

“Good News for Everyone who has a Body!”

The letter called 1 John is a treasure. Read with me 1 Jn. 1:1-4. As you read concentrate on vv. 1 and 3. In v. 1 comes the bold claim that “we” (the author and original witnesses) have had firsthand experience with an amazing person, called “the word of life.” As background read Jn 1:1-18. This “word of life” is none other than “the Word ... who became flesh and dwelt among us.”

Now focus on the word “fellowship” in v. 3. This important word refers to the meaningful sharing that friends do in a community. Friends in community are completely comfortable with each other and are ready to do anything to help each other to thrive. The author holds out the prospects that “you” (anyone who reads) may have this kind of relationship with the eternal God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Think about that for a moment.... This letter comes from the late 1st cent. when almost all the original witnesses of the earthly ministry of Jesus had died, and the winds of philosophical reflection and cultural trends were shaping the minds of believers. In this climate the question was probably asked many times, What does the message of Jesus really mean? Speculation was spreading that this Jesus might not have been all that He appeared to be. Maybe the body of Jesus was a mere shell of the real person. Maybe His message was more about enlightenment than forgiveness. Our letter probably arose from occasions where this kind of speculation was taking place. An old man, “the elder,” would be escorted into the assembly. He would listen for a few minutes, and when there was a pause in the discussion he would get to his feet, and he would calmly say, “I can tell you what He was like, and what His message really means. I was there.” In v. 1 of our passage this old man is

explaining what Jesus was really like. This word of life could be heard and seen.

Look now at the next two words. The word translated “looked at” means to “see with understanding.” This is the word John uses in Jn. 1:14, usually translated, “we beheld His glory.” Everyone could see that Jesus was a human being. But He was more. He was a man full of glory. Think now about what the last word means. It is translated “touched,” or “handled.” This is an important word. It is the word used by Jesus in Luke’s account of the appearance of the risen Jesus with His doubtful disciples in Lk. 24:39. He commands His disciples to investigate His body by physically manipulating what they saw to determine that He had real flesh and bones. With this word John is answering the question of the hour. Yes, Jesus, the Word of life has a bodied existence.

Why is this important? Because I, too, have a bodied existence. The body I have now, Jesus also had. The fellowship I have with Him means He can help me live faithfully in this body. But the body He now has I also will have when this body wears out. So, what does this mean? It means that the eternal God has an eye on the kind of lives that people with bodies have to live. Bodied life is no picnic. It is painful and sometimes downright disgusting. The eternal Word of Life understands, and He can help. But the body He had when He left the tomb is the body He still has. That is the kind of body I will have when I am raised from death. So, I can live in this body with help for the present and hope for the future. —And that is the best news people with bodies can receive. Together let us draw near to Him.

~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.

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

C April

Meals on Wheels deliveries—week days

6-12 Clothing Giveaway week

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9 Devotional in lieu of Bible Classes

12 Clothing Giveaway 8 am to noon

13 Elders Meeting

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13 Bridal Shower for Emma
Tremaine 2-4 pm in FH

16 LTC showcase night—no classes

19 Men's Breakfast 8 am in FH

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22 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot

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26 Ladies' Craft Day 8 am-6 pm in FH

26 YU Commencement

27 Mission Sunday

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27 Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
Pancake Lunch after service

27 Elders Meeting

May

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2 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30

4 HS graduate Sunday

10 Men's Breakfast 8 am in FH

R

11 Mother's Day

17 Ladies' Craft Day 8 am-6 pm in FH

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

- 4/6 Reese Suhr
- 4/6 Damon Keller
- 4/7 Noah McNeese
- 4/7 Lexi Lacina
- 4/8 Allan Huskins Jr
- 4/9 David Kretz
- 4/9 Bladen Flynt
- 4/10 Lisa Bonde
- 4/11 Candi Woods
- 4/11 Marilyn Brown
- 4/11 LaRee Eckman
- 4/11 Allison Mogul
- 4/12 Jerald Bennett

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Meals-on-Wheels Deliveries: East Hill will be making the meals-on-wheels deliveries throughout April. Harold and Deena Tandy will be coordinating to see that we have things covered. Contact them if you have questions. To sign up, please see the sheets on the information table.

Set Up for the Clothing Giveaway begins tonight! We will need many hands throughout this week to prepare this gift for our community. If this is your first exposure to the clothing giveaway there is a short explanation of this event available at the welcome tables. Please see the back page for a description of the type of work needed at specific times throughout the week. You can show up at any of those times to help for whatever time you are able. We do have two places we like to have a sign-up. The first is for greeters on Saturday to make sure we have the morning covered. The second is for pizza for our Saturday clean up crew to make sure we have enough pizza. To sign up for either of these please go to the form at the QR code. If you have clothing donations you can bring them to the fellowship hall doors Monday through Thursday between 9 am and 9pm. We can also use donations of 13 gallon unscented trash bags. If you have a yard sign (or would like to pick one up today) please place it in your yard today! If you are able, please share the Facebook post to help get the word out and keep this week and the event in your prayers. If you have questions or need help signing up please see Michele Briggs.



This Wednesday night, we'll have an all-church devotional and then spend the rest of our time putting clothes on racks for the Clothing Giveaway Ministry. We hope you can come join us for the fellowship!

Bridal Shower: Please join us for a bridal shower to honor Emma Tremaine who is marrying Shane Stachura. The shower is Sunday, April 13 in the fellowship hall from 2-4 pm. Emma and Shane are registered at Walmart and Amazon. Contact Holly Rinard for more details.

Mountain States Children's Home Spring Food Drive is underway. If you would like to bring items this week please bring them to the church office. There is a list of needed items on the bulletin board. They will be picked up in the early morning on Tuesday, April 15.

Church Grounds Crew: Looking for a way to help around the church during the summer months? The current crew that takes care of the mowing each week is looking to add additional help. Ideally we will have 8-10 people who will work in teams of two on a rotational basis. If this sounds like an area you would be willing to serve in or if you have any questions, please contact Josh Rinard.

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

East Hill 2025 Theme Verse—Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

Prayers:

Please keep **Matt Fike** and his family in your prayers. His father, Dale passed away last Sunday.

Jim, the brother of **Larry Light** had a biopsy taken from the tumor on Friday and they are awaiting results. The pain and pneumonia are being managed.

Body Life:

We welcome everyone who is visiting with us during Panther Days! If you have any questions about our congregation, please visit with one of the elders or ministers.

Y.U. students: Our list of those of you graduating on April 27 is one person long. We are afraid our records might be lacking and we don't want to miss anyone. If you are graduating this spring, please email us at the office (easthillsecretary@gmail.com) so that we can include and honor you with a special prayer on April 20.

Thank you to the members who met on Saturday, March 29, and prepared a dozen freezer meals for Hope Gospel Rescue Mission! It sounds like you had a great time together and absolutely provided great service. The next meal prep day is Saturday, May 17. Contact Sharon Woods if you would like to get involved.

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: For the weekly youth activities contact Garrett Schwarz to get the Remind notices.

Women's Thursday Class is 10-11:30 am in the fellowship hall and is available via Zoom. We are studying "God's Word and Interpersonal Relationships".

Praise in Motion: Ladies are invited to gather Thursdays 6:30-7 pm in the fellowship hall to breathe, stretch and praise God together.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion
Peace-Loving – *Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.* ~Romans 14:19

Scripture Memory
2 Corinthians 5:20-21
We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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:	March 30, 2025
Weekly Attendance:	272
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,319.72
Actual:	\$5,570.10
Children's:	\$36.01
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$95,156.36
Giving:	\$95,280.54
Children's for Ecuador:	\$723.98

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Children's Ministry - Preschool
Hannah Sikes
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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
Trent Hinton ----- Livestream
Larry Light ----- Single Seniors, Facilities
Garrett Schwarz ----- Youth
Jeff Shafer ----- Worship Support
Ken Van Gompel ----- LTC

Clothing Giveaway Schedule

Sunday 5:30 - 7:30-ish pm—Set up

Lots of hauling, stacking, and putting together

Mon-Thu 9 am - 9 pm—Sort and Hang

You can come for 12 min or 12 hours, this is when we sort by size and get things on the right racks and in the right boxes.

Friday 9 am - 3 pm-ish—Finishing

Finish up sorting and hanging, clean up our work space, and set everything out for display.

Friday 6-8 pm—Especially the family

Galatians 6:10 tells us to do good, especially to the family of believers. This is time for our church family to come and get what they need.

Saturday 8 am-noon—Giveaway

We need people to greet, direct, and help our guests get their new items to their vehicles. There is a sign up sheet for this part. We like to be sure we have the whole time covered.

Saturday noon - 3:30-ish—Clean up

Pizza will be available at noon to power you through the afternoon. There is a sign up for this to make sure we have enough. We bag leftovers, haul things out and set back up for normal activities.

Order of Worship

All Glory to Him

Worship Leader: Jansen Fraser

Let Us Worship the Father
294 *You're the One*

Prayer: Robert Cunningham

John 12:1-8

Reading: Hosea Kiptoo

Shout to the Lord
There's a Stirring

Communion: Joel Coehoorn

Children's Offering

A Tale of Two Beggars

Luke 16:19-31
Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

359 *I Love the Lord*
238 *You are the Song I Sing*

Shepherd's Prayer: Michael Case

Body Life: Dan Goodwin

How Great is our God