

The Trials of Following Jesus

By many accounts this would appear to be a difficult time to be a Christian. Do you agree? If so, I would like to hear from you. A more personal question is, do you find it difficult to maintain a vital faith in Jesus these days? If you said, “yes,” I would understand.

This question interests me because I have been studying the way college students embrace the Christian faith, or not, for over 30 years. What I have observed is that the times in which we live and prevailing cultural trends have an impact on the way people think and how they come to believe. Students raise questions now that I did not raise when I was their age and they consider as viable options life choices that would have been unthinkable 40 or 50 years ago.

When I look in the faces of incredulous students today the reaction they have, stated or not, is that the gospel does not seem to make as much sense to people today as it used to. When I encounter this kind of thinking, I point out that the gospel never made sense to the minds of people enslaved in sin. The wisdom of the gospel is certainly counter to current cultural trends, but it has always been countercultural. In fact, it is supposed to seem out of place in our world. That’s the whole idea with this message about a crucified and risen Jew. If people in our world, or any world, had their act together, they would not need the gospel.

Think about that for a moment, and let’s go back to the problem of why we might find it difficult to follow Jesus today. If you have not started trying to follow Him yet, I want to tell you the story of Jesus. I want to tell you who He is, why He came into the world, and what He did. I also want to talk about your story, what you really want and what prevents you from having that kind of life.

But if you have started to follow Jesus, and have

found it to be difficult, I want to say that I, too, often find it difficult. You tell me your struggles and I will share some of mine.

For me it is a matter of focus. I find it too easy to focus on my problems and my fears instead of on Jesus. It is easy for all of us, maybe especially Christians, to feel overwhelmed by the problems. Do you know of any corner of our world where there are no problems? Most concerning of all is that the culture in which we live is moving further away from the Christendom than many of us grew up with at an alarming rate.

What concerns me is that we collectively, as well as personally, are facing problems that no one is prepared for. I will admit that this is a great cause of concern for me. It occupies my mind when I am trying to sleep, dominates my conversations, and fuels my prayers. So, what can we do?

What I do is to take a longer look at the Jesus I want to tell others about. When I consider the life He lived I realize that in the midst of the teaching and miracles was a man with dust on His feet, very few personal possessions, no house to call His own, no wife, and very little visible evidence that anyone understood His message. The world of Jesus was chaotic, and His people were bound for destruction. He had answers for them, yet they were not interested. All Jesus could do was weep (Luke 19:41-42).

And yet, Jesus finished His mission, and He became “the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him” (Hebrews 5:9). When I think about my problems in the presence of this Jesus I remember that trials are a part of following Jesus in a world distorted by sin. But His answers work especially well in a world full of chaos. ... If you agree, let me know.

~Michael Case

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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- April**
21 Mission Sunday
21 Bridal Shower for Mallory Myers
23 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot
27 Graduation at YU
28 Bridal Shower for Ellee Tandy
28 Elders and Ministers meeting
- May**
2 National Day of Prayer
Meeting at YU Prayer Chapel
3 Son Shiners Chances "R" 5:30 pm
4 Ladies' Craft Day noon-6 pm
5 HS Seniors Sunday
11 Men's Breakfast 8 am
in the fellowship hall
12 Mother's Day
11-20 Adult Ecuador Mission Trip
22-27 Youth Mission Trip
30 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot (Thursday)
one time schedule change

- 4/21 Eddie Kennedy
4/21 Samuel Phan
4/22 Jackie Thomas
4/23 Trent Hinton
4/24 Scott Schmid
4/25 Jerome Taylor
4/26 Delores Hartman
4/26 David Odom

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

The Bridal Shower for Mallory Myers is today. Ladies are invited to a come and go event from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall. Mallory and Simeon Tremaine will be married in Wisconsin this summer and will be back as students at York University this fall. They are registered on Amazon. Contact Jenny Tremaine or Rena Miller with questions.

Mission Sunday is today, and we want to be in prayer for God's blessing on the work in Ecuador and the Marcum family. We have set a goal of \$13,000 for the special offering: \$7,500 to help pay the salary of one of the teachers in the Quito School of Biblical Studies, \$2,500 to sponsor a Gospel campaign conducted by the QSOBS student body, and \$3,000 to aid those from East Hill going on a summer mission effort to Latacunga, Ecuador. We will pass the collection plates today for this collection but you can also donate through online giving at Tithe.ly. Please use the "missions" designation to differentiate gifts for Mission Sunday. You can get started at Tithe.ly at the page get.Tithe.ly/give-download-app where you can download their app or click the "give online now" button.

Food Distribution: The Lincoln Food Bank will be here this week, Tuesday, April 23, from 10:30-11:30 am in the South Parking Lot. This may take some people by surprise if they are thinking the last Tuesday of the month rather than the 4th Tuesday, please help spread the word. If you have questions or would like to help please see Tonya Carr.

The Bridal Shower for Ellee Tandy will be Sunday, April 28. Ladies are invited to a come and go event from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall. Ellee and Harley Williamson will be married here on June 1. They are registered on Amazon. Contact Michele Briggs or Sheila Tandy for questions about the shower.

Wednesday Meals are offered from 5:15-6:00 in the fellowship hall on Wednesday evenings. Everyone is welcome to participate though they do need people to sign up so there is enough. You can sign up by putting your name on the sheet on the information table or by contacting Collette Kretz. If you forget to sign up ahead of time you can contact Collette to see if there is enough margin to cover you! Each week, you can find information including menu for the meal in the far right column of the inside of the bulletin.

Clothing Exchange Report: Much thanks to everyone who participated in the clothing exchange this spring! We had great turn out for both those who helped and were helped! Nearly 500 people came through the doors Saturday morning and there were over 200 who helped throughout the week. Praise be to God for the success of this ministry!

*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 will have surgery to remove his gall bladder tomorrow, Monday, April 21. Please keep him in prayer.

Frank Billington's mother who had requested that life-extending care be discontinued on Wednesday, has shown some improvement and they hope she will be able to move to a care/rehab facility soon.

Keep **Ana Carvalho** in your prayers. She has completed four chemotherapy treatments but has two more to go through.

Susanne Keller will be having a pacemaker installed on Tuesday, April 23 at Bryan Heart. Please keep her in prayer for this procedure. It is scheduled as an outpatient procedure though she will be prepared to stay if necessary.

Eddie Kennedy had wonderful news on Friday from his biopsy. The lump through to be cancer is just scarring. It may need to be dealt with at some point but he does not have cancer!

Thomas Tandy had appointments on Friday to follow up on plans for a treatment for the melanoma on the bottom of his foot using immunotherapy that will hopefully reduce the surgical removal that would be necessary.

I wish to thank everyone for your concern, prayers, and encouragement and all the other things you helped our with during my recent surgery. The healing is going well and I hope to be in worship this Sunday. It is a blessing to be part of the East Hill fellowship.
~Barbara Hood

Dear East Hill Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, flowers, and financial gifts with the passing of our mother and grandmother. We love you and appreciate you so much.
Love in Christ, **The Smith, Mader and Phan families**

Body Life:

Congratulations to **Deonte Anderson** who was baptized last Sunday!

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Prayer Focus:

East Hill was blessed by the participation of many YU students this last school year. This week is finals week for them and their friends, and many will graduate this coming Saturday. Let's pray for God's blessing in their lives and for their faith to keep growing. Let's ask God to guide and protect them, as we look forward to the return of those who come back in the fall and to our future encounters wherever that will be. 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 pot pie. 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 the fellowship hall and on Zoom. Studying from Christopher Yuan's Holy Sexuality (holysexuality.com). This week we will cover the lesson: **THE BIBLE & SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS.**

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Prudence (good judgment)–

*I wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.*

~Proverbs 8:2

Weekly Scripture Memory

Week of April 21 - Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

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: April 14, 2024

Weekly Attendance: 254

Weekly Giving

Budgeted: \$7,143.85

Actual: \$8,264.13

Children's: \$25.57

Year to Date

Budgeted: \$107,157.75

Giving: \$108,747.77

Children's for Ecuador: \$536.99

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Hannah Sikes

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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

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Trent Hinton -----Livestream

Larry Light ----Single Seniors, Facilities

Garrett Schwarz----- Youth

Jeff Shafer----- Worship Support

Lonnie Shafer ---- Elder/deacon liaison

Ken Van Gomple -----LTC

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The 2024 Mr. and Ms. York University Awards went to EH student members **Anthony Hodson** and **Maryn Philips** respectively. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Charlie Van Gomple** for being chosen the 2024 Junior Class Man of the Year and to **Milan Babcock** for being chosen as the Junior Class Woman of the Year at YHS!

The York University Music Department will present the annual University Singers' "Spring Works" concert tomorrow, Monday, April 22 at 7:30 pm in the Bartholomew Performing Arts Center. Entitled "Musical Charcuterie," the concert will feature diverse musical styles. It is free and all are welcome. Several of our university students are in this group. **Maryn Phillips, Mallory Myers, and Ross Fraser** will be featured soloists.

Congratulations Graduates: The following YU students who have been worshipping with us are graduating this Saturday! With their bachelors: **Jarod Belden, Timberly Carr, Emily (Milliken) Deuel, Makayla Dinkler, Anthony Hodson, Jordan Marble, Maryn Phillips, and Brooklyn White.** With their masters: **Hannah DeHart, Parker Hughes, and Sadie (Carr) Martens.**

Order of Worship

Highly Exalted

Worship Leader: Simeon Tremaine

Welcome

300 *Praise Him, Praise Him!*

42 *How Majestic is Your Name*

155 *Highest Place*

221 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Prayer: Luke Case

Acts 2:32-36

Reading: Cody Wyatt

Highly Exalted

922 *Jesus Paid it All*

Communion: Noah McNeese

Children's Offering

144 *O Worship the King*

"The Humble King"

John 13:1-17

Glenn Hawley

417 *Where He Leads, I'll Follow*

Mission Sunday Presentation

650 *Send the Light*

Shepherd's Prayer: Michael Case

Body Life: Ken Van Gomple