

A Lot to be Thankful For

Indeed, He had a lot to be thankful for.

He had a close group of friends and supporters who followed Him everywhere. His friends hung on to His every word. Many of them had dedicated their lives serving Him. He had a large group of supporters who provided what He needed as he worked on his mission. He was serving his Father. He was making a difference. He was changing lives for good, and he was changing the world forever.

“Do you believe this?”

And yet He stood just outside that village . . . and wept. He had just lost a dear friend. His dear friend’s sisters were mad at him. One younger sister was inconsolable, and He could feel it in His spirit that her heart was breaking. Can you blame her? She felt He was not there when He might have been able to make a difference. And He had taken his old sweet time in getting there, or so they thought.

He would stand on the brow of the hill . . . and weep. If only Jerusalem could grasp what made for peace. If only they knew the pain, sorrow and destruction coming their way. If only they would recognize what the real solution was. That’s why He was there.

He could look beyond the current situation and see that more trouble was brewing. Many were starting to grumble over the words He was using. He had His detractors, those who didn’t like what He was doing and were starting to conspire against Him. Some were starting to go to the authorities. He knew there would be real trouble soon, and He would eventually be arrested, tried, beaten, and crucified.

So yes, at times He lamented and grieved over the hurt of it all. *“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me;”* I suppose it’s the natural thing to do. Who would want all that pain? Who would want all that hurt? It just hurts sometimes so unbelievably bad, doesn’t it? *“Yet not as I will, but as YOU will.”* We sometimes just don’t understand. Yet, Jesus got up and kept going. He endured that cross. He did it so that you and I can live for eternity with Him in His Glory.

“Do you believe this?”

Sometimes we have so many questions about where Jesus has been in our lives. During our times of pain and sorrow, He just seems so very far away. We are hurting, and it appears He just doesn’t seem to be there. We see the friends and family we have here in the church, and we see their outstretched hand reaching out to us. Yet sometimes we feel so very alone.

Brothers and sisters, know that Jesus really is there for you. He loves you so very much and will always be there when you need Him the most. Know that He is standing right next to you, and weeping with you, in your pain. *“And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.”*

Indeed, we have so very much to be thankful for.

“Do you believe this?”

In HIS Mighty Name,
Ron Kretz

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.

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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
- 8 Elders Meeting
- 14 Men's Breakfast 8 am in FH
- 15 Final day the Survey is available
- 19 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot (Thursday before Christmas)
- 22 Elders Meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 6 pm
- 25 No Classes meeting at the building
- 29 No Sunday morning classes —we are planning a fellowship time in the fellowship hall before service

January

- 1 Devotional in Lieu of Classes
- 3 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
- 11 Men's Breakfast 8 am in FH
- 28 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot

- 12/2 Steddon Sikes
- 12/2 Zadio Kretz
- 12/4 Scott Battreall
- 12/6 Alisa Jaekel

12/2 Mark & Rhonda Briggs

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

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 traveling for the holidays, there will be no children's classes between Christmas 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.



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, contact Michele Briggs.



Women's Ornament Night: On Thursday, December 5 women of all ages are invited to come to the fellowship hall from 7-9 for an evening of crafting holiday ornaments. Charlene Huskins will provide supplies and ideas for us again. Plan on \$5 per ornament to cover costs. If you would like to bring holiday treats to share you are welcome to, but mostly we want you to just bring yourself!

Christmas Eve Devotional: On Tuesday, December 24, we are hosting a Christmas Eve service at the York University prayer chapel at 6 pm. We are inviting the York Community and we hope to fill the chapel with people and with worship to God for sending the Savior. Please invite your neighbors and friends. (Please contact Glenn Dallmann if you would like to help with scripture reading, leading songs, or providing Christmas cookies.)

*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:

Andrae Clifford's hernia surgery on Wednesday went well and she returned home. Please pray for a smooth recovery.

Marla Huber passed on to her heavenly reward at about noon on Tuesday. She was surrounded by her family. Please keep her family in your prayers, especially her children, Jamie and CJ. We will share more details as we know more about memorial plans.

Jenna Schwarz be checking into UNMC in Omaha, tomorrow, December 2 with the plan to stay approximately one week working with a specialist to find and repair the CSF (Cerebral Spinal Fluid) leak she has been diagnosed with. Following treatment she will have a two week recovery at home. She would appreciate prayers for the Doctors to successfully find and treat the leak.

Abby Powers and Hailey Stutzman were baptized last Sunday afternoon. Let's remember them in prayer as they step out in faith in their new lives!

Body Life:

Thank you:

Dear East Hill Family, Thank you for the Hymnal and the beautiful thoughts and card. East Hill has been home to us for 30 years. We appreciate so much your friendship and well wishes. Rhonda will start work in Oklahoma on December 2. Mark will look for work in Oklahoma after our York home sells and we are moved. We appreciate the prayers and thoughtfulness of you all.

~Mark and Rhonda Briggs

Congrats to our East Hill students participating in the YHS One Act play. They won their conference meet last Monday! If you would like to see their show, "Rebel Without a Cause," you can see it this Tuesday at 7 pm at the YHS theater. On Friday, the students will compete in their district meet. The winner of this meet goes to the state competition on December 13.

Two of the performers in, "A Christmas Carol" at the Yorkshire Playhouse directed by John Baker on December 3-8 will be **Elliot Dallmann** and **Nathan Lacina**.

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
Heart for Missions – *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

~Psalm 96:3

Scripture Memory

December 1-7

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.

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 24, 2024
Weekly Attendance:	275
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,143.85
Actual:	\$6,093.13
Children's:	\$57.44
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$315,441.71
Giving:	\$335,760.95
Children's for Ecuador:	\$2,200.55

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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 (Nov)
Eric Tremaine (Dec)

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

Christmas For the Marcums

Since mid-September, Ecuador has been experiencing daily power cuts, and the Marcum family are facing rolling blackouts lasting 12 hours a day! Their blackout schedule for this past week was from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and again from 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM.

Joshua has secured a \$9,500 loan to install a hybrid energy system that includes solar panels and he is asking if his two sponsoring congregations would help defray those payments. Livonia Church of Christ in Livonia, Mich., will be taking up a special contribution soon, and the elders at East Hill are asking for those who are willing to help to give their cash or check (made out to East Hill Church of Christ) to anyone on the missions committee or to one of the elders or ministers. Or if you prefer to give online, use the QR code to go to East Hill Online Giving and choose Missions. Our goal is to raise at least half of the amount needed. If we fall short of the \$4,750 target, we plan to have a special collection after the first of the year.



Order of Worship

The LORD, Our Righteous Savior

Welcome: Jared Pack

1001 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Prayer: Robert Cunningham

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reading: Rick White

508 *A Wonderful Savior
 In Christ Alone*

Communion: Jeff Shafer

Children's Offering

83 *God is so Good
 The Goodness of God*

"Tattooed God"

Isaiah 49:14-16
 Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

943 *Do You Know My Jesus?*
 538 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Body Life: Ken Van Gomple

Shepherd's Prayer: Ron Kretz