

Brother's and Sister's Encouragement

I have recently been reading in Job and thinking about the conversations between Job and his friends. You are probably familiar with the conversations that Job had with these friends and how they did not believe that Job had not sinned, and blamed his trouble on his sin. I noticed in my reading this time that the friends first came in order to show sympathy and support.

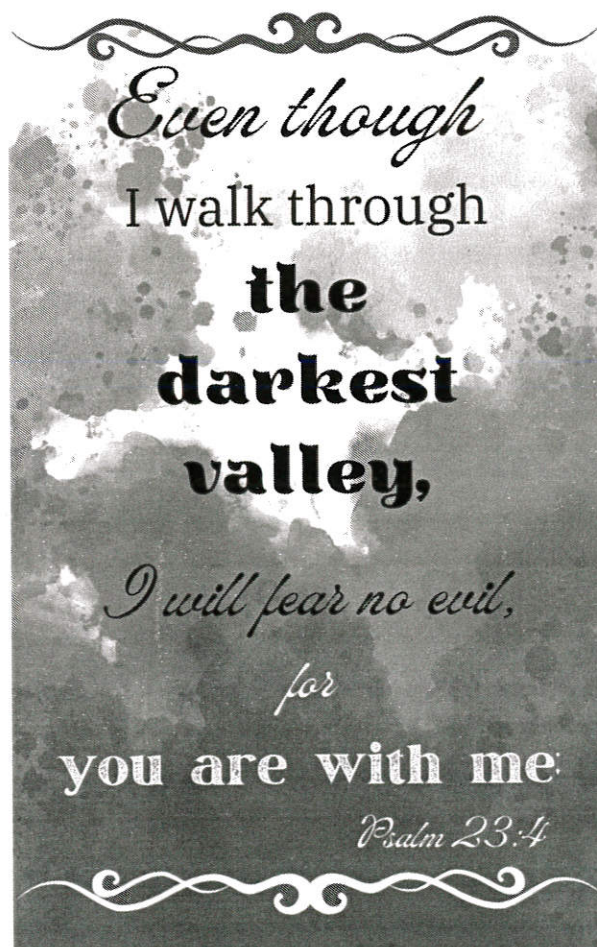
Here is Job 2:11-13:

Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shubite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him. And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

I am remembering how these friends did not support Job, yet here it is clear that they wanted to be an encouragement and comfort to Job when they came. The fact that they wept with Job and sat with him for seven days and nights was the best thing for Job at the beginning of his troubles. It is when they started talking that Job did not get the support that he needed from these friends.

My prayer is for all of us to be the encouragement to one another that we each need. Sometimes the best encouragement might be just being there with us through our troubles!

~Todd Sheldon



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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January

- 7 Elder and Ministers meeting
- 11 Women's Thur Bible Class resumes
10:00-11:30 in fellowship hall
- 13 Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am
in fellowship hall
- 14 Church Potluck following service
in fellowship hall
- 17 Wednesday Meals resume
- 19-20 Leader's Retreat
- 20 Ladies' Craft Day 8 am-6 pm
in fellowship hall
- 23 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in South Parking Lot
- 24 Deadline to register for marriage
workshop

February

- 2 Son Shiners meet at 5:30
at Chances "R"
- 2-4 Marriage Workshop
- 10 Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am
in fellowship hall
- 27 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in South Parking Lot

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Communion Preparers for 2024: There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for those willing to help prepare communion throughout 2024.

Church potluck on January 14: Please mark your calendar and come share a meal with your church family. We extend a special invitation for all young adults and college students to join us.

Leaders' Retreat: The elders and ministers have their annual retreat on January 19 and 20 where they will spend time in prayer and discussion over the East Hill family and church ministries. We welcome your input on matters that you would like us to discuss. If you have feedback, please put it in writing and share it with any one of the elders. And, thank you.

"A Lasting Promise": is a weekend marriage workshop on February 2-4 based on Dr. Stanley's 25+ years of research on successful marriages. The deadline to register is January 24 and the cost is \$75. See the flyer on the info table in the foyer, or see Glenn Dallmann with questions. You can register at the QR code.



LTC stands for Leadership Training for Christ: On March 29-30, our youth will have the opportunity to explore/use their gifts to inspire and equip them to lead in the future. LTC 2024 is fast approaching. There is an overview of events on the middle bulletin board on the south wall in the foyer. More specific information is available at: <https://hoaltc.org/>. Parents, grandparents and other role models are asked to prayerfully consider how they might support LTC and encourage our youth in their involvement. We will need to know the kids (between 3rd and 12th grades) that will participate, what activities they will participate in, and how adults will be involved (coaching, judging, helping in other ways). There was an interest meeting recently. If you missed it please see Ken Van Gomple.

- 1/7 Kami Flynt
1/7 Jared Leinen
1/10 Rosalena Scamehorn
1/13 Travis Suhr
1/13 Riley Nugen

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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 and Updates:

Ron and Virginia Helmlinger and family ask for continued prayer as they continue to mourn for the loss of their daughter-in-law, Helen.

Eddie Kennedy had throat surgery on January 5. Please pray for his healing.

Lynda Smith had an ultrasound on her neck last week to check for blockages there. There was no blockage and no need for surgery. Lynda was given a heart monitor to wear to check how things are going since her previous surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

Margaret Spencer would like prayers for her sister. Wanda is in the hospital with Covid and the flu.

Prayer Focus:

Leading this church family is a heavy responsibility, but one that the elders and ministers do willingly. The leadership is going on a 24-hour retreat on January 19 and 20 to pray over East Hill and to seek God's will for this church. We need your prayers for us and for East Hill. Every individual here is an important member of Christ's body. Please join us in prayer. Thank you.

York University students are returning today to start their spring semester tomorrow. Please remember them in your prayers that they may get off to a great start.

Weekly Events

Attended Nursery: You can drop off children ages 0 up to 2 years in the nursery during services.

Service at Legacy Square: There is a service for the residents of Legacy Square in Henderson at 2:30 each Sunday. See Tommy Carr if you have questions.

Youth Updates: Contact Garrett Schwarz to get the Remind notices and stay connected on the latest news regarding the East Hill Youth.

Wednesday Meal: Meals will resume on January 17.

Women's Thursday Class resumes this week from 10-11:30 on Thursday morning in the fellowship hall.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Humility— In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

~I Peter 5:5

Weekly Scripture Memory

Dec 25-Jan 13 *Isaiah 12:1-6*

... "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. *Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.*"

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:	December 31, 2023
Weekly Attendance:	269
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$6,971.50
Actual:	\$5,270.94
Children's:	\$57.76
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$369,489.50
Giving:	\$364,567.08
Children's for Ecuador:	\$2,600.74

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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
 Ron Kretz
Keith Miller
 Mark Miller
 Todd Sheldon
 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
 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

Worship the King of Creation

Worship Leader: Glenn Dallmann

*3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
 Behold Our God
 How Great Is Our God*

Reading of Psalm 29

Prayer: Joshua Rinard

Reading: Makai Schwarz
Mark 1:1-4, 7-8

730 *We Declare the Kingdom of God is Here*

242 *Sing Hallelujah to the Lord*

186 *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Communion: Dan Goodwin

Children's Offering

"That the World May Believe"

John 17:20-23

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

664 *Take My Life, and Let It Be
 He Will Come and Save You*

Shepherd's Prayer: Todd Sheldon

Body Life: Ken Van Gomple