

What Do You Bring?

Many years ago, Lois A. Cheney wrote a short book of meditations called *God Is No Fool*. I was enthralled when I first read it because it spoke to my heart, not just my head. Her reflections helped shape my conceptions of God and who I should be in response to him. I still return to it from time to time, especially if I feel unsettled in my spiritual life. Let me share one of her meditations.

Once, a man said, "If I had some extra money, I'd give it to God, but I have just enough to support myself and my family." And the same man said, "If I had some extra time, I'd give it to God, but every minute is taken up with my job, my family, my clubs, and what have you—every single minute." And the same man said, "If I had a talent I'd give it to God, but I have no lovely voice; I have no special skill; I've never been able to lead a group; I can't think cleverly or quickly, the way I would like to."

And God was touched,
And although it was unlike him,
God gave that man money, time, and a
glorious talent.
And then He waited, and waited, and
waited...
Then after a while, He shrugged His
shoulders,
And He took all those things right back
from the man,
The money, the time and the glorious
talent.

After a while, the man sighed and said, "If I only had some of that money back, I'd give it to God. If I only had some of that time, I'd give it to God. If I could only rediscover that glorious talent, I'd give it to God."

And God said,
"Oh, shut up."

And the man told some of his friends,
"You know, I'm not so sure that I believe
in God anymore."

As we stand at the precipice of 2025, we should be thinking about what we can be giving to God in the coming year. Whether we are thinking in terms of resolutions or pledges, this is an appropriate time to reexamine the practices of our lives and decide what, of all we control, we will return to God.

All we have is his, after all, and nothing we offer can be considered too much. Will we be like the man who was gifted with talent, time, and money only to use them for himself? Or will we find ways to seek the good of God and his Kingdom, using what he has given us for his glory.

So in this coming year, be thorough in your self-examination. Be generous in what you offer. And follow through on the pledges of your offerings.

"Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means."

(2 Corinthians 8:10-11)

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

29 Fellowship Time in Lieu of Sunday morning classes

29 Ebenezer Service

January

1 Singing 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

12/29 Barbara Hood

12/30 Emory Flynt

1/3 Kareen Light

1/3 Dan Keller

1/3 Barbara Benton

12/29 Ben & Tracy Babcock

1/1 Stewart & Dawn Sikes

1/1 Bryan & Brittany Kretz

C E L E B R A T E

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

The Sunday Evening Small Group that meets at the building will NOT meet tonight.

The Service at Legacy Square in Henderson will not meet today.

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.

Wednesday, January 1 we'll have a night of congregational singing starting at 6:30. (There will not be any adult or children's classes.)

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.

Men's Breakfast will meet this Saturday, January 4, at 8 am in the fellowship hall.

Ladies are invited to work on crafts Saturday, January 4, in the fellowship hall. You are welcome to come any time that works for you between 10 am-6 pm. Please bring your projects (or let Tera Knapp know if you need a project) and please help provide snacks to share. It is helpful if you are able to RSVP to let Tera know if you plan to come.

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.

FriendSpeak Training: Anyone wanting to know more about the new FriendSpeak ministry is invited to attend the 2 hour training on Saturday, January 11 at 9 am here at the building.

A New Sunday Bible Class starts on January 12. This class is titled "Foundations: The Story of God." In this class, you will gain an understanding of God's plan for humanity and your place in it as revealed by the Bible. You'll learn about the Five Acts of the Theodrama (Creation, Israel, Messiah, Church, and New Creation). This class is ideal for those without a lot of experience reading the Bible and who find the Bible confusing, or if you're simply new to East Hill. Together, we'll seek to answer as many of your questions as possible. Teacher: Glenn Dallmann.

*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:

Heidi Mader has requested prayers as she struggles with being unable to stay asleep. She has been unable to sleep for more than a couple hours each night.

Body Life:

Congratulations to **Ken and Jodie Yunevich's family** on the engagement of their son **Harrison** to Kinley Collins!

Elina Huber would love to hear from her East Hill family. Her new address is 2323 Westwood Dr., Crete, NE 68333.

East Hill In the Digital Age!

East Hill Prayer & News - Are you connected to our daily e-newsletter, EHPN? Typically we send out at least one email a day to share current prayer requests, needs, and activity announcements. This is a great way to stay informed and discover ways that you can connect with and serve the body of Christ. If you would like to get on the list just contact the office.

East Hill Digital Directory - Do you have our church directory downloaded to your smartphone or computer? The directory has all our contact information and pictures, which is a great tool for helping all of us at least identify one another—the first step in getting to know each other. The app and site are called "Instant Church Directory." Only East Hill members with their email in the directory have access to our information. Call the church office if you need help. You can also contact us for a paper directory, but it won't update itself :).

Online Giving - Digital options can make giving easier to manage too. We are signed up with a program called Tithe.ly to accept your giving online. If you are interested, go to the "Online Giving" tab on our church website (easthillcofc.org) and click the bright green "Give" button. You can set your donation to be one time or recurring and made with a credit or debit card or through your bank account.

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 resume next week on January 9.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Grow in Grace – But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. ~ II Peter 3:18

Scripture Memory for 2 weeks

Isaiah 46:9-10

Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

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 22, 2024
Weekly Attendance:	224
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,143.85
Actual:	\$5,366.96
Children's:	\$56.53
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$364,336.35
Giving:	\$346,163.15
Children's for Ecuador:	\$2,452.52

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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

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

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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

The Reason We Sing

Welcome: Steddon Sikes

3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Reading: Cody Wyatt

Psalm 148:1-4

Great Are You Lord

226 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer: Josh Rinard

Come to the Table

Communion: Lonnie Shafer

Children's Offering

742 Count Your Blessings

"This is the Victory!"

I John 5:1-5

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

606 Remind Me, Dear Lord

Had it Not Been the Lord

Shepherd's Prayer: Eric Tremaine

Body Life: Glenn Dallmann

570 A Beautiful Life