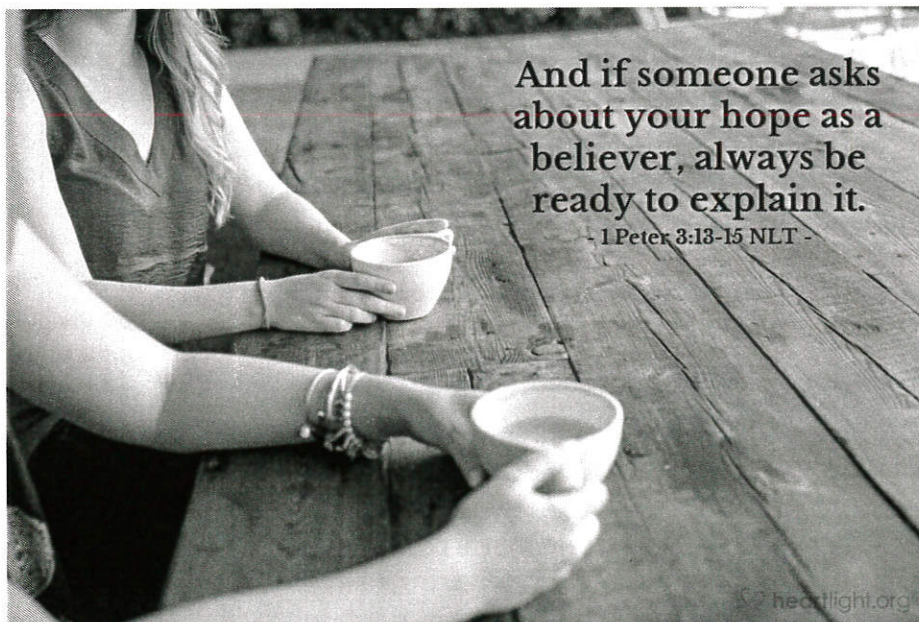
C E L E B R A T E

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Marcum York Visit—The Marcum family is here this week. Josh will bring our lesson today.

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 through Christian Relief Fund. You can write checks out directly to "Christian Relief Fund" and give them to Titus or Angela Robison until August 31st and we will update weekly on the progress! So far, we have \$985 raised (Praise God!).

Family Fun Night—This Wednesday, July 12 the family fun night will be kick ball and ice cream at Miller Park (18th St and Linden Ave.). They will meet a little earlier at 6:00 pm rather than 6:30.



And if someone asks
about your hope as a
believer, always be
ready to explain it.

- 1 Peter 3:13-15 NLT -

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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:

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Tommy Carr, the Coppinger family, Glenn Dallmann and family, Lynette Gonzalez, Delores Hartman, Charlene Huskins and family, Pat Jaekel and family, Samantha Jewell, Eddie Kennedy, Zoey Kinnison, Brenda Reicheneker, Marty Salsbury and family, Carol Shafer, the Hannah and Brady Sikes family, Margaret Spencer, Sheila Tandy, and the Ramona Wize Family.

Body Life:

Thank You for your kind expression of sympathy and for the beautiful roses that you sent to Ramona's service. Ramona loved the church and her faith.

~From the Ramona Wize Family

Paul and Alisa Jaekel are co-hosting the Bowling for Inclusion fundraiser for the Peyton Parker Lane Playground on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 4:00 or 7:00 pm.. The cost is \$25 for three games and a t-shirt. Proceeds will go toward some ongoing costs for the playground.

Needing a room to rent: There are 2 young men on York University's soccer team that are needing a room to rent for the upcoming academic year. They would need the room beginning in August. If you have the ability to help them with this or have questions, please contact the men's soccer coach, Tyler Wilt through the church office.

Prayer Focus:

In Matthew 9 Jesus asks us to pray for more workers to go out into the field for the harvest. The field represents those who would be ready to put their faith in Jesus. The potential workers are Christians. Jesus' prayer request still stands for us today. We need to remember if we have enough faith to believe in Jesus, we have enough faith to share our belief. So, let's pray for each other and ourselves, that we'll see the York community as our "field" and ourselves as the "harvest workers." 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:

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

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion Hope -

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

~Romans 15:13

Weekly Scripture Memory June 25-July 9

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. *But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.*

~1 Timothy 6:6-8

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: July 2, 2023

Weekly Attendance:

Weekly Giving

Budgeted: \$6,971.50
Actual: \$17,508.21
Children's: \$32.38

Year to Date

Budgeted: \$167,316.00
Giving: \$200,656.98
Children's for Ecuador: \$1,503.03

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Hannah Sikes

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Garrett Schwarz

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Michele Briggs 9 am-noon

Tera Knapp 11:30-2:30

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Michael Case

Keith Miller

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Shepherd of the month is in bold font.

Deacons-----Area of Service

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Lonnie Shafer -----Elder/deacon liaison

Ken Van Gimple -----LTC

East Hill In the Digital Age!

East Hill Prayer & News - Are you connected to our daily e-newsletter, EHPN? Typically we send out at least one email a day to share current prayer requests, needs, and activity announcements. This is a great way to stay informed and discover ways that you can connect with and serve the body of Christ. If you would like to get on the list just contact the office.

East Hill Digital Directory - Do you have our church directory downloaded to your smartphone or computer? The directory has all our contact information and pictures, which is a great tool for helping all of us get to know one another. The app and site are called "Instant Church Directory." Only East Hill members with their email in the directory have access to our information. Call the church office if you need help. You can also contact us for a paper directory, but it won't update itself :).

Online Giving - Digital options can make giving easier to manage too. We are signed up with a program called Tithe.ly to accept your giving online. If you are interested, go to the "Giving" tab on our church website (easthillcofc.org) and click the bright green "Give" button. You can set your donation to be one time or recurring and made with a credit or debit card or through your bank account.

Order of Worship

Our Living God

Call to Worship: Jansen Fraser

95 Yes, I Believe God is Real

23 Our God, He is Alive

Prayer: Stewart Sikes

Scripture Reading: Jim Ulrich

Romans 7:15-25a

346 He Lives

3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

"Yes, We Conduit!"

Matthew 25:14-30

Josh Marcum

Invitation for Prayer

112 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

113 His Grace Reaches Me

Communion: Terence Kite

Children's Offering

103 He Has Made Me Glad

72 Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

Body Life: Glenn Dallmann

Shepherd's Prayer: Keith Miller