

Is Any Among You Sick?

About 10 years ago, a mother at East Hill asked me, “Do you believe in practicing what’s in James 5:14?”

“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”
— James 5:14

This sister in Christ had a family need for healing and was wondering if East Hill’s elders practiced prayer and anointing with oil. I’d never done it nor had I been part of any congregation where it was practiced. Though there were unknowns, the elders could find nothing in the broader context of this passage that would limit its practice to the first century. It was not a “miraculous work” where the elders were healing people in the same way Jesus, the apostles, and others did in the early church.

So, in faith and with a spirit of obedience to God’s Word, East Hill’s elders gathered and prayed over this woman’s family member and I anointed the individual “with oil in the name of the Lord”. Olive oil, straight from my kitchen. In the years since, the elders have prayed over and anointed a number of individuals, at their request.

This begs the question, “What is meant by ‘sick’?” The common answer is, “physical infirmities”. That would have been my response for decades. When we look at how that same Greek word for “sick” (v. *astheneō*, and derivative words) is used in the rest of the New Testament, unsurprisingly, we find that its use aligns closely with its dictionary definition: to be feeble, diseased, impotent, sick, or weak. In the gospels, the word is used almost exclusively for physical ailments (e.g. Mt 10:8; 25:36,39; Mk 6:56; Lk 4:40,46; Jn 6:2; 11:2,3,6).

In Acts and the epistles, however, it predominantly refers to spiritual or emotional weakness (e.g. Ac 20:35; Rm 4:19; 8:3; 14:1,2; 1 Co 8:9,11,12; 2 Co 11:21,29; 12:1, Ja 5:14 and many others).

Which begs the question: Does the prayer and anointing of James 5:14 apply to spiritual and emotional weaknesses as well as physical ailments? The context in James 5 gives indications that it does. Consider the next two verses (5:15-16). Verse 15 mentions prayer restoring and bringing forgiveness to “the one who is sick”. Verse 16 speaks of confession and prayer bringing healing. Both indicate that spiritual healing is included in the context.

Several quick points are in order:

- This practice is God working his purposes through the faith of the sick person and the elders. It’s not a miracle performed by the elders nor by the oil; there is no human agency whatsoever. That the anointing is to be done “in the name of the Lord” indicates that it is God—not the elders or the oil—that heals.
- All of us can and should pray for one another’s struggles, whatever their nature. No anointing is necessary.
- James 5:14 says that prayer and anointing by the elders is initiated by the sick person. That’s how it’s been practiced at East Hill. It’s not a “service” that church shepherds are to pedal or “market” among their flock.

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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.

CALENDAR

May

- 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

June

- 6 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
- 8-14 YU Soul Quest (using building)
- 11 No Bible Classes
- 14 Men's Breakfast 8 am in FH
- 17-25 Youth Mission to Ecuador

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

None...?!

5/8 Rick & Sylvia White

CELEBRATE

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Our High School Graduates will be honored today in our worship service. Please be in prayer for the following Seniors: **Milan Babcock, Thomas Bonde, Martha Huskins, Rachel Kreifels, Angel Leetch, Madi Miller, Ellie Reynolds, Lael Schwarz, Ben Sears, Laela Stewart, Lila Suhr, and Charlie Van Gomple.**

Bible, Bacon & Bros: Men, grab your Bibles and join us at 8 am on Saturday for a hearty breakfast and a devotional.

Mother's Day will be on May 11. As we have traditionally done we give mothers the opportunity to make song requests for that day (and following Sundays). Use the QR code to make a request.



Meals for the Hope Gospel Rescue Mission: We will be preparing meals on Saturday, May 17, at 2 pm in the fellowship hall kitchen. These meals will bless those at the Mission here in York.

Food Distribution in May: The food distribution this month will be on Thursday rather than Tuesday. It will be the Thursday following our normal 4th Tuesday. The schedule is disrupted because that Tuesday follows Memorial Day. Please spread the word about the change.

Summer Camps are coming soon. A number of directors for Nebraska Youth Camp sessions sit in the pews with you. Timothy and Michele Briggs direct the junior session for kids having completed 3rd-6th grades. Jared and Shannon Leinen direct the senior session for kids having completed 9th-12th grades. They have been working to fill staff positions and each have a few holes left. If you have an interest in serving at Junior or Senior sessions at Nebraska Youth Camp please speak to one of the directors. We also have members of the Board of Directors here so if you have questions about the camp in general or other session you can ask Michele Briggs, Eric Tremaine, or Jay Roberts.

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:

LaRae Melvin shares a praise, the VA approved funds for 36 hours a week for help for her father. This request had been denied but has now been approved! This will be a great blessing to her parents.

Lexi Simons asked for prayers for her Grandpa, John, as his health is declining.

Thanks:

Thank you to all those who expressed compassion and comfort to us in the recent passing of my brother. Also for the many, many cards and the flowers. We feel so blessed to be a part of this family. ~Larry Light

Body Life:

We celebrate with **Earlene Reeves** that LTC Northwest continues to honor her late husband, Mike Reeves, by giving a special award to young people called the "Mike Reeves Bible Award" to those who achieve 100% in the Bible Bowl!

Larry and Gayle Good still have a few furniture items to give away, including a queen size hide-a-bed, 2 desks, flat screen tv, and various other items. Please contact Jeff Salsbury through the office if you're interested. They will be putting their house on the market soon, and would like for these items to find a new home.

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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 taking a break for the summer.

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

Trustworthy—At this, the administrators and satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ~Daniel 6:4

Scripture Memory

Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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 27, 2025
Weekly Attendance:	260
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,319.72
Actual:	\$9,055.45
Children's:	\$75.55
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$124,435.24
Giving:	\$122,081.17
Children's for Ecuador:	\$895.25

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Michele Briggs 9 am-noon
Tera Knapp 11:30-2:30
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Shepherds:

Tim Carr
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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

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- This passage is not to be construed to mean "healing is just a prayer away". God doesn't surrender His sovereignty to our prayers. One of His greatest mercies is not answering all of our prayers in the manner that we desire or expect.
- East Hill's leadership does not advocate prayer and anointing as a substitute for seeking professional care.
- The East Hill elders and ministers are eager to pray for your specific needs at any time. If your physical, spiritual, or emotional need would benefit from the elders' prayer or anointing, let us know.

— Mark Miller,
for the East Hill elders

Order of Worship

Dedicated to God

Worship Leader: Les Miller

Here I am to Worship
718 We Shall Assemble

Welcome

587 Sing and Be Happy
595 I Come to the Garden Alone

John 21:1-14

Scripture Reading: Greg Reynolds

Prayer: Robert Cunningham

Let Us Adore
Break My Heart

Lord's Supper: Ken Van Gompel

Children's Offering

Someday
Magnificat

Psalm 1

Scripture Reading: Kyle Stewart

"Take the Path Less Traveled"

Romans 6:15-18 (MSG)

Garrett Schwarz

Senior Video and Blessing

Shepherd's Prayer: Steddon Sikes

Body Life: Glenn Dallmann