

## The Delight of God

Last week, Glenn preached about Isaiah's prophetic redemption for the people of Israel: "You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her (Hephzibah), and your land Married (Beulah); for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married." Isaiah 62:4 (ESV)

Glenn pointed out that this same redemptive act by God is seen in Rev. 2:13-17 — those who remain true to God's name, who do not renounce their faith but overcome, will be given a white stone with a new name on it. Both scripture references are beautiful imageries of receiving a new identity from God, his favor, his delight.

The word "delight" isn't your average social media *like* or thumbs-up emoji. To me, God's delight conveys deep emotional ties and a vested interest in the welfare and future of his chosen, his children. I picture a Father who smiles and derives pleasure when his child is walking a path that honors him and in turn, he prepares blessings for the journey.

Moved by the Spirit, Zephaniah takes it up a level with his beautiful description of God's delight: "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Zeph. 3:17 (NIV)

Holding my newborn grandson in my arms these last few weeks, I easily relate to that passage. Spencer Jack may not grasp my delight in him, and my songs may or may not quiet his cries; nonetheless, he is my world in those moments. I want to abundantly bless his future and for him to know the joy of my heart.

This morning, we have a distinct privilege to witness what James, the brother of Jesus, describes as *pure religion* with the Odom Family blessing. David and Rachel are providing a heavenly view into God's heart, his delight as they have given a new name, their name to Skyler, Nathan, and Isaac.

A few days ago, several of us from East Hill along with many of David and Rachel's family, were able to witness the adoption proceedings. At one point, Rachel was asked by their lawyer the simple but pointed question, "Can you tell us why you want to adopt the children?" I'm not able to recall everything that Rachel said, but I do remember her last words: "We can't imagine life without them."

"Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure." Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)

~Steddon Sikes

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.

# CALNDAR

## December

- 13 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
- 13 Fun & Fellowship 5 pm in FH
- 14 Lament Service
- 20 Ladies' Crafting 2-8 pm in FH
- 23 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 6 pm at YU Prayer Chapel
- 28 Ebenezer Service
- 31 All Church Devotional in lieu of Wednesday Bible Classes

## January

- 2 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
- 10 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
- 27 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot

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

- 12/8 Keith Peters
- 12/8 Shawn Smith
- 12/8 Lillian Rice
- 12/10 Jason Mader
- 12/13 Heather Suhr
- 12/13 Isaiah Davis
- 12/13 Luke Davis

# CELEBRATE

## MINISTRIES & EVENTS

**Bible, Bacon & Bros:** Men's breakfast is 8:00 this Saturday in the fellowship hall. Grab your Bible and join us for a good meal—with bacon!—and an uplifting devotional by Tom Tandy.

**Fun and Fellowship:** Everyone is invited to have some fun this Saturday, starting at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring games or activities to share. Contact LaRae Melvin with questions.

**Lament Service:** On Sunday, December 14, we plan to acknowledge what grief or pain we carry to God. We'll especially remember those who have passed away in 2025. Please come prepared to pray and to comfort one another.

**Christmas Eve Service:** We will host a Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24, at the York University Prayer Chapel at **6:00 PM**, and we're inviting the community to join us in worship. If you would like to participate in reading Scripture or leading a song, please contact Glenn Dallmann.

**Christmas Dinner:** Harold & Deena Tandy are planning a meal at noon on December 25 for individuals or couples in the congregation who will not have a Christmas meal with family. If you would like to attend or know someone who might attend, please give names to Harold or Deena so they can send invitations and plan for the number coming. This will be a meal in the Fellowship Hall with time to visit and some singing.

*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 Request:

**Tania Billington's** hand surgery on Monday went well. She is grateful for the prayers for her recovery as well as for her father while he is in Arizona alone while her mother is here to help her.

**Charlene Huskins** had two procedures on Tuesday to get her heart back into normal rhythm. She is hoping for relief from the a-fib and high heart rate she has had for over three months.

**Laurie Keeton's** carpal tunnel surgery on Tuesday went well. There is a meal train where we can help with meals while she isn't supposed to be using the wrist. (See the QR code to the right.)



**Garrett Knapp's** shoulder surgery last Tuesday went well. Please pray for a speedy recovery and overall reduction of pain.

**Sara Leetch** has lost her job due to illness, as she has been having a number of health struggles related to deterioration of various joints. She will have two MRIs on Monday where they will be trying to determine why her body has been deteriorating so badly.

**Zach Rush** was released from the hospital last Sunday. Please pray for proper healing of an emergency wisdom tooth extraction he had the week prior and for good recovery from the heart procedure.

**Skylar Scamehorn** has a defect in her knee that will need a major reconstructive surgery to remedy. (It is also possible that the process could take several months.) She is really struggling with not being able to play sports for a while.

**Scott Van Esch** came through his heart ablation well on Friday morning.

### Body Life:

**Ryan and Valene Roseke** have moved to a new address in York.

**Adoption Blessing:** This morning we will bless the new members of **David and Rachel Odom's** family. **Skyler, Nathan, and Isaac** legally joined their family this last week on December 4.

### 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.

**Youth Updates:** To stay current with Youth Group activities, sign up for the "Band" announcements.



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

**Praise in Motion** meets in the FH, 7-7:30 pm on Thursdays. Ladies, come join in gentle stretching and praising the Lord!

**Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion**  
*Joy – You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.*

~I Thessalonians 1:6

### Luke 2:10-14

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, ..."*

## 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:	November 30, 2025
Weekly Attendance:	210
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,319.72
Actual:	\$3,789.20
Children's:	\$63.00
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$351,346.56
Giving:	\$327,140.67
Children's for Ecuador:	\$2,945.22

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### Ministry Staff:

Preaching Minister  
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Children's Ministry - School Age  
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Children's Ministry - Preschool  
Jodie Yunevich  
Youth Ministry - Coordinator  
Dan & Julie Goodwin  
Ministry Intern  
Archford Manduvi  
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  
Jeff Shafer----- Worship Support  
Ken Van Gomple ----- College Ministry

## CAMPUS CONNECTION

**Archi Manduvi** served as our Intern this spring. He will be graduating from YU this week with a double major in Bible Studies and Sports Management. Thanks, Archi, for your leadership and your work with East Hill... best of luck as you move to Sacramento, California with your wife, Gabrielle.

**College Students** – stop by and visit our college ministry team, by the front entrance, immediately after services, to get a finals (end of the semester) “survival kit”... **BEST OF LUCK**, as you close out the semester... your East Hill family is proud of you!

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

**The Sunday evening group** that meets at the Tim and Tonya Carr home in Henderson on Sunday nights will resume meeting tonight. There will be snacks and games tonight for those who can make it.

You can scan the GroupMe QR code to get updates regarding this group or to reach out if you need a ride.



## Order of Worship

### “Prepare the Way”

**Worship Leader:** Simeon Tremaine

### Welcome

*Behold, Our God*  
*517 Heaven Came Down*  
*577 We Bow Down*

**Scripture Reading:** Shawn Smith  
*Matthew 3:1-12*

**Prayer:** Jeff Shafer

*382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?*  
*342 We Saw Thee Not*

**Lord's Supper:** Brady Sikes

### Children's Offering

*615 He Keeps Me Singing*

### “Wonderful!”

*Isaiah 9:1-7*  
Glenn Hawley

*Wonderful Merciful Savior*

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Steddon Sikes

### Adoption Blessing

**Body Life:** Dan Goodwin  
*622 Ring Out the Message*