

Living by the Spirit

Romans 8:1-17 & Galatians 5:16-26

I've been thinking lately about living by the Spirit. According to Paul: If we live according to the Spirit, we will have life and peace; if God's Spirit lives in us we will be raised to life even if our bodies are subject to death; those led by the Spirit of God are the children of God which also makes them heirs of God. Paul says that those who live by the Spirit are led by the Spirit, and it helps control their minds and actions. By contrast, those who don't have the spirit are controlled by the flesh, controlled by the sinful nature.

Those that do not live by the Spirit but live by the flesh are hostile to God. They do not and indeed cannot submit to God's law, nor can they please God. They live in the realm of the flesh which leads to death. Those who do not have the Spirit of Christ do not belong to Christ. Significantly, this implies that some who may think they belong to Christ are mistaken. Remember that Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

Having said that, what is living by the Spirit? How do we actually achieve it? What does it look like in practice?

It's clearly more than attending church services, praying regularly, living righteously and practicing charity. The Pharisees did all these things. Not that these aren't good and indeed necessary for anyone seeking to please God; I believe they prepare the ground for life by the Spirit. But, there's an additional step that needs to be taken to cross-over into spiritual living. I don't think I can describe it adequately, but because of its significance I am compelled to make the attempt. (It would be most helpful to read and even study the passages referenced

above rather than the rest of what I'm about to write since Paul's writings are the inspired word of God, and I am only a flawed human being.)

Walking by the Spirit means choosing what God desires over what you may want – every time. It doesn't mean you can't make choices necessary for your life and health. God knows you need food, clothing, and shelter. But it does mean that when deciding about things you may need or want that you're never unaware or unconcerned about what others may need. It will be displayed in a humble and contrite willingness to confess your own failures. It will show in the thankful attitude you display towards God for the good things he's given to you and even in the challenges he sends your way. It will show in an attitude and practice of denying self and turning away from selfish ambition. It will show in the way you choose to use your time and money.

Living by the Spirit means doing your best to understand and obey God's commands. It means you don't compromise the teachings of the scriptures to become culturally acceptable or to avoid persecution. Living by the Spirit means putting God's word into practice even when doing so makes you uncomfortable, you don't understand why it's important, or when others are trying to convince you that "God didn't really say" something. Living by the Spirit leads to a complete reliance on God as you walk the path of the life he's given you. Ultimately, when you live by God's Spirit other people who observe your life will praise God for his greatness because of what he's done in you. May God bless you and lead you in your life with him.

~Keith Miller

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	April
	Meals on Wheels deliveries—week days
	27 Mission Sunday
	27 Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Pancake Lunch after service
	27 Elders Meeting
	May
	1 National Day of Prayer 5:30 pm At YU prayer chapel
	2 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
	4 HS graduate Sunday
	10 Men's Breakfast 8 am in FH
	11 Mother's Day
	17 Mission Meal Prep 2 pm in kitchen
	29 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot— On Thurs, delayed due to Memorial Day

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

4/28 Allan Huskins III
4/28 Jay Roberts
4/28 Hailey Stutzman
4/30 Erin DeHart
4/30 Abby Powers
5/1 Verla Krula
5/1 Kris VanPatten

4/27 Coty & Tatiana Noe

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Today's Worship: Today is Mission Sunday. Following the lesson we will have a video message from Joshua Marcum. Following that we will pass the trays for the Mission Sunday collection. The invitation for prayer which normally follows the lesson will come after the collection.

Mission Sunday Collection to contribute to the needs of the Quito School of Biblical Studies (QSOBS) will take place today. You can use the plates passed today to donate or use Tithe.ly on our website giving page (at the QR) by selecting "missions" where the default is "General Fund." Our goal is to raise \$11,500. This will be \$7,500 to cover half the salary for one of the faculty at QSOBS and \$4,000 to help with their student mission. Let's join together to bless this ministry!



Ecuador Youth Mission Trip Pancake Feed: The youth will host a pancake feed after church today. Bacon Breakfast casserole, pancakes, and juice from Ecuador! Free will donations accepted to benefit their trip this summer. Also they will have a collection for supplies for Ecuador survival kits to pass out to those in need on the streets of Salinas. They could use donations of: granola bars, travel toothbrush/toothpaste combos, happy meal type small toys, candy (not chocolate), and adult socks. They are hoping to get enough supplies to make about 75 survival kits.

Meals-on-Wheels Deliveries: East Hill will be making the meals-on-wheels deliveries through Wednesday, April 30. 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.

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 (contact the office for her number).

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

Prayer Requests:

Brenda Reicheneker has had improvement after a tough week and would like to thank everyone for their prayers!

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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 will meet for two more weeks before taking a summer break.

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

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Humility – *In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."*

~I Peter 5:5

Scripture Memory

Hosea 6:6

I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings.

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 20, 2025
Weekly Attendance:	269
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,319.72
Actual:	\$4,902.70
Children's:	\$29.68
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$117,115.52
Giving:	\$113,025.72
Children's for Ecuador:	\$819.70

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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 (April)

Mark Miller (May)

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 Gomple -----LTC

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.

Order of Worship

Seeing and Sharing Jesus

Worship Leader: Jared Pack

In Christ Alone

Welcome

Scripture Reading: Stewart Sikes

John 20:19-31

Prayer: Tim McNeese

346 He Lives

342 We Saw Thee Not

Lord's Supper: Jeff Shafer

Children's Offering

652 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

659 I Love to Tell the Story

"Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

Matthew 28:16-20

Glenn Hawley

Video

Mission Sunday Offering

705 A Common Love

Invitation for Prayer

650 Send the Light

Shepherd's Prayer: Keith Miller

Body Life: Ken Van Gomple