East Hill
CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 11, 2025

Integrity: Living Truth in a Broken World

Biblical integrity is the unwavering commitment to live according to God's truth as revealed in Scripture. It is not just about following rules, but about embodying the character of God in every aspect of life — in thought, word, and deed. Integrity in the biblical sense is rooted in wholeness and consistency. It reflects a life where faith and practice are aligned, where what we profess is confirmed by how we live.

Throughout the Bible, integrity is both commanded and exemplified. Proverbs 10:9 states,

"Whoever walks in integrity walks securely,
but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out."

Integrity is seen as a safeguard, offering stability and confidence. Job, for example, is a model of integrity in the Old Testament. Even in suffering, he remained faithful, refusing to curse God despite pressure from his friends and wife. His story shows that integrity is not proven in times of comfort but in times of trial.

King David also valued integrity, though his life demonstrates both its pursuit and its failures. In Psalm 26:1, David pleads,

"Vindicate me, Lord, for I have led a blameless life;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered."

Yet, David's sin with Bathsheba reminds us that even the most devout believers can fall. What sets biblical integrity apart, however, is not perfection but repentance. David's response to his sin — confession and a sincere desire to be restored — reflects a heart still anchored in integrity.

In the New Testament, Jesus becomes the ultimate example of integrity. He lived in perfect obedience to the Father, teaching and acting without hypocrisy. His rebukes of the Pharisees in Matthew 23 expose the danger of religious pretense — practicing outward piety while neglecting justice, mercy, and faithfulness. Jesus' integrity was not only moral but relational: He spoke truthfully, acted justly, and loved sacrificially, even to the point of death.

Biblical integrity also calls for transparency and accountability within the Christian community. Paul, in his letters, frequently exhorts believers to live above reproach, to *"put off falsehood and speak truthfully"* (Ephesians 4:25), and to let their lives *"shine like stars in the sky"* (Philippians 2:15). Integrity becomes a witness to the transforming power of the gospel — it is how believers demonstrate the reality of their faith in a skeptical world.

In conclusion, biblical integrity is not just a personal virtue; it is a spiritual imperative. It shapes how we relate to God, treat others, and respond to challenges. It is sustained not by our strength, but by God's grace and the work of the Holy Spirit. In a world marked by compromise and contradiction, biblical integrity is a light that points others to the truth and faithfulness of God. To walk in integrity is to walk closely with Him — honestly, humbly, and wholeheartedly.

(I used AI to help write this message about Integrity)
~Todd Sheldon

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

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

CELEBRATE

5/11 Boe Fraser
5/12 Ares Keller
5/13 Glenn Hawley
5/13 Annabeth Pack
5/14 Emma Tremaine
5/14 Athena Keller
5/15 Ciaran Salsbury
5/15 Luke Case
5/16 Robbie Sikes
5/16 Lorelai Fifield
5/16 Elliot Dallmann
5/17 Kara McNeese

5/11 Keith & Nancy Knight
5/15 Timothy & Michele Briggs

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Mother's Day: Today, we're singing songs from suggestions that East Hill moms provided. We are unable to sing all the suggestion on one Sunday. Watch for the others to come in the weeks ahead. There are flowers available today to take and give to your mother (or a mother figure in your life).

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, May 29 rather than Tuesday. That is the Thursday following our normal 4th Tuesday. This is a one time change due to a special event at the Lincoln Food Bank. Please spread the word about the change.

NYC Work Weekend: Camp opening work weekend will be Saturday, May 31. Come and help get the camp ready for the summer sessions. Donuts and coffee at 8 am and lunch are provided. For planning purposes, please let Eric Tremaine know if you are planning to come. Thanks for supporting NYC!

Suit Cases for Ecuador Trip: The youth mission team is looking for about 10 suit cases to transport supplies to Ecuador for their mission trip. If you have a suit case you could donate you can bring it to the building. As these would be for supplies that wouldn't be returning, the suit cases would also not return. They are looking for donations rather than loans. If you have questions you can contact Julie Goodwin.

Children's Ministry Plans and Sign Up for the Summer: As we have done the last few years, children's ministry is planning on family fun nights in a park on Wednesdays for the Summer. Therefore, the sign up at the QR code for Summer classes is only for Sundays. You are also able to sign up by the month so that if you have summer travel plans that you feel would require excessive substitutes, you can just sign up for when you are available.

The Black Cord that is near the parking lot by the church office and clothing exchange building is a temporary fix for the sprinklers. Please use caution in that area so that that it is not pulled on or tripped over.

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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:

Tania Billington has an update on her dad, Walter Miner. He was scheduled for a scan on May 8 to determine the stage of his cancer and see if it has spread. They are going to try chemo and radiation rather than surgery. (The doctors don't think surgery is a viable option for him.) Tania asks that we continue to pray for his strength and recovery, if it is God's will, and most of all that God would use this illness to bring her dad into His flock. She also appreciates for prayers for her mom, Christine, for her peace.

We share our condolences with **Cornell Bonde** in the passing of his mother, Joyce Bonde, who died on March 5 in Hot Springs, AR. A graveside memorial is scheduled for May 24 at Greenwood Cemetery in Franklin, NE.

Mike and Mary Ann Case have traveled to Florida for treatment to help Mary Ann with her neuropathy. They would appreciate prayers for their travels and for the treatment. They will be gone until May 17.

Sarah Colle's mom, Sandy Stevens, had a series of mini strokes early last weekend. Thankfully there wasn't any long term damage, but tests did show a lot of blockage. Prayers are desired for a successful treatment plan and that she can have a full recovery and return home in the next couple days.

Amelia Luben asks for prayers for her dad as he prepares for back surgery in August as well as for her parents as they travel to Shelby, MT this coming Sunday.

Tim McNeese asks for prayers for recovery for his sister, Sher. She is in ICU in California.

Meghan Salsbury has surgery scheduled for the end of June. She asks for prayers that this will help heal multiple issues that have been plaguing her since 2021.

East Hill is a church family, albeit a large one. It's a challenge keeping up with each other. Which is why we're always glad to share a congratulations or word of praise and affirmation here in the bulletin. Please remember us when you have a word of encouragement you want to share.

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 will resume in the fall.

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
Contentment – Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
~Hebrews 13:5

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:	May 4, 2025
Weekly Attendance:	272
Weekly Giving	
Budgeted:	$7,319.72
Actual:	$9,055.45
Children's:	$75.55
Year to Date	
Budgeted:	$124,435.24
Giving:	$122,081.17
Children's for Ecuador:	$895.25

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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 Gomple ----------LTC

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Soul Quest: Youth in 6th –12th grades who wish to attend Soul Quest June 8-14 need to get registered soon. Payments are due by June 1. The registration is available at the QR code. Please mark in the registration that you are coming with East Hill Youth Group as we get a price discount. Your cost will be $175. Checks should be given to Garrett Schwarz or Brittany Wiley rather than being mailed as instructed in the registration form.

Summer Camps are coming soon. A number of directors for the 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.

Order of Worship

Under the Shepherd's Protection

Welcome

346 *He Lives* (Cheryl C.)
Thank You, Lord
162 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
221 *Jesus, Name Above All Names* (Tana A.)
185 *Jesus, Thy Name I Love* (Ramona R.)

Prayer: Tommy Carr

Scripture Reading: Timothy Briggs
John 10:22-30

"Good Shepherd, God Shepherd"
John 10:22-30
Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

In Need (Cheryl M.)
387 *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* (Loretta G.)
689 *Be Still, My Soul* (Meghan S.)

Communion: Noah McNeese

Children's Offering

490 *It Is Well with My Soul* (Dianna B.)

Shepherd's Prayer: Todd Sheldon

Body Life: Dan Goodwin