

Acclimation or Transformation?

This past week I was checking on some thermostats here at the church building, making sure they were set right for the winter months. Most thermostats have a setting or a program for Cooling and a setting or program for Heating. In our house we usually set our thermostat at around 75 in the summer to keep our house cool and then we switch over in the winter to (depending on whether it is my wife or I), 65 or 69, to keep us warm.

Does that strike you as odd? The last time I checked, 75 degrees was warmer than 69 degrees. Yet in the summer my 75-degree house feels cool, and in the winter my 69-degree house feels warm. What happened? Is the warmer temperature suddenly cooler than the cooler temperature?

The answer is to this dilemma is that we experience a process called “acclimation” the process or result of becoming accustomed to a new climate or to new conditions. In the winter months we become accustomed to it being cold outside so when we enter a 69-degree house it feels warm. The same thing happens in the summer time, when surrounded by a climate of 98 degrees, setting our AC at 75 degrees feels pretty good.

It is a natural occurrence that we become acclimated to the climates or conditions we surround ourselves with. In Romans 12 we are challenged to watch out for the dangers of becoming acclimated to the culture we are surrounded by that rejects God.

Romans 12:2 - *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.*

We are challenged not to become like the lost culture around us, but to stay connected to God's plan for our lives. I want to encourage you to pursue three different disciplines to help in the continual process of keeping our minds renewed in our pursuit to follow God's will:

1. Spend time daily in the Bible. The Scriptures reveal to us what God's good will is for our lives.
2. Spend time daily in Prayer. Prayer keeps us connected to our lifegiving God.
3. Spend time daily cultivating Relationships that help to strengthen your faith walk.

Romans 12:1 - *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

~Eric Tremaine

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

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
- 21 LTC informational meeting
- 23 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 5:30 pm at YU Prayer Chapel
- 28 Ebenezer Service
No Bible Classes
- 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

- 12/14 Heidi Mader
- 12/16 Ellee Williamson
- 12/18 Malachi Knapp
- 12/18 Samuel Tremaine
- 12/18 Jonathan Tandy
- 12/18 Laela Stewart
- 12/19 Brittany Kretz
- 12/20 Ava Goodwin
- 12/20 John Hartley

CELEBRATE

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Lament Service: Today, 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 **5:30 PM** (updated time), 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.

Leadership Training for Christ Informational Meeting: We will hold an informational meeting after the service in the fellowship hall on December 21 for families interested in Leadership Training for Christ (LTC), a program for students in 3rd–12th grade. During this meeting, we will go over what the program involves, how children can participate, and when practices will begin. Brittany will also share details on how students can prepare for the Bible study portion. Please note that attending the conference is not required to participate in several of the events. However, the conference itself is a meaningful experience where families can spend time together and also bond with other families in our congregation.

Auditorium Class: Beginning in January, the Auditorium class will be studying through the Daily Bible (also known as the Narrated Bible). This is an arrangement of Scripture that attempts to take the reader through the Bible chronologically. Our hope is that everyone who participates in this class will read the entire Bible in 2026. Each week, the class will focus on one or more passages from the previous week's readings. Glenn Hawley will also be ordering extra copies, so talk to him if you would like to purchase one. The Bibles are also available from Amazon or from Christian distributors, and digital copies are also available.

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:

Ron and Virginia Helmlinger have requested prayers for their grandson, Ryland Helmlinger. He had a liver transplant as a baby in 2018. He is now 7 and in a liver biopsy on Wednesday they found elevated enzymes that may indicate his body is rejecting the liver.

Sam Orman requested prayers for her grandmother, Iris Van Dorin last week. Iris had been hospitalized with a blockage and was hallucinating and combative with it and it seemed unlikely she would be in good enough shape to survive surgery to remedy it. However, by Tuesday her blockage had cleared and she was once again of sound mind and doctors thought they could send her home in a few days. Praise the Lord!

Brenda Reicheneker had some doctor's appointments and labs recently and the reports came back that things have improved and are looking good. She is grateful to everyone who has been praying for her.

Body Life:

Thanks to everyone that is volunteering with the Encourager's Ministry. We have quite a range of ages helping out and it has been encouraging to see.
Thanks ~ **Brenda Reicheneker**

East Hill family,

During this season of thanksgiving and joy, we feel that it is especially important to acknowledge the service of the body of believers. The family of Tim McNeese wants to communicate our loving appreciation for all the acts of kindness and sympathy, whether through spoken words, prayers, cards, prepared food, or contributions to the YU history scholarship fund. You were constant while he lived and remained so after his passing. You blessed us.
~**The McNeese Family**

Congratulations to those who have completed their course of study and graduated this last Thursday. **Tyler Hinton**, M.A. Education; **Alexis Lacina**, M.A. Education; **Hosea Kiptoo**, M.A. Organizational and Global Leadership, and **Archford Manduvi**, B.A. Bible & Ministry, B.B.A Business Administration, and B.S. Psychology.

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

Perseverance – *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.* ~Hebrews 12:1

Luke 2:10-14

... 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, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

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:	December 7, 2025
Weekly Attendance:	310
Weekly Giving	
Budgeted:	\$7,319.72
Actual:	\$8,050.90
Children's:	\$27.00
Year to Date	
Budgeted:	\$358,666.28
Giving:	\$335,191.57
Children's for Ecuador:	\$2,972.23

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Tim Carr
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Ron Kretz
Keith Miller
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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

College age Class: Dr. Pack's college age class will resume in January. You are invited to join in any of the other classes that meet in the fellowship hall or auditorium every Sunday morning at 9 am until then.

The Sunday evening group that meets at the Tim and Tonya Carr home in Henderson on Sunday nights will resume in January.

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

Put Your Hope in God

Worship Leader: Glenn Dallmann

*296 We Have Come into His House
777 Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer*

Call to Worship

Scripture Reading: Kyle Stewart
Psalms 42-43

Remembering Those Who've Passed On

Prayer of Lament

*979 I am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger
808 Abide with Me
477 There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

James 5:7-8

*Whom Shall I Fear?
287 There Is a Redeemer*

Communion

Children's Offering

"A Child of Hope"

Isaiah 9:1-7
Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

*1006 To Us a Child of Hope Is Born
Hymn of Heaven*

Body Life: Ken Van Gomple

Shepherd's Prayer: Eric Tremaine