

Love That Gets Noticed

There I was in my recliner, enjoying my morning coffee and leisurely following my daily Bible reading plan. Then Luke 6:35 rudely stopped me in my tracks. This verse is part of a section that parallels the last part of Matthew 5 in the Sermon on the Mount, but it adds an important emphasis that I had not previously noticed:

“But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.” — Luke 6:35

For my temperament, I can't imagine a more piercing verse.

Love Your Enemies — This one gets my vote for the hardest command in Scripture. I mean, isn't it difficult enough to forgive and love someone who has wronged you and has apologized? Catch is, such a person is no longer your enemy. An enemy is someone who actively seeks to impart ill toward you. That's the guy Jesus calls me to love. # ouch

Do Good to Them — The love Jesus demonstrated, the love Jesus commands, is active. *“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”* (Matthew 7:12) Even pagans know to reciprocate good deeds done to them (Luke 6:33). Jesus commands that I take the initiative in serving my enemies. So how's that goin'?

Then consider lending without expecting repayment. How many of my good deeds— especially involving money— are prompted by a tacit expectation of reciprocity?

Love like this gets noticed. It sets a disciple of Jesus apart from the world and, regrettably, apart from most others who profess the name of Christ. Jesus says it makes us “sons of the Most High”. It makes us like Him.

Our Lord goes on to single out an astounding attribute of the Most High, one mentioned only in Luke:

He is Kind to the Wicked and the Ungrateful — This verse exposed my godless heart. Nothing repulses me more than ingratitude, yet I can be shamefully ungrateful. Our heavenly Father is kind to the ungrateful, to those who live in ignorance of or in opposition to all He does and has done to bless them, to forgive them, to redeem them, and make them his own.

Though we're not to expect reciprocity, Luke 6:35 teaches that standout love brings the greatest of all rewards. We become sons of the Most High. All of creation “waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.” (Romans 8:19) The day is coming when all the world will celebrate the “outing” of God's children. Fact is, those around them will already know.

The commands of this verse are not things Jesus told us to count on “the church” to do. They're commands to every disciple that would follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21). Our pattern for love and kindness to our neighbor is God's love and kindness to us.

And that's love that will get noticed.

– 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.

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March

- 10 Elders/Ministers meeting
- 11-12 York University Equip Conference
- 16 Marty Salsbury's memorial at 10:30
- 17 Deadline to sign up for Youth Mission Trip
- 24 Elders/Ministers meeting
- 27 LTC Preview Night
- 29-30 LTC in Kansas City
- 31 Easter

April

- 4-6 Panther Days at YU
- 7-13 Clothing Exchange project
 - Set Up—Sun 5:30 pm
 - Sorting & Hanging—Mon-Thu 9 a- 9 p
 - Final set up—Friday 9 am to done
 - Clean Up—Sat noon to done
- 12 Church night at CE 5 to 8 pm
- 13 Community Clothing Giveaway 8 am to noon
- 20 Ladies' Craft Day 8 am-6 p in fellowship hall
- 27 Graduation at YU

- 3/12 Aubrey Miller
- 3/12 Chris Martens
- 3/12 Richard Keeton
- 3/16 Tyler Hinton
- 3/16 Alan Bastyr
- 3/16 Makai Schwarz

- 3/10 Justin & Joanna Carver
- 3/13 Loran & Alice Yunevich
- 3/15 Frank & Tania Billington

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Mountain State Children's Home— There is a display up in the lobby this morning about Mountain State Children's Home. Stop by if you would like to learn more about where the food we gather goes! If you have questions look for Randy Schow.

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 | | |

The Equip Conference will be hosted by York University on March 11-12. Register today at www.york.edu/equip. There is more information online as well as a schedule on the bulletin board in the foyer.

New Wednesday Night Parenting Class: On Wednesday nights, you're invited to a parenting discussion revolving around the book, *How to Really Love Your Teen*, by Dr. Ross Campbell. Glenn Dallmann facilitating.

The Memorial for Marty Salsbury will be Saturday, March 16, at 10:30 am. There will be a luncheon afterwards. If you would like to provide desserts, sides, or help with set-up or clean-up please see the sign up sheet on EHPN or contact the office.

Youth Mission Trip: East Hill Youth grades 6-12 are invited to attend the summer mission trip May 22-27. We will be traveling to Valparaiso, IN, to serve the Shults-Lewis School and group home in various projects to improve their campus. We will also have the opportunity to go to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. Total out of pocket cost per student is \$250. A \$100 deposit is due by Sunday, March 17, to reserve your spot. For more information contact Garrett Schwarz. Scan the QR code to register!



*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:

John Jewell's father, William Jewell, passed away Thursday night. He lived in Colorado. Please keep John and his family in your prayers.

Susanne Keller had a heart ablation on Wednesday to deal with a flutter in her heart. It went well and she was able to return home to rest and heal up.

Correction— **Tom Marsh** is scheduled to have carpal tunnel surgery on Tuesday, March 19.

Rena Miller still has some ways to go but she has made some great improvements over the last weeks. Please continue to remember her healing in your prayers.

John Ratliff's heart catheterization went well last Tuesday. They did need to put in a stent.

James and Jackie Thomas would appreciate prayers for their granddaughter, Sheyli Thomas Armbrust and their 1st great granddaughter who was born Thursday, February 29. They had to have an emergency C-section after it was found at a routine doctor visit that Sheyli had an amniotic fluid embolism.

Body Life:

Dr. Mike Case's retirement from York University was recently announced and his career with the college was featured in the York News-Times this last week. Mike has served as a professor of Bible and Ministry for 32 years!

Congratulations, and may God bless you as you start a new chapter of ministry!

The children and grandchildren of **Martha Mogul** invite everyone to celebrate her 80th birthday on Sunday, March 17, from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall. Cards are welcomed.

Thank you:

Dear church family, Thank you so much for your cards, shown love and sympathy following the deaths of my son-in-law, Bob Kruse, and my sister, Louise Johnson. While I was still in shock following Bob's death, getting phone calls from two of my sisters telling me of Louise's death was unexpected though not so shocking. We miss both of them, but know that God and his special people will continue to give us comfort. ~In Christian love, **Shirley Weber**

Prayer Focus:

This week York University hosts the 2-day, 2nd annual Equip Conference for church leaders. Nearly 100 people are attending from about 12 states and Canada. Would you be pray for this conference? Would you pray for safety as everyone travels here? Would you pray for every speaker, presenter, behind-the-scenes volunteer, cafeteria worker, maintenance staff, YU student, and conference participant? Would you pray that God's Spirit is present on our campus encouraging us and providing hope for churches? Amen.

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: The menu this week is chicken alfredo lasagna, garlic bread, and veggies. 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). This week we will cover the topic of: WHAT IS SINGLENESS?

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion Passion for God -

Do not be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

~Romans 12:11

Weekly Scripture Memory March 3-16—Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions. *Wash
away all my iniquity and cleanse
me from sin.*

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: March 3, 2024
Weekly Attendance: 248
Weekly Giving
Budgeted: \$7,143.85
Actual: \$9,867.05
Children's: \$41.21
Year to Date
Budgeted: \$64,294.65
Giving: \$65,302.88
Children's for Ecuador: \$301.60

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Hannah Sikes
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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

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

Glorify the Lord

Worship Leader: Steddon Sikes
123 *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

Psalm 107:1-32

Kyle Stewart

440 *Glorify the Lord with Me
Salvation Belongs to Our God
Shout to the North*

Prayer: Mark Briggs

*Worthy is the Lamb
767 In the Hour of Trial*

Communion: Robert Cunningham

Children's Offering

Days of Elijah

"Jubilee!" Leviticus 25

Glenn Hawley

513 *I Will Sing of my Redeemer*

Shepherd's Prayer: Mark Miller

Body Life: Ken Van Gomple