

## “The Things that Make for Peace” – Luke 19:42

Let's spend a few moments meditating on the meaning of these words. They are found in a surprising moment in the ministry of Jesus as He is about to enter Jerusalem. He has just been hailed by the crowds who had been following Him, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” (Luke 19:38).

On the face of it, this would seem to be a moment to celebrate. These peasants, like others in the Gospel, have identified Jesus as the one sent from God to redeem Israel. He is the anointed of God, the Son of David, the one bringing salvation.

But as Jesus travels a little closer to the city, He stops to survey its outline against the sunlit sky, and He begins to weep, saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes” (Luke 19:42). So, what is Jesus talking about?

In the next verses Jesus describes the trauma that He knows will unfold in the coming years. He weeps for those who are committed to a hopeless war of liberation against the Roman legions. He has warned against the acts of violent men who want to take the kingdom by force (Matthew 11:12). Now He describes what is about to happen: “... Your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, .... They will crush you to the ground, ... because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God” (Luke 19:43-44). The city and her defenders will be destroyed because His people are committed to fighting the wrong war.

In His death and resurrection Jesus was about to conquer sin and death and create the possibility for the peaceable community foretold by the prophet. But His people weren't interested in that. So, Jesus weeps. N. T. Wright comments that “Jesus' tears are at the core of the Christian gospel.” His tears reveal His humanity, His

ability to empathize with our weaknesses, but they are also a somber warning of the consequences of missing the point of His ministry. The tears of Jesus should cause us to stop and ponder, “Do I understand the things that make for peace?” His tears are for anyone who is tragically committed to fighting the wrong war.

Let me admit the struggle that I have. I would really love to have a life without disease, enough money to be comfortable, and the appreciation of my peers. That is just for starters! What I spend most of my prayer energy on is the health and wellbeing of my wife and children. And while we are at it, let's throw in the safety and stability of the nation in which we live. Is all this too much to ask for? Well, let's ask Jesus. It appears to me that He didn't have any of these things. Did Jesus die to give me the life that I want? Are these highly coveted blessings the things that make for peace?

I am now re-reading this Gospel to find those who were blessed by Jesus. What did they know? What did they do? What inspired the sinful woman to “love much”? When the prodigal found himself in the pigpen, and “came to himself,” what is that like? How did the greedy Zacchaeus experience the joy of salvation? In a time of chaos let's make sure we are fighting the right war and are seeking the things that truly make for peace.

~ 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** November
- 24 Elders Meeting
  - 26 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
  - 27 Devotional in Lieu of Bible Class (Day before Thanksgiving)
  - 28 No Thursday Morning Women's Class—Thanksgiving Day!
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- 28-29 Church office closed-Thanksgiving
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- E** December
- 5 Women's Ornament Night 7-9 pm in fellowship Hall
  - 6 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
  - 7 Ladies' Craft Day 8 am-6 pm in the fellowship hall
  - 14 Men's Breakfast 8 am in FH
  - 24 Christmas Eve Service 6 pm
  - 25 No Classes meeting at the building
  - 29 No morning classes, social hour
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- 11/17 Bryce Colle
- 11/18 Marshall Sikes
- 11/19 Annabelle Suhr
- 11/19 Michaela Hartman
- 11/19 Sam Van Gomple
- 11/20 Karen Pack
- 11/20 Keith Knight
- 11/21 Nathaniel Tremaine
- 11/21 Za'miah Ulrich
- 11/22 Serena Robison
- 11/23 Sarah Van Gomple
- 11/23 Nancy Knight

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## MINISTRIES & EVENTS

**The Food Distribution** this month WILL follow the regular fourth Tuesday schedule, which puts it two days before Thanksgiving. As holidays sometimes shift the schedule we wanted to confirm that it is not moving it this time so we can help spread the word about this opportunity. Lincoln Food Bank will be here to hand out food from 10:30 -11:30 in the south parking lot on Tuesday, November 26.

**Children's Ministry:** The new quarter for the children's ministry starts Sunday, December 1st. We need many hands to serve our kids at East Hill. Don't worry if you are you are traveling for the holidays, there will be no children's classes between Christmas and and New Year's Day. We also have all your materials ready for you. Please talk to Hannah or Tana if you have questions, or sign up in the foyer, downstairs or at the QR code.



**Meal Train Reserves:** One of the many blessings of church family is the provision of meals when times are tough. One of the blessings of technology is the ability to send out information about needs and manage the sign up with relative ease. Occasionally, needs come suddenly enough that we can't get the word out quickly enough or a confluence of busy schedules cause unchecked emails that create holes in the meal trains. To help keep those "I wish I had known" events from happening, we would like to create a list of "meal train reserves" who meal train managers could contact with specific requests when there are holes. If you would be willing to be on this list of reserves please contact Tera Knapp. This is not a commitment to provide a meal every time you are called, just a willingness to be called and fill in if you are able.

**Survey Request:** East Hill is participating in a survey which is exploring the impact of the pandemic on congregations across the nation. As a participant our congregation will receive a report for our own responses as well as a summary from the national results from this survey which could help our leaders in shepherding us. Everyone, 18 and older who attends East Hill is encouraged to take the survey to give us and the study the best information. It is estimated that the survey will take about 10 to 15 minutes. At the QR code is a link to the survey unique to East Hill so your responses will be linked to East Hill but will also be anonymous. The survey will only be available until December 15. If you would like to know more, please contact Michele Briggs.



*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 Request:

**Margaret Friesen** is making some improvements following her heart surgery on Monday, however, she continues to need an ICU level of care. Please keep Margaret, Wally, Susan Becker, and the family in your prayers.

**Bill Norquest** had a successful knee replacement surgery Tuesday and has returned home from the hospital. He is expecting about 4 to 6 weeks of recovery before he can return to work. Please keep Bill and Karesa in your prayers.

### Body Life:

**Blessing Tree and Song Book for Mark and Rhonda Briggs**—We want to send Mark and Rhonda off with our very best wishes when they move to Oklahoma at the end of this month. Please write a blessing and add it to the Blessing Tree in the foyer. Today is the last day we will collect these. There are papers available on the information table or you can bring a card from home. Also on the information table is the song book we will be giving them. Everyone is encouraged to write a note about your favorite song and insert it in the book.

**Directory Check:** Members are asked to stop by the tables in the foyer to check their information that is in the online directory. All members with an email address in the directory can set up a login to access the online directory through their phone or computer. Contact Michele Briggs if you would like help with this. To make corrections you can write them out on the printout, contact the office, or make corrections through the directory itself. If you are changing an email address, we will make personal contact with you to double check it is you. We have had scammers try to gain access to our directory by claiming to be one of you changing your address. To update your picture you can also upload it directly through the app or you can email a digital copy to the office, or give a hard copy to a secretary (we will scan it and give it back).

### 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.

**Women's Thursday Class** Delores Hartman is teaching on "Favorite Verses." Class will be 10-11:30 and is available via Zoom. For child care, contact Rose Miller.

**Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion**  
Prayer-full-ness—*Never stop praying,*  
~I Thessalonians 5:17

**Scripture Memory**  
for the weeks of  
November 17 & 24

**Psalm 117:1-2**

*Praise the Lord, all you nations;  
extol him, all you peoples.*

For great is his love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord  
endures forever.  
Praise the Lord.

## 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:	November 10, 2024
Weekly Attendance:	263
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,143.85
Actual:	\$6,875.78
Children's:	\$37.55
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$321,473.25
Giving:	\$298,723.73
Children's for Ecuador:	\$2,103.38

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### Ministry Staff:

Preaching Minister

Glenn Hawley

Outreach & Involvement Minister

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

## The Hope Gospel Rescue Mission

**in York** is in need of volunteers to provide dinner. Since having previously closed they have lost many of their volunteer supporters. The meal can come frozen, cold, or warm and it can be dropped off ahead of time. They generally serve 15-20 people, so a couple of people may want to work together to help prepare a meal. It could be one time or set up as reoccurring. Currently they have 11 days where they don't have volunteers providing dinner. Please contact Winnie Callahan (Meal Coordinator) at the Mission with questions or to help out.

**Community Opportunity** - Sam Orman has been a volunteer, leading the Next Chapter Book Club for adults with autism and other disabilities on Wednesdays from 1-2 pm at Kilgore Library. In December her work schedule will be changing. While she still plans to participate, it will be as a caregiver to participants, and she will not be able to lead the group. She is looking for someone who would be interested in taking the leadership on. If taking turns reading and discussing the story sounds like a fun way to spend an hour this might be just the opportunity for you. If you would like to know more you can contact Sam or contact Deb at the library.

## Order of Worship

### The Perfect Sacrifice

**Welcome:** Jared Pack

*To God be the Glory*

**Prayer:** Keith Knight

*Hebrews 10:11-18*

**Reading:** Bryan Becker

*Worthy is the Lamb*

*In Christ Alone*

**Communion:** Danny Jaekel

**Children's Offering**

*Lamb of God*

*Man of Sorrows*

**"Midwives and the Vulnerable"**

*Exodus 1:15-22*

Glenn Hawley

**Invitation for Prayer**

*What the Lord Has Done in Me*

*It is Well*

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Keith Miller

**Body Life:** Dan Goodwin