

“Consider the Lilies ...”

Over the last several months my wife and I have been joyfully distracted by the planting and nurturing of flowers. In this process my wife is the gardener. She knows the names of the flowers, how they are supposed to look and where to plant them. I dig and plant, and water regularly. I have always seen our yard as a place of work, of mowing and trimming. I marvel at how our yard has been transformed into a small paradise. Our yard is a lot prettier now than it was before. This has been a labor of love for both of us.

Through this experience, I now understand better why the Bible so often uses imagery from the world of planting and growing to teach spiritual lessons. My wife and I can tell you how much labor is required to have a flower garden. After an afternoon of digging, planting, and watering, my wife and I are both tired. In those moments I wonder if it is worth it. But in recent days, as our flowers have begun to grow, I just sit and look at the beautiful blossoms and I marvel. Did I do that?

Think of the world in which we live. Our world is a vast system of ordered chaos. It is full of danger and beauty. It is both predictable and surprising, unforgiving and resilient. It is gentle and brutal. It is inviting and abundant, yet limited and fragile. And it is a place of incredible beauty.

Our world has also provided the perfect environment for humans to grow and express their God-given creativity. We have taken this ordered chaos and produced many wonders that have transformed the way we live our lives. Our accomplishments are so amazing and well known that we may believe there is no limit to what we can do. Perhaps perfection is just over the

horizon. Perhaps we will become all that we are capable of. Perhaps religion and belief in God will become relics of the past. Perhaps.

And yet, consider the lessons you and I can learn just by taking a walk through a flower garden. It is ordered and well-maintained. This garden is the product of a skilled artist. Up the path is a field of lilies, swaying gently in the breeze, stunning in beauty. “Even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed as one of these” (Matt. 6.29). Skilled horticulturalists have cross-bred thousands of species, but God gave them their beauty. Down the path is a bed of rose bushes. Focus with me on the red roses and let us think about what we see. The blossoms are perfect, brilliant red, lightly scented. Bees are buzzing around, and the sun is beaming, enhancing the brilliance of the colorful petals. The gardener’s skill is evident, but what the gardener has done only allows the beauty of the flowers he has planted to give glory to the one who created them.

Human skill cannot reproduce the wonders of pollination or photosynthesis that are taking place as we watch. Human hands cannot create the fragile beauty of these divine masterpieces. To those with ears to hear the flowers of the garden are preaching a sermon. “Marvel at the wisdom of my creator!”

In our time of increasing violence and moral confusion how we need to hear the voice of God. Can you hear Him? ... No? ... Suggestion: Put down your phone, turn off the TV, and let’s find the nearest flower garden.

~Michael and Mary Ann Case

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	October
	19 Clothing Giveaway Set-up 5:30 pm
	20 "Pumpkin & Pizza for YU students 6:30-8:30 pm, Spiritual Life Center
	20-23 Sorting and Hanging 9 am-9 pm
	22 Devotional in lieu of Bible classes
	24 Final Clean up for Giveaway
	24 Church family Giveaway 6-8 pm
	25 Clothing Giveaway 8 am-noon
	25 Giveaway clean-up noon - done
	28 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
November	1 Chili Cook-off
	2 Daylight Saving-Fall back 1 hour
	7 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
	8 Men's Breakfast in FH at 8 am
	8 Fun & Fellowship for All 5pm in fellowship hall
	7-9 East Hill Women's Retreat
	25 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
AR	26 Devotional in lieu of Wednesday Bible classes (Thanksgiving)

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

10/19 Mark Miller
10/20 Nathan Lacina
10/23 Janet Rush
10/24 Cheryl Mogul
10/25 Joseph Billington

CELEBRATE

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Clothing Giveaway: Set up for our biannual clothing giveaway will begin tonight at 5:30. Work will go on throughout the week to prepare this gift for our community. If you would like to know more about what is going on to see how you might participate please scan the QR code. To sign up to help with greeting or for pizza for our clean up crew, use second QR code. Our members are invited to come shop on Friday evening from 6-8 pm. We will have the main event, open to the community on Saturday, October 25 from 8 am to noon. Clothing donations can be dropped off at the fellowship hall doors anytime between 9 am and 9 pm, this Monday through Thursday. Donations of unscented 13 gallon drawstring trash bags to give to our "shoppers" are always appreciated. If you have a yard sign please put it up today. If you would like one, we should be able to get it out of the storage building this evening.

Wednesday Devotional: There will be a devotional this Wednesday in lieu of Bible classes. Everyone will meet in the auditorium at 6:30. Completing the sorting and hanging for the Clothing Giveaway would not be possible without this flexibility. Thanks to everyone for giving up class time this week.

God's World Calendars: If you would like a God's World calendar for 2026, it is time to place your orders. There is a sample and a sign up sheet on the table in the lobby. Calendars will be ordered on October 20 with delivery the following week. Payment is not due until delivery. See Deena Tandy with questions. Project profits will go to the Rescue Mission Meals.

Youth Group Pumpkin Patch Trip: The Youth Group plans to visit the Roca Berry pumpkin patch together next Sunday, October 26. For the full schedule, details and to sign up please scan the QR code.

Trunk or Treat: The Children's Ministry will host a truck at the YU Trunk or Treat event on Monday, October 27 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Bartholomew Performing Arts Center parking lot (10th & McKaig).

Members Ministry Involvement Survey: We invite all East Hill members to explore and participate in one of our 26 ministries as a way to serve Jesus. If you haven't done so already, please pick up a Ministry Handbook and a Ministry Involvement Survey in the foyer, and return the survey to us by the beginning of November. Feel free to let Glenn Dallmann know if you have any questions. Thank you!

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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)

New Class - Foundations: What Christians Believe: This Bible class will explore how our beliefs about God shape our worldview and guide our lives. Specifically, we'll seek to understand Christianity's answer to the following three questions: Where do you come from? Who are You? Where are you going? The class will start on Sunday, November 2. Glenn Dallmann will teach and it will meet in the fellowship hall, room C-E.

Chili Cook-Off Fellowship Event: Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for our annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, November 1st! Prizes will be given for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the categories of Favorite Chili and Favorite Dessert. If you want to enter the competition, bring your entries at 5:00 pm; the meal will begin at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. At 7:00 pm we will circle up the chairs and close out our evening together by singing some hymns.

Do you use social media? East Hill has a Facebook page and a new Instagram page to help us all stay connected and encouraged! Please consider following us on FB and Insta! FB page: www.facebook.com/easthillcofc and Instagram: www.instagram.com/easthillchurchofchrist

BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

Prayer Requests:

Candy Battreall will have medical tests this week.

Eldsworth Cleland is in Hearthstone as he recovers from breaking his hip in a recent fall.

Charlene Huskins is waiting for results from tests this last week. From the tests they hope to discover a better treatment for her persistent AFib.

Kareen Light is recovering from cataract surgery this week.

Brian Harrington passed away Tuesday night after a long battle with cancer. Brian and his wife Ann attended East Hill for a few years about 20 years ago; they are now in Searcy, AR. Ann is the niece of Rose and Marty Barrett and cousin of Sarah Van Gompel and Julie Goodwin. Aaron Bartak is Ann's nephew. Brian leaves behind Ann and their three children; Delaney, Kacey, and Jack. There will be a memorial service this afternoon at 2 pm at the College Church of Christ in Searcy. There is a livestream option available for anyone who would like to join in celebrating Brian's life.

Body Life:

Bladen Flynt married Jenna White on Sunday, October 12 in Thornton, CO. They live in Edmond, OK.

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 on Thursdays. Ladies, come join in gentle stretching and praising the Lord!

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Biblical Self-Image – *For we are all God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

~Ephesians 2:10

Scripture Memory

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

~Hebrews 10:24

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:	October 12, 2025
Weekly Attendance:	246
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,319.72
Actual:	\$9,445.06
Children's:	\$30.70
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$300,108.52
Giving:	\$287,750.97
Children's for Ecuador:	\$2,544.09

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Tera Knapp 11:30-2:30
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Ron Kretz
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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
Jeff Shafer ----- Worship Support
Ken Van Gompel ----- College Ministry

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 (this week it will be at 1000 17th St). 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.



COMING UP... on October 20, there will be a "Pumpkin and Pizza" event in the Spiritual Life Center at 6:30 pm to (approximately) 8:30 pm. We will have pizza and a pumpkin painting contest, with prizes for the top 3 pumpkins.

Archie Manduvi, our college intern, will be preaching next Sunday, October 26.

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 to place membership.

Order of Worship

Our Faithful God

Worship Leader: Shawn Smith

712 Jesus is Coming Soon
560 Living by Faith

Prayer: Titus Robison

2 Timothy 3:10-17

Reading: Troy Flynt

Give Me the Bible
I Want to Be a Worker
731 Take Time To Be Holy

Communion: Willis Hood

Children's Offering

57 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

"Jehovah Jireh"
The Lord Will Provide

Genesis 22:1-14
Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

176 Lamb of God
449 Thy Word

Shepherd's Prayer: Tim Carr

Body Life: Ken Van Gompel