

Circles and Arrows

Tomorrow marks the autumnal equinox of 2025, the halfway point between the longest and shortest days of the year and the official beginning of Fall. Once again the leaves are turning their beautiful colors. Once again we make our inevitable turn toward the winter darkness. Round and round it goes.

Our calendars begin in January, circle around to December, and return to January. The moon circles the earth, which circles the sun, which itself makes a slow dance around the galaxy. One day is very like the next and the one after that. Even the hands on our clocks go round in circles twice a day.

Great circles is the way most of us think about time. We are always waiting for the next signal in our lives to come around again. Birthdays and holidays. Graduation. Snowfall. The first tomato harvest. Pumpkin spice lattes. Crane migrations. The autumnal equinox.

All of these events are mile markers along our path and important traditions in the ordering of our lives. But they may also lull us into thinking about life in an altogether earthly way. The writer of Ecclesiastes, examining life “under the sun,” begins, “The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.” From one point of view, that is what life seems to be.

But, as Christians, we are given a vantage point that the rest of the world does not have access to. We have been shown that history is moving inexorably toward a specific and planned end. From the inception of life on this planet to its last day, there is a through line. Life is not an endless series of circles; it is an arrow pointing the way of God’s plan.

This is what the non-believer cannot see. If you take God out of the equation, then life’s beginnings and all that that follows are accidents. Nothing is or ever could be by a greater design. From this perspective, the best that we can hope for is to make life a little better for ourselves the short time we are here. Then nothing.

Peter wrote about people who go through life believing that “all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation” (2 Peter 3:4). He goes on to say that “the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed” (3:10). So far it sounds ominous. But for Christians, there is hope. We are “waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells” (3:12-13).

There are two things I love from those final verses. First, our greatest hope is not just the new heavens and new earth, but a place where righteousness dwells. That is something you don’t come across here on earth! Second, we are “waiting for and hastening the coming” of Jesus. Not only are we anticipating, we are actively praying for it. We want to see the end of the story. And we will, one day, when the Great Author returns.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

~Glenn Hawley

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 September
Weekdays—Meals on Wheels Deliveries

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

25 Prayer Convocation for YU
Presidential Inauguration 7:30 at
YU Prayer Chapel

26 YU presidential Inauguration
10 am at Campbell Center,
Reception in Larsen Commons

27 Dads 'n Daughters at NYC

27 Women's Heartfelt Breakfast
9:30-11:30 am in FH

N October

4 Meals for the Mission Prep 1 pm

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

11 Men's Breakfast in FH at 8 am

17-19 YU Homecoming

19-24 Clothing Giveaway Set-up

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in south parking lot

A Save the Date

Chili Cook-off—November 1

R EH Women's Retreat—November 7-9

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

9/21 Faith Ortega
9/22 Tony Kreifels
9/23 Brenda Carver
9/24 Trey Colle
9/25 Ellie Reynolds
9/27 Dana Schmid

9/24 Allan & Charlene Huskins

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Meals on Wheels Deliveries continue throughout this month. There is
a sign up sheet in the foyer. See Harold or Deena Tandy with questions.

Dads-n-Daughters, the annual father-daughter retreat put on by Greg
Clark at Nebraska Youth Camp, will be September 27. You can register
online at dadsnlds.org See the poster in the foyer for more information.

The Monthly Food Distribution will be Tuesday this week, September
23 from 10:30-11:30 in the south parking lot. Please spread the word.

The Women's Heartfelt Brunch will be Saturday,
September 27, 9:30 to 11:30 in the fellowship hall. This annual
event is for women and young and old (middle school and up),
members and friends. There will be encouragement from some
sisters and time to sing, pray and fellowship. If you would like
to help provide the brunch materials please sign up at the QR
code. It is not necessary to bring food to attend! There will
also be an opportunity to sign up for the monthly Heartfelt
groups that meet throughout the school year. At the second
QR code you can let us know if you plan to come so we can be
sure to have enough chairs set up!



↑ food
↓ attendance



Women's Retreat: Registration for East Hill's women's retreat,
"Anchored: Holding Steady in Stormy Waters," is now available on the
information table in the foyer. The specifics for this November 7-9 event
are also available there. Registrations and the \$25 deposit are needed by
October 5. If you have questions not answered on the flier please see Anna
Carvalho or Diana Kretz.

Ladies' Day Opportunities: The Southwest church of Christ in Omaha
is hosting a free women's conference, "Mended," on October
4, from 9 am - 2 pm, with guest speaker, Kodi
Reel. The McPhearson Ave church of Christ
in Council Bluffs, Iowa, is hosting their annual
women's conference "Boundless Promise" on
October 25, beginning at 9:30 am.



↑ Registration
for "Mended"

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:

Candy Battreall has more tests and appointments coming up in October. She is hoping that the tests go well and that she can receive a liver transplant. Please keep her in your prayers.

Andrae Clifford had a medical test on Wednesday morning and would like prayers for it to bring things to light.

Tim McNeese announced last week that the cancer in his body has continued to progress in spite of treatments. His doctors have nothing else to offer. While Tim still appreciates prayers for God to destroy the cancer, he also shared his hope for eternity. He also expressed his gratitude to his family and church family for the support he has received throughout this difficult time.

Sam Orman fell on last Thursday and broke her ankle and then had surgery last Friday. Please keep her recovery in your prayers.

Lynda Smith and Nancy Phan ask for prayers for their cousin, Nicki Demuth, who lost her son on recently as the result of a roofing accident.

Body Life:

Michael Case has completed his sabbatical and has returned to serving with the elders again.

YU to host Inaugural events for the new president, Dr. Timothy Westbrook. On the evening of Thursday, September 25 there will be a prayer convocation in the Prayer Chapel at 7:30. The investiture ceremony will be on Friday, September 26, at 10 am in the Campbell Activity Center. The ceremony will be available via livestream. A link to the stream is available on the University website. A reception will follow in the Larsen Commons. All are invited and welcome to attend the events.

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: To stay current with Youth Group activities, sign up for the “Band” announcements via text.



Women's Thursday Class is 10:00-11:30 in the FH and offered on Zoom. Rose Miller is leading a study of gratitude.

Praise in Motion will meet in the FH, 7-7:30 pm again in October. Ladies, come join in gentle stretching and praising the Lord!

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Love for God's Word – *They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.*

~Psalm 19:10

Scripture Memory

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

~Colossians 4:5-6

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:	September 14, 2025
Weekly Attendance:	302
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,319.72
Actual:	\$6,409.90
Children's:	\$529.82
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$270,829.64
Giving:	\$256,421.53
Children's for Ecuador:	\$2,358.49

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Michele Briggs 9 am-noon

Tera Knapp 11:30-2:30

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Joshua & Julie Marcum

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Shepherds:

Tim Carr

Michael Case

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Keith Miller

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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

Jeff Shafer-----Worship Support

Ken Van Gomple -----College Ministry

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Campus Connection:

You are invited to our College age class that meets in the fellowship hall every Sunday morning at 9 am. Dr. Pack is leading a class on "The Story of Redemption".

You are invited to a small group that meets in Henderson on Sunday nights at 6pm. There is fellowship, food and fun. It is a great time to connect to God's word and meet other college students. You can scan the GroupMe QR code to get updates regarding this group or to reach out if you need a ride.



Would you like to get plugged in at East Hill? Please reach out to Glenn Dallmann if you would like to find out how you can serve at East Hill or place membership.

Order of Worship

Reflecting the Love of God

Worship Leader: Aaron Bartak

474 *Thank You, Lord*

Welcome

570 *A Beautiful Life*

1 *Timothy 2:1-7*

Reading: Kyle Stewart

Prayer: Ryan Roseke

827 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

448 *The Greatest Commands*

324 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

Communion: Steddon Sikes

Children's Offering

**"Jehovah Nissi,
The Lord is my Banner"**

Exodus 17:8-16

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

538 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

464 *Because He Lives*

968 *O They Tell Me of a Home*

Body Life: Glenn Dallmann

Shepherd's Prayer: Tim Carr