

## Inheritance

Most of us have read a story or seen a movie in which one of the main characters unexpectedly inherits a fortune from some long lost relative or other mysterious benefactor. The story often spends some time describing the beautiful home and the many luxuries the person now possesses that they never imagined they could have. These stories can be fun to follow and we often find ourselves thinking about how nice it would be to have that sort of thing happen to us.

Actually,... as faithful followers of Christ we've already been promised this very thing. We only have to be patient and stand firm. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:9 that "... No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him". 1 Peter 1:3-5 tells us, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade— kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time." In Matthew 25:34 Jesus says that our inheritance is a kingdom prepared for his faithful ones since the creation of the world.

Although we don't yet possess our inheritance, we've been given a deposit that is our guarantee of its arrival. Ephesians 1:13-14 tells us, "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession— to the praise of his glory."

That's good news. And it's really better news than we can imagine.

However, there is a warning. An inheritance can be turned down, sold or given away. I know that sounds like a crazy thing to do and most of us would never dream of doing it. But consider Hebrews 12:15-16: "See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son."

The writer is saying that when we choose to live self-serving lives and what's momentarily pleasing rather than submitting to God's will, we're in danger of trading in our long-term blessing of a kingdom for a "single meal". Galatians 5:19 – "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

When tempted to choose anything that as a follower of Christ you know you should not, remember that whatever it is, it's just a single meal. It may taste good for a moment, but then the moment is gone. Is it worth trading your inheritance for? Stand firm.

*"Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." – James 5:7-9*

~Keith 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.

# CALENDAR

## September

- 3 Fall Bible Classes Begin
- 4 Office closed for Labor Day
- 8-10 Dads N Lads Retreat at Nebraska Youth Camp
- 9 Men's Breakfast 8 am in Fellowship Hall
- 16 NYC Annual Dinner, afternoon at Nebraska Youth Camp
- 26 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 in South Parking Lot
- 30 Ladies Day 9 am-1 pm at Bellevue church of Christ

## October

- 6 Son Shiners meet at 5:30 at Chances "R"
- 14 Men's Breakfast 8 am in Fellowship Hall
- 22 Set-up for clothing give-away 5:30
- 23-27 Sorting and hanging for give-away 9 am to 9 pm daily
- 24 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 in South Parking Lot
- 28 Clothing Give-away 8 am to noon

- 9/3 Connie McClure
- 9/3 Kye Kretz
- 9/3 Frank Billington
- 9/4 Chandra Stewart
- 9/4 Hayden Rodrigues
- 9/5 Loretta Goben
- 9/6 Josiah Tremaine
- 9/8 Todd Sheldon
- 9/8 Parker Hughes
- 9/8 Kinsley Flynt
- 9/9 Tera Knapp
- 9/9 Kenzie Stewart
- 9/9 Hannah DeHart

9/8 Trent & Amber Colle

# CELEBRATE

## MINISTRIES & EVENTS

**Women's Thursday Bible Study:** The weekly women's Bible study will start back up this Thursday, September 7. The class meets for prayer and a study from 10-11:30 in the fellowship hall on Thursday mornings. All women are welcome. We will make arrangements for child care as needed. See Rose Miller if you have questions.

**Dads N Lads Retreat:** Fathers and sons are invited to Nebraska Youth Camp, September 8-10. Stay the weekend, enjoy fellowship, food, and activities. Register online at [www.dadsnlads.org](http://www.dadsnlads.org). or contact Greg Clark with questions.

**Men's Breakfast** will meet at 8 am in the fellowship hall this Saturday.

**The Nebraska Youth Camp Annual Dinner** will begin festivities at the camp at 2:30 on Saturday September 16. There will be a number of camp activities available to participate in until the dinner at 4:30. Members, supporters and anyone who would like to know more about the camp is invited to come. Michele Briggs, Deena Tandy, and Eric Tremaine are members of the camp board if you have questions about the camp or the dinner.

**Ladies Day:** Ladies are invited to the Bellevue church of Christ on Saturday, Sept 30, from 9 am-1 pm. Tami Roberts will present on "Bridging the Gap". There are more details on the flyer in the foyer. As a lunch is provided, Bellevue requests RSVPs by September 24. RSVP to [www.bcoc.church](http://www.bcoc.church). There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to help with carpooling for those interested in going. See Rose Miller if you have questions about the carpool.

**Local MOPS Group:** Mothers of Preschoolers meet in Stromsburg on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from September through May at the Evangelical Free Church. If you are interested, see the flier on the bulletin board or Tera Knapp with questions.

**Workshop in Ogallala:** Bruce Goodwin will lead a workshop on October 7-8, "Standing Firm in the Grace of God" from 1 Peter at the Ogallala Church of Christ. There is more information on the flier on the bulletin board.

**Mountain States Children's Home:** Support the Fall Food Drive by bringing packaged food to the church building now through October 15. Please make sure the food expiration date is out further than that. There are shopping list cards on the bulletin board that suggest what is needed, as well as gift cards for fresh foods.



*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:

**Crystal Hood** recently lost her uncle, Randy. She will be traveling for his Celebration of Life this weekend. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

**Susanne Keller** received results from her doctor from an MRI. It shows that she has had a slight stroke on the right side of her brain. There are plans for two more tests and physical therapy as Susanne is a bit weaker on the left side of her body.

Let us remember **Tim McNeese** in prayer as he will begin chemotherapy in a couple weeks.

**Marty Salisbury** will be having a lumbar fusion sometime in early October to help with his pain and improve the ability to stand and walk.

**Denise Sheldon's** brother, Dale Scott, passed away Monday night after a long battle with cancer. Please remember the family in prayer.

**Lynda Smith** had an appointment with a cardiologist and the results were better than expected. Prayers are requested as she has further testing.

### Thanks:

Our thanks to the East Hill church for hosting and helping with Dad's memorial service and reception. We owe our deep thanks to the many people who were involved in making it so special. May God continue to bless you all.  
~The Robert Lawrence Family

### Body Life:

We rejoice with the angels in heaven with **Lauren Chapman** who was baptized last Sunday.

**Tim and Noah McNeese** will be the featured speakers for the fall speaker series for the Clayton Museum of Ancient History at YU on Thursday, September 7. Tim has presented at this event many times so it is fitting he will do so for his final semester at York University. The father-son duo are well paired to present *Armed to Conquer: Roman Battle Tactics and Weapons*. The presentation will be at 7 pm in the Miller Room of the Mackey Center. No tickets or reservations are necessary to attend this free event which is open to the public.

**Prayer Focus:** The last few weeks we have been bringing to God the teachers and students involved in the education focused on preparing us for that which will pass away. With the new Bible class quarter beginning today here at East Hill we would like to focus our prayers this week on the teachers and students in this building whose focus is learning for the life that never ends.

### 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 this week! They meet 10:00-11:30 in the fellowship hall.

### Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Salvation – *The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.*

~Exodus 15:2

### Weekly Scripture Memory September 3-September 24

*I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.*

Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

Psalms 145:1-4



## 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:	August 27, 2023
Weekly Attendance:	308
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$6,971.50
Actual:	\$4,897.50
Children's:	\$43.00
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$244,002.50
Giving:	\$244,912.19
Children's for Ecuador:	\$1,858.15

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### Ministry Staff:

Preaching Minister

Glenn Hawley

Worship & Family Minister

Glenn Dallmann

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

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

The Bible class quarter begins anew this week. Usually, this is mostly a change of teachers for the children and youth classes with little affect on the adult class offerings but this quarter we have some new classes beginning.

### For Sunday Mornings:

*Embracing Evangelism* is the class Glenn Hawley will be teaching beginning this Sunday. What is the gospel? How do I get past my fears? What are some strategies I can use to teach those I love? These will all be a part of our study. This is an emphasis that the elders feel is critical to East Hill, so our other regular adult classes will be on hiatus for now.

The college class is studying the book *"Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion"* with Glenn Dallmann.

### For Wednesday Evenings:

All adults will meet together with Keith Miller as he leads a study on the scriptural rolls of men and women.

In the Children's Classes the elementary age groups will be starting into the beginning of Jesus ministry. The 2s and 3s are beginning with a section on creation and the pre-K and K will be using the Alphabet as a memory hook to overview the Bible.

For the Youth on Sunday mornings the high school class will be studying from *Death to Resurrection* with Troy and Kami Flynt. The middle school will study Mark with Garrett and Jenna Schwarz. On Wednesdays they meet together for Huddles in the Youth Room from 6:20-7:20 for singing, devotional and a fellowship activity.

## Order of Worship

### The Mountain of the Lord

Worship Leader: Glenn Hawley

**869** *We're Marching to Zion*

### Call to Worship

*Hebrews 12:22-24*

**718** *We Shall Assemble  
Days of Elijah*

*Matthew 14:22-23*

**810** *Listen to Our Hearts*

**Prayer:** Luke Case

*Thy Word/Create in Me*

**Scripture Reading:** Rick White  
*Romans 12:1, 9-21*

**3** *Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah!  
Surround Us, O Lord  
Highly Exalted*

**Communion:** Lonnie Shafer

### Children's Offering

*Highest Place  
Holy Ground Medley*

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Keith Miller

**Body Life:** Dan Goodwin

**227** *On Zion's Glorious Summit*