

Following Jesus Today ...

This year brings unprecedented challenges into our lives as citizens of this nation. We watch as our political leaders, the parties they represent, and the process of governing, are hampered by increasing polarization and confounding moral compromises. As an American, and especially as a Christian, I find this spectacle frustrating and painful. I am in constant prayer about this and wonder what I can do. In what follows I want to prayerfully offer a few reflections.

First, I want to remember that Jesus chose to live the gospel of sacrificial love before lost people. He rejected Satan's attempt to give Him a kingdom of domination and power. His death and resurrection created a kingdom that lives today in the lives of people all over the world regardless of the kind of political system they live under. The New Testament, and the book of Acts in particular, illustrates that no politician or earthly leader can prevent the kingdom from growing in the lives of the receptive.

From this I conclude that disciples today will have the greatest impact by living and sharing the message of love and transformation with the lost and confused people of our community. Using gospel truths as political weapons will create enemies. Offering that same life-giving message as a gift of love through acts of humble service will open minds and create friends. Through the first four centuries of its existence in the midst of a hostile political environment, this is how the church grew and made a dramatic impact on its world. It could happen again if Christians today are willing to pay the price and learn to fight the spiritual battle with the weapons given to us by the risen Jesus.

Second, consider the message of Daniel 7 about the nature of earthly kingdoms and the power they wield

over their subjects. Admittedly there are many interpretive challenges in this apocalyptic vision. But we need to dive into this chapter and learn its message because of its profound importance on Jesus and New Testament eschatology. The title Jesus uses for Himself most is from Daniel 7:13-14, the one "like a son of man," who "comes on the clouds of heaven." A more in-depth study of this vision awaits.

For now, note that the point of the vision is to describe the coming of this Son of Man to receive an eternal kingdom which displaces the four kingdoms that have arisen from the sea (v. 3), and are ultimately destroyed (vv. 11-12). From this I would conclude that [all] earthly kingdoms are inherently hostile to the sovereignty of God. God uses earthly kings and the governing power of nations for His purposes, but ultimately judges and replaces them with His own kingdom.

If this is true, why should followers of the true king align themselves, and support the agendas of political factions that are fallen and sinful, and destined to be replaced? In these difficult and changing times we need to remember what Jesus said to Pilate, "*My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews*" (Jn. 18:36). The kingdom of Jesus is different from the kingdoms of the world. It is fought with different weapons, for a different outcome. Does this relate to how Christians should regard the political war unfolding in our nation right now? I think it does. But, what do you think? Pray about it, and let's talk.

~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.

- C** September
- 8 Elders meeting
 - 8 Young Adult Cookout 6 pm at the Van Gomple home
 - 14 Men's Breakfast: 8 am in FH
 - 21 Women's Heartfelt Brunch fellowship hall at 9:30 am
 - 21 Ladies Craft Day noon-6 pm in fellowship hall
 - 22 Elders Meeting
 - 22 Bridal Shower for Holly Sobetski in fellowship hall 2-4 pm
 - 24 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
 - 28 Dads-n-Daughters at NYC
 - 29 Secret Sister sign-ups due
- A**
- L**
- E**
- N** October
- 4 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
 - 5 Men's Breakfast 8 am watch for venue
 - 6 Set up - Clothing Give-away 5:30 pm
 - 7-11 Clothing Give-away sorting 9 am to 9 pm daily
 - 11 Church Family Clothing night 6-8 pm
 - 12 Clothing Give-away 8 am-noon
 - 18-19 YU Homecoming
 - 22 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
- D**
- A**
- R**
- 9/8 Todd Sheldon
 - 9/9 Tera Knapp
 - 9/9 Kenzie Stewart
 - 9/9 Hannah DeHart
 - 9/10 Lonnie Shafer
 - 9/10 Maisy Leinen
 - 9/10 Willis Hood
 - 9/11 Deena Tandy
 - 9/13 Virginia Helmlinger
 - 9/14 Audrey Miller
- 9/13 Wade & Rosalena Scamehorn
- CELEBRATE

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

East Hill Welcomes College Students to make East Hill your home church away from home. When you place membership, we can include you more in the church's life. All we need you to do is sign the attendance book as it crosses your aisle on the white member sheet and add your email address. We'll follow up with an email requesting a little more information and a picture. See one of the Glenns with any questions.

Children's Ministry: We are in need of a teacher and a helper for 1st and 2nd graders on Wednesday nights. Please contact Tana Albin or Hannah Sikes if you can help or if you have any questions.

The Worship Service at Legacy will meet today at 2:30.

Young Adult Cook-Out: THIS EVENING at 6:00 pm, Ken and Sarah Van Gomple will host a cook-out for young adults at their home. This event is an evening of fun and fellowship for those college age and up through those in their 30s. Call Glenn Dallmann if you need a ride.

Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study kicked off last week from 10-11:30 with Delores Hartman's presentation on "Favorite Verses". This class is available on Zoom. Child care can be made available. Mothers of young children, please contact Rose Miller ASAP, so arrangements can be made.

Women's Heartfelt Brunch: All women are invited again for our Heartfelt brunch on Sat, Sept 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 in the fellowship hall. There will be an opportunity to sign up for the Heartfelt ministry (smaller groups meeting monthly for brunches or meals and encouragement,) but it is also a stand alone event of fellowship, prayer, singing, and encouragement in itself. East Hill women are also encouraged to invite friends to the brunch. It is appreciated if you RSVP at the QR code but the registration is to get an estimate; if you only find out at the last minute that you can come, or you just forgot to do it, still come! We also don't want anyone to feel pressured or burdened to help, but anyone who is willing and able to help with food, set-up and clean-up is asked to sign up on the link in the EHPNs or by calling the office.



Nebraska Youth Camp's Annual Dinner will be Saturday, September 21 at the McPherson Ave Church of Christ in Counsel Bluffs. The dinner features session and financial reports as well as election reports for the board. Anyone interested in Nebraska Youth Camp is welcome to come eat, fellowship and be informed.

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*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:

Heidi Dallmann will have surgery on Thursday and expects to be hospitalized for at least one night. Please pray for her healing.

Eddie Kennedy will have surgery to remove a mass in his bladder on Thursday this week.

Carol Shafer has been put back on hospice. Please keep the family in prayer.

Alice Yunevich has requested prayers for her daughter Debbie who was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a biopsy on Thursday to see if it has spread.

Lynda Smith would like to thank her church family for the prayers, cards and support she has received through the time of financial struggle she has been having.

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Prayer Focus:

East Hill is blessed with a children's ministry team and the many volunteers who teach Bible classes and love our children. We ask the church to pray for this ministry team and their work. Let's pray for the relationships they will build and guidance from the Holy Spirit in their teaching. We love this ministry team!

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

Delores Hartman is teaching on "Favorite Verses." Class will be 10-11:30 and is available via Zoom. Child care can be available, please contact Rose Miller.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Humility – *In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders.*

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

~I Peter 5:5

Scripture Memory

for August 25-September 14
2 Corinthians 4:7-10

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. *We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.*

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 (livestream-East Hill's Facebook)
Children's Class 6:30 pm (drop off 6:20, pick up 7:15)
MS & HS Huddle 6:20-7:20 pm

For the Record:	September 1, 2024
Weekly Attendance:	246
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,143.85
Actual:	\$7,437.26
Children's:	\$43.38
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$250,034.75
Giving:	\$232,317.40
Children's for Ecuador:	\$1,464.94

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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

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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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Bridal Shower: There will be a shower for Holly Sobetski on Sunday, September 22 from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall. Holly and Josh are registered on Amazon.

Dads-n-Daughters is a day camp on Sat, Sept 28 with an opportunity for fathers and daughters to spend time together at Nebraska Youth Camp with some of the same activities as dads-n-lads. See the Dads-n-lads website for more information.

Adult Classes for the Fall Quarter
Ephesians - taught by Jared Pack in the fellowship hall rooms C/E

Bread of Life - led by Tim Carr in the fellowship hall rooms D/F

Sermon on the Mount for College and Young Adults- taught by Glenn Dallmann in the fellowship hall rooms A/B

Genesis - taught by Glenn Hawley in the auditorium

Wednesday Women's class Cheryl Couch will begin presenting a study of Eternal Identity. The class is for women of all ages interested in exploring their purpose, vision, and passion for God's calling for their lives to help embrace life's transitions in light of God's word. The class will consist of a devotional and prayer time focusing on one's identity in Christ and a personal application section for reflection and prayer to step out in confidence of God's will for you. The study will begin with a focus on scriptural truths. For more information, please see Cheryl Couch.

Order of Worship

Father, Most High

Worship Leader: Jansen Fraser

Welcome

144 *O Worship the King*

266 *Majesty*

Behold Our God

Prayer of Worship: Tommy Carr

Reading of Proverbs 22:1-2

Cody Wyatt

789 *Father*

790 *Lord, Take Control*

791 *On Bended Knee*

Communion: Rick White

Children's Offering

Highly Exalted

"Why Do You Worry?"

Luke 12:22-34

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

533 *I Am a Sheep*

Shepherd's Prayer: Tim Carr

Body Life: Ken Van Gomple