

## Birth of Jesus

This is Christmas week and many are talking about the birth of Jesus during this time, even those who are not regular church attendees. Therefore, this time of the year is great to talk with others about our belief in God and that Jesus is the Son of God who came to the earth as our Savior! Sometimes I wish that I was a better story teller than I am. Instead of trying to tell about Jesus in my own words, I am including the story of Jesus Birth from Luke 2:1-21.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

Let us all give thanks to God for sending us his Son to be our Savior!

~Todd Sheldon

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 A L E N D A R

## December

- 22 Elders Meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 6 pm at YU Prayer Chapel
- 25 No Classes meeting at the building
- 29 Fellowship Time in Lieu of Sunday morning classes
- 29 Ebenezer Service

## January

- 1 Devotional in Lieu of Classes
- 3 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
- 4 Men's Breakfast 8 am in FH
- 4 Ladies' Crafting 10am-6pm in FH
- 5 Baby Shower 2-4 pm Lacina
- 9 Women's Thursday Morning Class Resumes
- 11 FriendSpeak Training 9 am
- 12 "Foundations" Bible Class begins
- 24-25 Elders & Ministers retreat
- 28 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot

- 12/22 Emmitt Suhr
- 12/23 Roy Krula
- 12/23 Cora McNeese
- 12/23 Mark Billington
- 12/24 John Ratliff
- 12/24 Scott Van Esch
- 12/26 Troy Flynt
- 12/26 Josh Rinard
  
- 12/28 Glenn & Leanna Hawley

# C E L E B R A T E

## MINISTRIES & EVENTS

**Christmas Dinner:** Harold and Deena Tandy are having a Christmas Day dinner for either singles or couples who have no family around to be with. If you would like to come, please contact Harold or Deena TODAY!

**The Sunday Evening Small Group** that meets at the building will meet today, but will NOT be meeting next Sunday on December 29.

**The Service at Legacy Square** in Henderson will meet today, but not next week, December 29.

**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. Please invite your neighbors and friends. We would like to have some cookies to hand out, if you would be willing to make cookies please sign up on the Meal Train "potluck" at the link in the QR code.



**Women's Thursday Class** has taken a break for the holidays. Class will resume next year on January 9.

**Sunday Fellowship in Lieu of Classes:** Next week, Sunday, December 29 in lieu of classes everyone is invited to meet in the fellowship hall for donuts, coffee, juice and of course, fellowship. It is often difficult to find enough substitutes for teachers and helpers visiting family during this between the holiday Sunday, so it was decided to schedule a bonus time to encourage one another.

**Communion Sign Up:** The sheet to sign up to help for one month of communion preparation is now up on the bulletin board under the TV in the foyer. Please see Diane Kretz if you have questions.

**Baby Shower:** Ladies, mark your calendars for Sunday, January 5 from 2-4 pm when there will be a shower to help Lexi and Nate Lacina prepare for Alieth, the little girl they are expecting in mid-February. They are registered at Walmart.

**Ladies:** Thursday 6:30-7:00 pm in the fellowship hall, starting January 2 there will be a time to gather together to practice deep breathing, gentle stretching, and praising God. For January we will be learning movements that go along with the song, *Shout to the Lord*. If you have questions, please see Katie Tandy.

*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:

**Sue Keller** returned home this week. Please be in prayer as they work to reschedule the surgery she needs and missed on the 18th due to her low sodium levels and fall.

### Update and Thank You Notes:

**Garrett and Jenna Schwarz** would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support over the past year in regards to Jenna's health concerns. Prayers were answered and the doctors were able to find her spinal fluid leak and repair it. God is Good!

We can't express enough how grateful we are for your willingness to help us acquire solar panels to address our electricity shortages—especially knowing you are supporting so many other wonderful charitable efforts during this time of year. This week, our electricity cuts are down to only 5 hours a day! Woohoo! We're hopeful that everything will be set up and running by the end of next week or just in time for Christmas to help keep the lights on. Praying for you as you do us. Una Feliz Navidad! ~Familia Marcum

### Body Life:

Today, we welcome to East Hill **Justin and Tina Lucas** and **Ryan and Valene Roseke!**



### Weekly Events

**FriendSpeak:** Do you know someone who would like to have conversational English lessons? Have them call our FriendSpeak hotline: 402-710-0042

**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** Will not be meeting for the rest of this year. Class will resume on January 9.

**Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion**  
Salvation – *The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.* ~Exodus 15:2

Scripture Memory for December 22  
Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

## 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:	December 15, 2024
Weekly Attendance:	232
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,143.85
Actual:	\$12,247.70
Children's:	\$23.79
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$357,192.50
Giving:	\$340,796.19
Children's for Ecuador:	\$2,395.99

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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

## East Hill's Vision Narrative

East Hill is a community where every Christian belongs to the body and grows together into the image of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that each of us is unique and has different gifts, but we are one body in the Spirit.

At East Hill, our Christianity is lived out through the use of our gifts. We believe that every member has been gifted and that each one of us is called to use his or her gift in service to the family of God. We challenge one another to make church-life central to our own lives. We encourage and support one another in our combined effort of serving Christ.

At East Hill, our Christianity is also lived out through our proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in our community. We share privately and publicly what God has done and is doing among us. We also equip one another to share their faith with those outside of Christ so that they, too, can participate in the grace of God and the blessings of the Kingdom.

We know that East Hill exists not just for our own good, but to serve as a witness of Jesus before the world, beginning right here in the York community. We are motivated by the return of Christ and the glory of God.

## Order of Worship

### My Soul Magnifies the Lord

*Come, Let Us Sing*

**Welcome:** Glenn Dallmann

*Luke 1:39-55*

**Reading:** Stewart Sikes

*Magnificat*

202 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

1018 *Joy to the World*

### Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving:

Ron Mogul, Jr.

**"A Final Gift"** *Luke 2:8-20*

Glenn Hawley

1001 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

1006 *To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

286 *Wonderful Story of Love*

**Communion:** Joel Coehoorn

**Children's Offering**

**Invitation for Prayer**

185 *Jesus, Thy Name I Love*

239 *In Moments Like These*

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Todd Sheldon

**Body Life:** Dan Goodwin