

Happy Father's Day

Fathers, I want to encourage you this morning to think back to the day that you became a dad. Although it was over 22 years ago for me, that day is still so very clear in my mind.

As the time drew closer for the birth of our first child, Julie, we still had a lot to do to prepare for our new arrival. Life had been busy for Jenny and I as we were adjusting to a recent move, a new home, new jobs, and we were still very young in our roles as husband and wife. It was now about a week before our new little blessing was due to arrive, and the baby's room was not completely ready and stocked with all the supplies one needs for this occasion, plus we still needed to go shopping to get a car seat so we could bring our precious cargo home. Lots to do, but we still had a week to get ready, right? Wrong. We soon learned a valuable lesson; babies will come when they are ready to come.

Okay, get the car packed with all the things that need to go with us. Frequently check on Jenny to make sure she is as okay as she can be. Now into the car and on our way. But wait, we still do not have a car seat. That's okay, running by the bank and getting some cash and then stopping by the store to pick up a car seat shouldn't take very long. Unless of course, while at the ATM you are in such a hurry you forget to grab your bank card after getting the cash so when you go to pay for the car seat at the store you don't have your card so you rush back to the bank to see if they can get your card for you but they cannot because the bank is not yet open and there is only one employee there at the time and they need to wait for someone else to arrive so you explain that your wife is in labor and they quickly agree to come out and get your card for you and you return to the store, pay for the purchase, and FINALLY get on your way.

Later that evening, Julie arrived. Amazing. There she was. We now had a little girl! Holding her for the first time stirred in me a new love that I had not experienced before. God, is this in a small way a reflection of how you love your children—deeply, fully, and completely? God, is what I am feeling a little bit like how protective you feel about your children? Wanting to provide for and protect them zealously? God, is this desire to lead, guide, and teach this child Your ways a likeness of your desire for us to learn and grow and be what you have called us to be? God, is this father and child relationship an image of your desire to love and be loved by us?

Becoming a father for the first time helped me see God's love for us in a new light and challenged me to strive to exemplify the characteristics of our Heavenly Father in my parenting. With the birth of each of our children I could see God's deep love for all His people. With each child came the same intense love and attachment.

To the fathers at East Hill, I would like to say well done and keep up the good work. I encourage you to think about the blessing it is to take advantage of every opportunity to communicate to your children God's love and commands. "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up," Deuteronomy 6:7. You reflect the image of our Heavenly Father by loving your children deeply, providing for and protecting them passionately, and diligently teaching them the ways of the Lord. May the Lord strengthen you and give you wisdom in this next year as you wear one of your most important titles, Father!

~Eric Tremaine

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.

CALENDAR

June

- 23 Elders & Ministers Meeting
- 25 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot
- 30 Elders & Ministers Meeting

July

- 5 Son Shiners: 5:30 at Chances "R"
- 11-15 Marcum Family visits York
- 13 Men's Breakfast: 8 am in FH
- 23 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot

Nebraska Youth Camp Summer Sessions

- 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)

- 6/16 Sylvia White
- 6/17 Ron Kretz
- 6/19 Tommy Carr
- 6/20 Milan Babcock
- 6/20 Rick White
- 6/21 Graham Leinen
- 6/21 Timberly Carr

- 6/17 Travis & Heather Suhr
- 6/18 Ivan & Vickie Keller
- 6/22 Trey & Sarah Colle

CELEBRATE

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Summer Children's Ministry: Teachers are still needed for July and August. There is only one class covered so far. To aid in maintaining a low stress level for everyone involved please sign up before "the last minute"!



Wednesday Evening Families at the Park: For Wednesday evenings this summer, families are invited to Minks Park at 6:30. Those wishing to participate in the Bible Bee activities can meet in the picknick shelter while younger children play in the Peyton Parker Lane Playground and parents float between and fellowship.

Monthly Food Distribution is back to the fourth Tuesday (June 25) after last month's variance. With YU students gone for the summer Tonya will be looking for a few extra volunteers. See her if you are interested and please spread the word.



*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:

Keith Knight spent last weekend at the hospital with sepsis. He was able to return home on Monday and has been regaining strength. He will need to be on antibiotics for a couple of weeks. Please pray for his continued recovery.

Jenna Schwarz recently had a brain MRI. The good news is there is no sign of tumor regrowth! The concerning news is that she has low spinal fluid. She will be undergoing tests in the following weeks to determine the cause and hopefully fix the problem. Prayers for the test on Friday, June 21 to reveal the cause of the problem would be greatly appreciated as this condition is causing a lot of debilitating headaches.

Bernadine Smith, mother of **Deena Tandy**, suffered a stroke last Sunday. She has not regained consciousness and is receiving hospice care for end of life. The family asks for prayers in this time of transition. It was a special blessing that Bernadine celebrated her 104th birthday three weeks ago with much of her family.

Body Life:

Congratulations to **Ken Alley** for being featured in the York News Times for his used bookstore, The Alley.

Thank You

From Ken Yunevich: Thanks for the prayers, cards, visits, and meals following my back injury. I feel like I'm doing well and on my way to a complete, and maybe even quick, recovery. We count it as a blessing that it wasn't as bad as it could have been. And we count it as a blessing to be part of this local church family. See you soon.

From Susanne Keller: My thanks for the beautiful flowers the church sent. They are much appreciated. May God continue to daily bless each of you with the good health in every way that you need! Blessings & Prayer!



Prayer Focus: Many young people attend camps during the summer months. Some are part of an academic or extra curricular program while some provide a boost for a young person's spiritual walk. Camps like Soul Quest and Nebraska Youth Camp can provide a place away from normal to focus on God and to fellowship with his family. Many young people will travel hundreds of miles after a move to return to their "home camp" to reconnect with the people who have helped them connect with God. There is no substituted for a local connection with God's family, the church, but camp teaches young people a lot about community. Let's pray for the spiritual growth of young people who take time this summer to grow with God and with others who are doing the same.

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 meals will resume in the fall.

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

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Mercy – Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ~Luke 6:36

Scripture Memory for May 26 through July 6 I Thessalonians 4:13-18

...According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.*

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