

The Sky is Not Falling

Psalm 37:1-11

Last weekend, approximately 3 million people gathered nationwide at 1,400 sites to protest the current administration's policies. It was called "The Hands-Off Protest." I'm confident that we have brothers and sisters at East Hill who would oppose and others who would support this rally; such is our freedom in Christ (as long as we do it in love). What I'm concerned about is how Christians can become dominated by the political and social news of our day. How Christians should live and not become overwhelmed by social upheaval is a broader topic than a short article can address. However, King David wrote a wisdom psalm about how God's people should live when the wicked seemingly get their way (whoever they might be). In Psalm 37:1-11, he gives us four instructions on how to live in tumultuous times.

The first instruction is "Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong" (V. 1). Raise your hand if you have been "fretting" lately (i.e., anxious and agitated). I know I do, at times. It is so important that David repeats this instruction three times (Vv. 1, 8, and 9)! He says Christians should not fret because the wicked and their ways will not endure; they are like "the grass that will soon wither." God allows (and limits) evil for a time to accomplish his purposes, and then a day is coming when he'll make all things right.

The second instruction is "Trust in the LORD and do good.... Take delight in the LORD" (v. 3-4). The antidote to fretting is faith and doing good for others, especially the hurting and oppressed. Fretting is so diabolical because it distracts you from God's work, from kingdom work (like our Clothing Exchange this weekend). Fretting also robs you of your peace and the ability to see God at work amid the chaos. So, trust God to fix the world's problems and instead focus on doing good.

The third instruction is, "Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him" (V. 7). Instead of trying to fight the world or escape the world, pray for it. Tell God everything that upsets you about the world, and then wait for him to act. Psalm 10 is a good prayer of lament about the wicked, which you can pray when you feel yourself fretting.

The fourth instruction is, "Refrain from anger... and do not fret; it leads only to evil" (V. 8). When you don't trust in the Lord with the condition of the world, you are left with worry, which turns to anger, which leads to sinful thoughts, words, and behaviors towards others. When you are angry, you are limited in your ability to "love your enemies," as Jesus taught.

This article is not a political commentary on this administration or a particular political party. Wickedness comes in all stripes! However, it is intended to encourage Christians to look beyond politics, see the big picture of what God is doing, and not fret. God is establishing his kingdom, and we are included in this work. Remember, God is in control and is already creating a "new heaven and new earth" to unite all people under Christ. Psalm 37:10-11 says, "*A little while*, and the wicked will be no more.... But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity." Jesus picked up on this promise in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth," and his next instruction reminds us to keep working for the good of all: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (justice), for they will be filled" (Matthew 5:5-6). The sky is not falling. God is in control. Brothers and sisters, let us leave the fretting to others and instead trust the Lord and do good.

Yours in Christ,
Glenn Dallmann

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 April
Meals on Wheels deliveries—week days
13 Elders Meeting
A 13 Bridal Shower for Emma
Tremaine 2-4 pm in FH
16 LTC showcase night—no classes
L 19 Men's Breakfast 8 am in FH
19 Ladies' Craft Day 10 am-6 pm, FH
E 20 Prayer service for YU graduates
22 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot
26 YU Commencement
N 27 Mission Sunday
27 Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
Pancake Lunch after service
D 27 Elders Meeting
May
A 1 National Day of Prayer 5:30 pm
At YU prayer chapel
2 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
R 4 HS graduate Sunday
10 Men's Breakfast 8 am in FH
11 Mother's Day

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

4/13 Rachel Odom
4/13 Laura Cole
4/14 Peter Dallmann
4/16 Tana Albin
4/17 Kyah Carver
4/17 Tina Lucas
4/18 Quinn Scamehorn
4/19 Sarah Colle
4/19 Brien Alley

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Thank You to all of those who helped to get everything ready and to host the Clothing Giveaway on Saturday. This is a gift to our church family and our community! We will be sharing more information soon.

Mission Sunday is on Sunday, April 27. We'll have a special recorded message from our missionary, Josh Marcum. This is also an opportunity for us to provide for the needs of the Quito School of Biblical Studies (QSOBS). Our goal is to raise \$12,500. You'll remember that the school fully trains and mentors people to become self-supporting church planters. Let's join together to bless this ministry!

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

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.

Mountain States Children's Home Spring Food Drive is underway. If you would like to bring items on Monday, 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.

This Wednesday night, we'll have the LTC showcase in the auditorium in lieu of classes. We hope you can come join us to see what the Youth have prepared for the Leadership Training for Christ event next weekend.

Bible, Bacon & Bros: Men, grab your Bibles and join us at 8 a.m. on Saturday for a hearty breakfast and uplifting devo led by Ryan Roseke.

Ladies' Craft Day is on Saturday, come and go from 10am-6pm in the fellowship hall. (It is rescheduled from April 26.) Please contact Tera Knapp with questions or to RSVP.

Ecuador Youth Mission Trip Pancake Feed: We will be having a pancake feed after church on Mission Sunday, April 27. Bacon Breakfast casserole, pancakes, and juice from Ecuador! Free will donations accepted. Also we will have a collection for supplies for Ecuador survival kits to pass out to those in need on the streets of Salinas. We could use donations of: granola bars, travel toothbrush/toothpaste combos, happy meal or small toys, candy (not chocolate), and adult socks. We are hoping to get enough supplies to make about 75 survival kits.

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

Body Life:

Athlete of the week: Thomas Bonde was honored two weeks ago and he plays baseball, while Ellie Reynolds was honored last week and she plays soccer. They are both Seniors at YHS. Congratulations to both of them!

Today: April 13, York University is hosting a Writer's Workshop featuring Matt Mason, Nebraska State Poet, 2019-2024. The free event is open to everyone, not just poets. Matt will make a poetry presentation at 2 p.m. in the campus Prayer Chapel. At 3 p.m., a reception, book signing, and the workshop will be held in the Mackey Center's Cornerstone Room until 5 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Tim McNeese.

Y.U. students: Our list of those of you graduating in April is two people long. 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.

Ladies Day "Woven Together" with guest speaker Susan Bucich. April 25-26 at Harvest Field Church of Christ in Omaha. Please see the flier on the bulletin board in the foyer for the QR code to register by today, April 13.

Ladies Brunch "Mighty Women of Valor" organized by the Hope Gospel Rescue Mission will be on Saturday, April 26, 9:30 am-noon at Arbor Drive Community Church. Join in fellowship, food, music, and testimonials. There is a flier on the bulletin board.

National Day of Prayer: Join other believers Thursday, May 1, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the York University Prayer Chapel. This year's theme, "*Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled*" from Romans 15:13. For more information, contact Birgie Niemann.

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

Joy – You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

~I Thessalonians 1:6

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:	April 6, 2025
Weekly Attendance:	293
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,319.72
Actual:	\$8,403.07
Children's:	\$32.55
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$102,476.08
Giving:	\$103,683.61
Children's for Ecuador:	\$756.53

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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

Trent Hinton -----Livestream

Larry Light ----Single Seniors, Facilities

Garrett Schwarz-----Youth

Jeff Shafer-----Worship Support

Ken Van Gompel -----LTC

RoundUp is May 18-24, 2025! The program is a week-long retreat, hosted by York University for those 55 and up. It's Bible camp and a mini-term as a YU student rolled into one. The schedule includes devotionals, activities, and a variety of classes--but no tests or term papers! Participants stay in the campus apartments and eat in the cafeteria.

This year's theme is "I Like Ike: The Life and Times of Dwight Eisenhower", taught by Dr. Jared Pack, YU chair of the Department of History.

Registration is open until April 18. Cost: \$300/person - includes room and meals, or \$225/person - just meals.

For questions or to register, contact Ana Carvalho at aicarvalho@york.edu or 402-363-5621.

Order of Worship

Blessed Savior

Worship Leader: Simeon Tremaine

167 *Hosanna*

162 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

19 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Prayer: Ron Mogul Jr

Luke 19:28-40

Reading: Anthony Hodson

221 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

In Need

387 *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

"The Stones Will Cry Out"

Luke 19:28-40

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

695 *None of Self and All of Thee*

Night with Ebon Pinion

Communion: Eric Tremaine

Children's Offering

Shepherd's Prayer: Keith Miller

Body Life: Ken Van Gompel