

## A Reason Bigger than You Know

Do you remember any of your childhood Bible Class teachers? If you were brought to church as a child, my guess is that you do. Mine was Thelma Lewis. She was tiny and she was mighty. She wore a tight little bun on the top of her head and a gentle smile on her face. She just happened to be the person who brought my mother to church when she was a child. Thelma and her family are the reason my mother became a Christian and is sitting in this church today with her children and her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren 75 years later.

One of the hymns I put on the walls of the church basement is:

*"I Sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me."*

Thelma Lewis taught me that song. She brought a little bird's nest to class that I could touch, to emphasize her point (she was a hands-on teacher before it was a thing)! Guess who loves birds to this day? Guess who loves Jesus and children to this day? Because Thelma Lewis taught a tiny Bible class in Livingston, Montana, I knew that I was special, and I knew that what I did in life mattered to a loving God.

My mother met my father at that tiny church as a child. His father was the preacher there. Years later, I met my husband at the church where my father had been hired as a preacher in Norfolk, Nebraska. It became my legacy to belong to a family that belonged to the family of God.

As a child, I remember being so proud when my mama or my grandmother were my Bible class teachers (that's when you know for sure you are the teacher's pet)! I still teach with the flip charts and colorful materials that my grandmother made with her loving hands for a class of kids in whom she vested her time. I have two cousins that are members of this church who have brought up their families in Christ because of our grandparents' investment in us as children. It mattered.

We knew that it mattered because of their sacrifices for us and other children. It might even matter more in today's world.

My point is, when you teach Bible class, you may not know that you are creating a legacy for another family. You *might* just be placed in a child's life for a *reason* bigger than you know. Jesus thought it was important. Possibly more important than anything else. He was the one who said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14).

Yes, it is a commitment. It's a sacrifice to prepare a class and place yourself in a vulnerable position staring down 5-8 little faces, eagerly waiting to see that you love them and care about what they do, what they feel, and what they think. That is huge. It's much more valuable than the commitment of taking them to a game, or dance class, or school events. You will be teaching them that their relationship with God is more important than anything else in their life. Your sacrifice could lead to a lifetime of connection to the Living God.

You will be blessed for teaching Bible class too. I promise. You will see a Bible story through the eyes of a child. That is a gift from God. You will see that children accept the Word with open and trusting hearts. What a sight to behold! It is grand to see trust and love in its purest form. It will be worth your sacrifice. As you teach (with the visuals and material that Hannah and I have prepared so that it is easier for you and more impactful for the children), you will learn alongside them. No matter how many years you have been a Christian, your faith will grow as you study to teach your class. You will become part of a child's legacy, belonging to God's family, by showing that you believe that children are the future church and that the time that you invest in them matters to God and to the precious souls you teach.

~Tana Albin

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.

## MINISTRIES & EVENTS



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### February

- 27 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am  
in south parking lot
- 28 New Song Night

### March

- All East Hill responsible on weekdays  
for meals-on-wheels deliveries
- 1 Son Shiners meet at 5:30  
at Chances "R"
- 2 Father/Son Bowling and Supper
- 3 New Children's Bible Class Quarter
- 6 New Class – Parenting Teens
- 9 Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am  
in fellowship hall
- 10 Daylight saving time begins  
-set clocks forward-
- 10 Elders/Ministers meeting
- 11-12 York University Equip Conference
- 16 Marty Salsbury's memorial at 10:30
- 27 LTC Preview Night
- 29-30 LTC in Kansas City
- 31 Easter

### Save the Date

- April 7-13 Clothing Exchange w/  
giveaway on Saturday, April 13

- 2/25 Meghan Salsbury
- 2/25 Jotham Andrews
- 2/26 Nayana Wilderson
- 2/27 Greg Woods
- 2/28 Ron Helmlinger
- 2/28 Lynda Smith
- 3/2 Carol Wiggan

- 2/26 Tom & Chana Marsh

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**Children's Bible Classes** will begin the spring quarter NEXT WEEK and there are still 15 of the 24 spots needing filled. You can sign up at the QR if you have the google sheets ap or just check it to see what is available and then see Hannah and Tana to sign up.

**LTC season is here:** Practices scheduled for Sundays & Wednesdays:

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| Sun 1:30-2:15 | Signing     | Wed 6:00-6:30 | 3-6 Chorus |
| Sun 2:15-3:15 | 7-12 Chorus | Wed 6:30-7:15 | 3-6 Drama  |
| Sun 3:15-4:15 | 10-12 Drama |               |            |
| Sun 3:15-4:15 | 7-9 Drama   |               |            |

**Food Distribution:** The Lincoln Food Bank will be here Tuesday, February 27, from 10:30-11:30 am in the South Parking Lot. If you would like to help, please see Tonya Carr.

**New Song Night:** Please join us in a night of singing to God and learning a few new songs on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30. Remember Bible classes are provided for children and youth.

**Last Call for Ecuador** It's not too late! There will be a last call meeting after classes and the new song night next Wednesday, February 28 for anyone interested in going to Ecuador with the adult trip this spring. Look for Jerod Leinen in the fellowship hall room A.

**Father/Son Bowling:** Dads and sons, come join us for bowling, supper, games, and a devotional on Saturday, March 2! The fun starts at 3:00 at Sunset Bowl and Lounge and then moves to our fellowship hall for dinner and games. **Please register at the QR code by Wednesday, February 28.** See Glenn D with questions.



**The Equip Conference** will be hosted by York University on March 11-12. The cost for the conference is \$50 and the Ides of March dinner is \$30. Register today at [www.york.edu/equip](http://www.york.edu/equip). (It is strongly encouraged that registration is done by 3/7 to get a head count for meals and materials.) There is more information online as well as a schedule on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**New Wednesday Night Parenting Class** - Starting March 6, you're invited to a parenting discussion revolving around the book, *How to Really Love Your Teen*, by Dr. Ross Campbell. You can purchase the book and read along with us, but it's not necessary. Glenn Dallmann facilitating.

*Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy;  
without holiness no one will see the Lord.*

*East Hill 2024 Theme Verse—Hebrews 12:14 (NIV)*

## BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

### Prayer Requests and Updates:

**Jerald Bennett's** gall bladder surgery was postponed for further testing to be done. Please pray for the tests to be taken care off in a timely manner.

**Bob Jacobson** was a member here a number of years back and taught business at the college. The family asks for your prayers as Bob is in hospice and is being cared for by Sonja, his daughter, in her home in Fort Myers, FL.

**Shirley Weber** is in Arizona with her daughter, Deb, as they have the Celebration of Life for Bob Kruse today. If you would like to send a card contact the office.



### Prayer Focus:

Every month about 250 households are served by the Lincoln Food Bank which distributes the food in our parking lot. Tonya Carr coordinates our volunteer effort to support this distribution. We've heard many stories about how this monthly gift of food helps people survive month to month. It's good for us to remember that people in our own community suffer from having inadequate food and from poverty. It's good to remember that Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God." This week, please think about and pray for the poor in our community, that their needs will be met, and that together we will live by faith in God.

### 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.

**Wednesday Meal:** NO MEAL THIS WEEK. March 3 will be pork enchiladas and garlic bread. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer. \$6 per person, serving line open 5:15-6:00.

**Women's Thursday Class** Meets from 10-11:30 AM in fellowship hall and on Zoom. Studying from Christopher Yuan's Holy Sexuality ([holysexuality.com](http://holysexuality.com)). This week we will cover the topic of **ATTRACTION:** Desire and Temptation.

**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 Week of February 25

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

~2 Timothy 2:15

## 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:	February 18, 2024
Weekly Attendance:	286
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,143.85
Actual:	\$6,640.63
Children's:	\$37.66
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$50,006.95
Giving:	\$51,259.33
Children's for Ecuador:	\$228.83

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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

Ron Kretz

Keith Miller

**Mark Miller** (Feb)

**Todd Sheldon** (Mar)

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 Gimple ----- LTC

## Mountain State Food Drive

Sugar free varieties of items are appreciated. Please check expiration dates. Pick up is the week of April 7.

**Canned/Jarred**— chicken, tuna, beef and chicken broth, mustard, ketchup, peanut butter, jelly (variety), soy and teriyaki sauces, alfredo sauce, salad dressings (variety), cooking spices (variety), Nutella

**Personal/Household**— Q-tips, body lotion, disposable razors, Tylenol/Acetaminophen, Advil/Ibuprofen, regular size feminine tampons

**Boxed/Packets**— instant oatmeal packets, pancake mix, baking chips (chocolate, white chocolate, and butterscotch), gravy packets (variety), dry soup mixes

**Snacks/Beverages**— individual chips for lunches, tortilla chips, trail mix, fruit snacks, nuts (all varieties), microwave popcorn, granola bars, Kind bars, Cliff bars, 100% fruit juices (orange, prune, cranberry, apple, pineapple), chocolate milk syrup/powder

**Paper Goods/Plastics/Cleaning**— 18 oz plastic cups, plastic utensils, aluminum foil, dishwasher detergent, glass cleaner

**NOT needed**— ~~canned vegetables, canned beans (chili, black, kidney pork and beans), canned fruit, soup, dish soap, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer~~

## Order of Worship

### Our Faithful Deliverer

**Worship Leader:** Simeon Tremaine

*794 Unto Thee, O Lord  
 837 I Need Thee Every Hour*

### **Psalm 22:1-21**

**Reading:** Cameron Clifford

**Prayer of Praise and for Deliverance:**

Jay Roberts

*While on the Sea  
 689 Be Still My Soul  
 365 How Beautiful*

**Communion:** Rick White

### **Children's Offering**

*396 There's Not a Friend*

### **"Right Relationships"**

*Leviticus 18-20*

Glenn Hawley

*555 Seek Ye First*

*453 Love Lifted Me*

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Ron Kretz

**Body Life:** Glenn Dallmann