

Man-made Religion?

A gentleman visiting our donut shop recently said he was visiting several churches in the area looking for the one he liked best. He commented, "All churches are pretty much the same and all religions are man-made anyway." He went on, "It really doesn't matter which one you go to, you just have to find the one that fits you best." His words gave me pause.

Really? Are all churches pretty much the same? And are all churches man-made? I guess what struck me most, after I thought about it awhile, is that in some ways he may be right. As we look out, we see too many churches that are pretty much the same and sometimes do look like man-made institutions. We find churches that hold to man-made traditions, man-made scriptures, man-made conventions and are often filled with too much divisiveness, pride and disunity.

I don't want to be a part of such a man-made church. I remember when, as a young man before I became a Christian, Diana and I began a journey to find a church. I remember telling her I didn't want anything man-made. I wanted a place where we could just worship God and learn what He wanted for our lives. I wanted simple Christianity. I believe we wanted a place where there was peace, unity, and holiness. That was something sorely lacking in our lives at the time. In my simple ignorance I wanted a place where we just studied the Bible . . . and could see the Lord. We searched, and God led us to His Body, the called-out ones of Christ, the church of Christ.

"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."
- Hebrews 12:14.

We live in a world today where there is entirely too much strife, hatred, and division. Everyone is striving to be the best, the brightest and on top of the heap. In such a world it's hard to see the Lord. This world has been so corrupted that many have lost sight of what is most important. The important thing is to follow and love our God and savior Jesus Christ with all our heart, mind, body and soul. We are to do so with a humble, peaceful, and united spirit. We must do so in a way that sets us apart from the rest of the world. We are to do so with love, peace, and patience. We must strive to be Holy. Let's set out, as God's family here in York, to show that gentleman who is looking for a church home, that he can see the Lord . . . reflected through us.

In HIS Mighty Name,
~Ron Kretz



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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March

- All East Hill responsible on weekdays for meals-on-wheels deliveries
- 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

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

- 3/3 Cameron Clifford
- 3/3 Bryan Kretz
- 3/3 Laurie Briggs
- 3/3 Angie Robison
- 3/3 Ben Jewell
- 3/4 Adrianna McNeese
- 3/5 Asher Stewart
- 3/5 CC Vernon
- 3/7 Tyce Goodwin

- 3/3 Jared & Shannon Leinen

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Children's Bible Classes will begin the spring quarter TODAY and as of time of printing the bulletin we still needed a helper for the 1st grade class on Sundays and a teacher and helper for the 2's and 3's on Wednesdays. If you can help, see Hannah or Tana to see if these are still needs!

Youth Mission Trip Meeting: Youth Group Parents: Please join us in the youth room today following service for an informational meeting regarding this summer's mission trip. The mission trip will be available to middle school and high school kids. Hope to see you there!

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. The cost for the conference is \$50 and the Ides of March dinner is \$30. Register today at www.york.edu/equip. (It is strongly encouraged that registration is done by Thursday of this week so they can 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 Wednesday this week, 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.

The Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Daylight Saving Time Begins: Remember to set your clocks forward (unless they do it themselves of course) next Saturday so you don't wake up late for class and worship next week.

Mountain State Food Drive The Spring food drive for Mountain State Children's Home has begun. Please have items to the building by April 7 for the pick up. In addition to needed items listed on the back, gift cards to Walmart and Sam's are a big help for perishable items. At the bottom is a list of items which they do NOT need. Sugar free varieties of items are appreciated. Please remember to check expiration dates too.

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

BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

Prayer Requests and Updates:

Candy Battreall had a colonoscopy and upper GI exam procedure on Friday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jerald Bennett's had a CT scan on his kidneys this last week. This is the test the doctor wanted to see before they proceed with his gall bladder surgery. Please be in prayer for things to come out alright so they can proceed.

Susanne Keller had a scheduled appointment with her heart specialist on Friday. She was very glad that was coming up as earlier last week she seemed to be having A-Fib again. At the appointment her doctor determined it was a flutter instead which can be fixed with an ablation which she will have on Wednesday, March 6.

Eddie Kennedy received some good news from his latest tests. He thanks the church for their prayers.

Tom Marsh is scheduled to have carpal tunnel surgery on Tuesday, March 5.

John Ratliff will have a heart catheterization on Wednesday, March 6.

While helping her daughter, Deb with the passing of Deb's husband last week, **Shirley Weber** received word that her sister passed away as well.



He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,
so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.



Psalm 78:5-6

Prayer Focus:

Today starts the spring quarter of our children's Bible classes, where kids are learning about the Bible and about God. This is such a priceless opportunity for our kids. The foundation is being built for their faith; a partnership between church and home. We all know people who don't have an understanding of the Bible, thus, coming to faith is harder for them. Let's give thanks to God for this ministry and let's pray for the teachers and the kids to grow in their faith and understanding.

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: March 6 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). This week we will cover the topic of HOLY SEXUALITY.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion Willingness to Work -

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

~Colossians 3:23

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:	February 25, 2024
Weekly Attendance:	279
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,143.85
Actual:	\$4,176.50
Children's:	\$31.56
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$55,435.83
Giving:	\$57,150.80
Children's for Ecuador:	\$260.39

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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

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

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

*Come Let Us Sing
 Shout Hallelujah*

Psalm 19: Timothy Briggs

Prayer: Garrett Schwarz

*74 Praise the Lord
 43 All Things Praise Thee*

“Remember to Remember”

Leviticus 23

Glenn Hawley

In Christ Alone

334 *'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow*

Communion: Tommy Carr

Children's Offering

290 Shine, Jesus Shine

Body Life: Glenn Dallmann

Shepherd's Prayer: Keith Miller