

A Different Spirit

In the underappreciated book of Numbers we encounter a man of great faith whose heart and spirit set him apart from an entire generation. That man is Caleb, son of Jephunnah.

“Because My servant Caleb has a *different spirit* and has followed Me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he has entered, and his descendants will inherit it.” — Numbers 14:24 (BSB)

Caleb’s probably best known as one of 12 spies Moses sent to scout the Promised Land (Numbers 13). After their 40-day reconnoiter, the spies return and, amazingly, agree on the facts: The land is plentiful but the cities are fortified and the people are big & scary.

The first of the 12 to speak up is Caleb (13:30), who’s strongly in favor of entering Canaan and claiming God’s promise, “We can certainly conquer it!” Interestingly, Joshua isn’t mentioned till later. Meanwhile, the remaining 10 spies win the day by delivering a doomsday outlook that “made the hearts of the people melt with fear” (Joshua 14:8).

Mob rebellion ensues. (Numbers 14:1-10) Throngs of disgruntled Israelites discuss picking another leader, returning to Egypt, and stoning Joshua & Caleb. Imagine preferring to return to slavery in Egypt or dying in the wilderness to entering the Promised Land? (Numbers 14:2) Such are the fruits of fear.

So what was different about Caleb’s spirit?

Caleb followed God wholeheartedly (Numbers 14:24) You do things differently when it’s from the heart. You’re all in, you make fewer excuses, you’re harder to distract, you’re determined to overcome obstacles, and you’re in it till the end. Imagine living your spiritual life that way?? That’s how Caleb followed God.

Caleb trusted God’s promises (Numbers 14:24, Joshua 14:12) Caleb fully expected Yahweh to fulfill the promise made to him to inherit the very land the spies

had trodden 45 years earlier. Of 600,000+ men over 20 years of age that had entered the wilderness in the exodus (Numbers 1:17ff), only he and Joshua remained. With the conquest over, Caleb wanted his hill country!! (Joshua 14:6ff) By the power of God— and on His timetable— Caleb goes on to whoop a tribe of giants and take it ... at the age of 85! (Joshua 15:14)

Caleb believed. Why did Yahweh send the Israelites to wander 40 years in the wilderness in the first place? In a word: Unbelief. Hebrews 3:7-19 calls us to learn from Israel’s wanderings and not to disqualify ourselves from God’s reward by having “a wicked heart of unbelief” (:12) Against all odds, Caleb believed God and inherited what was promised.

The apostle Paul wrote that God has preserved the tragic account of the 12 spies as warning to us (1 Corinthians 10:6,11). Within sight of the Promised Land, a whole generation of God’s people succumbed to fear and disqualified themselves from the prize through the sin of unbelief.

Of special note is God’s response to unbelieving leaders. Joshua’s and Caleb’s “Let’s go and take the land!” conviction crossed the cowering views of their 10 fellow leaders in Israel (Numbers 13:2). Yahweh himself struck down those faithless spies (Numbers 14:37). Their fear and unbelief had plunged Israel into a near death spiral of grumbling and cynicism. They, too, would never leave the wilderness (Numbers 14:28-29). Leaders of whom God approves lead lives grounded in faith, are “tied to the mast” of Scripture rather than to windsocks of popular sentiment.

Caleb stands as a model of the faith-filled “can-do” minority whom Yahweh has sought, blessed, and used for his purposes throughout history.

— 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.

C A L E N D A R

May

- 19 Pancake Feed Fundraiser in FH after service
- 19 Sunday night building group will meet in auditorium
- 19-25 Round Up at YU
- 26 New Member Introductions
- 22-27 Youth Mission Trip
- 30 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot (Thursday) one time schedule change

June

- 2 Summer Children's Quarter begins
- 7 Son Shiners: 5:30 at Chances "R"
- 8 Men's Breakfast: 8 am in FH
- 9-15 YU hosts Soul Quest
- 24 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot

Nebraska Youth Camp Summer Sessions

- June 10-12 Beginner 1 (K-3rd)
- June 13-15 Beginner 2 (K-3rd)
- June 16-22 Junior 1 (3rd-6th)
- June 23-29 Junior 2 (3rd-6th)
- June 30-July 6 Intermediate 1 (6th-9th)
- July 7-13 Intermediate 2 (6th-9th)
- July 14-20 Senior 1 (9th-12th)
- July 21-27 Senior 2 (9th-12th)

- 5/20 Michele Briggs
- 5/21 Sawyer Jaekel
- 5/23 Clay Hinton
- 5/23 Thomas Tandy
- 5/24 Margaret Spencer
- 5/24 Stewart Sikes
- 5/24 Kaewyn Robison
- 5/25 Keith Miller
- 5/25 Trevor Shafer
- 5/25 Bernadine Smith (104!)
- 5/25 Sandy Stevens
- 5/20 David & Rachel Odom
- 5/24 Keith & Ann Peters

C E L E B R A T E

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Youth Mission Trip Pancake Feed Fundraiser is today immediately following worship service in the fellowship hall. The menu will include pancakes, breakfast casserole and juice. There will be a free will donation to help the Youth Mission Trip that will be May 22-27.

Summer Children's Ministry: The Children's Ministry is requesting Sunday teachers for next quarter, which starts on June 2. As usual for the summer you can sign up for one month at a time, or for the entire quarter. The QR code will take you to the google doc for the sign up or there is a sign up sheet in the foyer. For Wednesday evenings this summer, families will be invited to the park for a devotional and fellowship time.



Kid's Summer Opportunity: The Bible Bee is a national summer program meant to help families and individuals learn how to develop habits of personal Bible study and prayer. Brittany Kretz has signed Kye up and would love to have a group of kids to participate with locally. She is planning to offer activities aimed at kids in K-5th from the Bible Bee at the park on Wednesdays. There will be verses to memorize, songs to sing, games to play, and time to pray together. Kids don't have to be signed up for the Bible Bee to participate in the activities at the park, but parents can register their kids for the competition, to get their own book and participate in the whole program (deadline is May 31). Use the QR code to go directly to registration and save \$5. See the organization's web page (www.biblebee.org) for more information about the competition or talk to Brittany Kretz for more about the Wednesday activities.



Nebraska Youth Camp is gearing up for the summer. You can see the summer schedule on the flyer on the bulletin board on the south wall of the foyer. Session directors are working to fill out their staff and many are still *seeking people to fill positions*. Tim and Michele Briggs are directors for the Junior session please contact them if you would be interested in teaching a Bible, can lifeguard or would like to help in the kitchen. Jared and Shannon Leinen are directors for the senior session please contact them if you are interested in helping in the kitchen or counseling a boys cabin. If you would like to help with a different age group you can contact board members, Michele Briggs, Jay Roberts, Deena Tandy, or Eric Tremaine for information on those directors. *The camp's work day* is Saturday, May 25. You can come early on Friday or stay late on Saturday to have family time at the camp. Contact Eric Tremaine to sign up for housing if you want to stay over.

*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:

Celebration of Life for Calista Amick will be today, May 19, at 2 pm at the Stolley Park Church of Christ in Grand Island, NE. To celebrate Calista's fun loving spirit here will be a bouncy house and snow cones. Attendees are encouraged to wear her favorite color, purple.

Carolyn Hambleton had her pre-op consultation last Tuesday and it was determined that it was better to cancel the surgery and instead make plans for radiation and chemo treatments. Cards of encouragement have been greatly appreciated. She is in room 507 at the Hearthstone (2600 N Lincoln Ave).

Alice Yunevich has been having chest pain and trouble breathing. On Wednesday, she will have an endoscopy. Doctors plan to remove tissue from her esophagus for biopsy and explore if there are other esophageal or stomach-related problems.

Please keep the adult mission team in your prayers. They are scheduled to return tomorrow. They include **Mayah Colle, Megan DeHart, Glenn and Leanna Hawley, Todd Sheldon and Bryce Smith.**

Body Life:

Chris and Sadie Martins will be moving to Mankato, Minnesota at the end of this month. Chris has been accepted in to the graduate program at Mankato State University for his Masters in Fine Arts. Sadie will be teaching 4th grade in the Maple River school district in Mapleton, Minnesota.

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Prayer Focus:

The youth listed below leave on their mission trip to the Schultz-Lewis Group Home this Wednesday, where they will assist with various landscaping and cleaning projects, and they will seek to encourage the kids who live at the group home. On their way home they will visit the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. Garrett and Jenna, and Kyle and Chana are the adult sponsors. They return on May 27. Let's pray for their safety, the impact of their service, and their spiritual growth. Amen.

Youth on the trip: **Joe Billington, Peter Dallmann, Sawyer Jackel, Raima Kreifels, Gideon Matkins, Makai Schwarz, Daniel, Laela, Mackenzie, and Asher Stewart, and Brianna Ulrich.**

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 beef tacos, refried beans, and Spanish rice. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer. \$6 per person, serving line open 5:15-6:00.

Women's Thursday Class is breaking for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion Integrity and Honesty –

Protect my life, and rescue me! Do not let me be put to shame. I have taken refuge in you. Integrity and honesty will protect me because I wait for you.

~Psalm 25:20-21

Scripture Memory for Week of May 19 is Malachi 3:10

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

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:	May 12, 2024
Weekly Attendance:	291
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,143.85
Actual:	\$4,098.85
Children's:	\$49.81
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$135,733.15
Giving:	\$130,334.69
Children's for Ecuador:	\$768.53

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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

You may have lost track of some of these young people as many of them have been away at college for the last few years. If there are other young people who have been away, and have now started on a new stage of life, please contact the office with their information so we can announce them too.

Timberly Carr graduated with her Bachelors in Education from YU. She will be teaching Special Education at an elementary school in Grand Island next year. She will also be continuing her education in the graduate program at YU.

Elliot Dallmann graduated May 18 from Sioux Falls University with a degree in Computer Information Systems and Theater. He will begin work as an Assistant Mainframe Administrator at UBT Bank in Lincoln at the end of May.

Bladen Flynt graduated from Oklahoma Christian on April 26 with a degree in Business Finance. He is seeking employment.

Lily Shafer graduated May 4 from Wayne State with a Bachelors of Science in Mathematics Education grades 6-12, with an Art minor. She will be teaching high school math in Schuyler.

Julie (Tremaine) Stachura was commuting since she was married last year and graduated Magna Cum Laude from York in December with a Bachelors in Business Administration: Accounting, and a Communications minor. She is employing her degree as the accountant and secretary for Stachura Electric, her husband, Jeremy's business in Cortland.

Order of Worship

Listen to Our Hearts

Worship Leader: Les Miller

Light the Fire

Welcome

622 *Ring Out the Message*

693 *The Heart of a Servant*

Scripture Reading: Makai Schwarz
Acts 2:1-21

Prayer: Stewart Sikes

432 *How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?*
Open My Heart

Communion: Tim Carr

Children's Offering

Into My Heart
Open the Eyes of My Heart

"What Makes All the Difference"

Numbers 13 and 14
Mark Miller

Invitation for Prayer

810 *Listen to Our Hearts*
Sing On

Prayer for the Youth Mission Trip

Shepherd's Prayer: Michael Case

Body Life: Ken Van Gomple