East Hill
CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 30, 2024

"Protect Me, O God, For In You I Take Refuge"

For a few moments let us meditate together on psalm 16. As we will see, it provides one of the greatest lessons on faith in the Bible. For David, God is a refuge, sufficient caregiver and counselor. Looking at past experiences, he remembers many times when God had saved him from trials that he could not have managed without Him. He distinguishes himself from those who have chosen "another god" (v. 4). They only multiply their sorrows because those gods will prove illusory in the day of trouble.

As the psalmist surveys his life in the present, he affirms his decision to establish his life on the Lord and all that He provides. God's faithful care provides both material benefits and wise counsel for the way he will conduct his life. Because he is so confident in God's care he affirms, "I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved" (v. 8).

Now the psalmist peers into the future. He ponders, as we all do, how he will fare. Based upon God's faithful care in the past he is completely confident of God's care in the future. The words he uses in v. 9 describe the whole person, "heart," "soul," "body."—God's care will be comprehensive. And then in v. 10 we have a statement that should make us stop. "For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit." Throughout the Old Testament Sheol, or the Pit (two words that refer to the same place), refer to the place where the dead go from which there is no return. In Sheol the body has left, and what is left of the person is neither life nor nonexistence. As Hezekiah reflects on his fate in the face of death, he states what was obvious to everyone, "For Sheol cannot thank you, death cannot praise you; those who go down to the Pit cannot hope for your faithfulness" (Isa. 38.18). Now, as we know, Hezekiah was facing a life-threatening illness and he had prayed for God to heal him. God did, and these words are from his prayer of gratitude.

But what is David talking about? Many interpreters think that David is expressing confidence in God's faithful care in the face of disease or injury. By God's grace David will recover and life will go on as before. But if we read the words as they stand, David's confidence in the face of death is complete. For David in this moment, God's faithful care is sufficient to preserve his body from the corrosive power of the grave—period. … Of course, this is what we call hyperbole, right? That is, he uses exaggeration in order to make a point. If that is the way we read this psalm David's faith is still impressive.

Since David has attended many funerals, he knows that everyone will die, even David, someday. But David, at this moment, believes that God's faithful care is sufficient to defeat his greatest enemy, the grave. David had no experience that God would actually do that for anyone. So how did he come to have that kind of faith? We gain insight into David's faith development in the first verses of this psalm. As he surveys his life and all the blessings he has cherished, he exclaims, "I have no good apart from you" (v. 2). Here David reveals the key to his amazing faith.

David has learned that it is good to be in fellowship with God. Being in fellowship with God is better than having any other blessing that God gives. In other words, David loves God, and he knows God loves him. The depth of this love for God causes David to cast his fate entirely on God, his refuge. David's confidence in God's was not based on his reason, but upon the relationship he had cultivated with his God. —Let's read verses 1-2 again …. That is the kind of relationship with God that I want. What about you?

- 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.

CALENDAR

June
30 Elders & Ministers Meeting

July
5 Son Shiners: 5:30 at Chances "R"
10-16 Marcum Family visits York
13 Men's Breakfast: 8 am in FH
13 Bernadine Smith Memorial; 2 pm
23 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot

Nebraska Youth Camp Summer Sessions
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)

CELEBRATE

6/30 Carter Sikes
7/2 Sammi Burch
7/3 Dominick Tandy
7/3 Thomas Bonde
7/3 Lauren Alley
7/3 Lanny Turner
7/3 Sam Orman
7/4 Dan Cole
7/4 Ken Alley
7/5 Danny McClure
7/6 Rose Miller

7/1 Les & Pam Miller

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

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

Wednesday Evening Families at the Park: There will **NOT** be a meeting at the park this Wednesday, July 3rd. We'll start back up again next week.

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Hebrews 12:14 (NIV)

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

BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

Prayer Requests:

Jenna Schwarz had additional testing done on her spine to try and determine why she is losing spinal fluid. Please keep her and her family in your prayers while they seek treatment.

Megan Fifeld had a heart procedure done last Friday. Please keep her and her family in your prayers while she heals from the surgery and pray that the surgery provides the healing she needs.

Alice Yunivich returned from the hospital last Tuesday. Please pray for her and **Loran** while she seeks treatment for a-fib. Please also consider volunteering to provide a meal sometime this week. Use the QR code to sign up, or the link the EHPN emails.

Britney Kretz asks for prayers for her mother, DeAnna. She needs more care, and Britney seeks to convince her to move to York.

Teyha Eppens asks for prayers for her mother, Johnna, who's in hospice care and not expected to live more than two weeks.

Body Life:

Alethea Amy Mae Magner was born to Caleb and Amalia Magner on Sunday morning, June 23, at 9 lbs, 2 oz, 20.5 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great. Thankful grandparents are **Brent and Kay Magner** and Bryan and Amy Miller.

Prayer Focus:

The Living Water Rescue Mission is a local organization that has provided aid, housing, and Christian discipleship programs to the homeless and those in transition. They had to close their doors this year, but a group of local leaders are working to revive the programs and services. Without a doubt, the Mission has provided stabilizing assistance to people who have been in dire need all in the name of Jesus. This week, let's be in prayer asking God to bless the leaders who are seeking to reopen the doors and restore this ministry in York.

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

Biblical Self-Image - *For we are all God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* ~Ephesians 2:10

Scripture Memory for May 26 through July 6

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

... 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.*

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 will be livestreamed on Facebook in the fall
Children & Families meet 6:30 at Minks Park

For the Record:	June 23, 2024
Weekly Attendance:	209
Weekly Giving	
Budgeted:	$7,143.85
Actual:	$6,568.75
Children's:	$36.79
Year to Date	
Budgeted:	$178,596.25
Giving:	$169,209.02
Children's for Ecuador:	$973.92

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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
Charlene Huskins (summer) 1:00-4:00

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

Notes:

Order of Worship

In Him There Is Forgiveness

Worship Leader: Jared Pack

Welcome

47 *Holy Holy Holy*

Prayer: Robert Cunningham

Scripture: Allan Huskins III
Psalm 130

381 *Years I Spent in Vanity*
Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone
147 *I Stand Amazed*

Communion: Jeff Shafer
Children's Offering

He Looked Beyond My Faults

Sermon: Keith Miller
"Living in Peace and Holiness"

Invitation For Prayer

552 *Have Thine Own Way*
514 *Redeemed*

Shepherd's Prayer: Ron Kretz

Body Life: Dan Goodwin