

## “Feed my Lambs” - Caring for the Tender Young Lambs

Last night I dreamed I was surrounded by a flock of six little lambs. They were young, beautiful, precious, innocent and assigned to my care. I loved them so much, I would do anything for them. It was (an is) a privilege to have these precious young lambs given under my care by God.

But then in my dream I looked across the aisle and saw some other lambs. They initially looked not so young, beautiful, precious and innocent. They even looked forlorn and a little lost. In my dream I wanted to look away and pretend I didn't see them. I reasoned in my dream mind that I already had too much on my plate to take care of them. I wasn't sure I had room for anymore.

And then I remembered Jesus' charge to Peter in John 21:15. When Jesus asked Peter, “Do you love Me?” Peter answered quickly, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you,” but Jesus responded with a deeper invitation: “Feed My lambs.” It wasn't simply a task; it reflected Christ's love. Caring for the most vulnerable in the flock is one of the clearest ways we show our love for Christ.

In every church family, there are “tender young lambs”: children, new believers, those returning to faith after a long season away, and anyone still learning to recognize the Shepherd's voice. Christ entrusts these precious ones to our care. Lambs are easily frightened, easily influenced, and easily led astray. They need patient guidance, gentle correction, and a community that models the love and character of Christ.

How can we model this love to those struggling lambs among us? How can we help them find their way in this difficult world?

Here are some practical ideas to consider:

Let's be better at nurturing with the Word of God. Young believers need clear, simple, life-giving teaching that helps them grow roots in Scripture.

Let's be better at protecting them with prayer. Just as shepherds watch for danger, we need to intercede for their spiritual safety and strength.

Let's lead by example. Our lives preach louder than our words. When we walk in humility, forgiveness, and faithfulness, we show them what following Jesus looks like.

Let's encourage their steps. Every small victory matters. A kind word, a listening ear, or a moment of affirmation can strengthen their confidence in Christ.

Let's welcome them into our community. Jesus treasures every lamb. When we care for the tender ones among us, we care for Him. Our love for Christ is revealed not only in worship or words, but in how we treat those who are still growing in faith.

Let's be the Body of Christ where every lamb—no matter how young, fragile, or new—finds safety, nourishment, and a clear path toward the Good Shepherd.

In HIS Mighty Name  
Ron Kretz

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.

## MINISTRIES & EVENTS

**C** January  
 12 YU Classes resume  
 17 Fun and Fellowship 5 pm in FH  
**A** 23-24 Leaders Retreat  
 24 Making Meals for the Mission 1 pm  
 25 Youth Group Pancake Fundraiser  
 Meal after worship  
**L** 27 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am  
 in south parking lot  
**E** February  
 6 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30  
 14 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH  
 24 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am  
 in south parking lot  
**N** 27-28 Father-Son Camp-In  
**D** March  
 6 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30  
 7 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH  
 8 Daylight Saving Time begins  
 spring forward  
**A** 9-13 YU Spring Break  
 16-17 YU Equip Conference  
**R** Save the Dates  
 April 3-5 LTC's KC event  
 April 19-25 Clothing Giveaway Week

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

1/13 Travis Suhr  
 1/13 Riley Nugen  
 1/14 Evalee Robison  
 1/14 Gregory Hinman  
 1/15 Kenan Knapp

CELEBRATE

**LTC Interest Form:** Please use the form at the QR code to inform Brittany what your family's interests in LTC will be. This is not registration, it is for planning and preparing. As you fill it out, remember that it is easier to scale down than up. Please fill out the form by next Sunday.



**Auditorium Class:** Last week the Auditorium class began 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 ordered a few more of the Bibles. Speak to him about purchasing one or they are available from Amazon or from Christian distributors; digital copies are also available. There will be a listing of the reading for each day in the "Weekly Events" section of the bulletin on the opposite page for those who would like to read from a Bible they already have.

**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.

**Meals for Hope Gospel Mission:** Anyone interested in helping put together meals for the Hope Gospel Mission to serve to those in need should meet in the kitchen on Saturday January 24 at 1 pm.

**Youth Group Fundraiser Pancake Feed:** The Youth Group is planning a mission trip to Colorado Springs this May. They are doing a fundraising pancake feed on Sunday, January 25, immediately after services. Please come have lunch in the fellowship hall and support the youth's summer mission trip!

**Save The Date:** The Father-Son Camp-In returns! Dust off your tent and sleeping bags and plan on joining us February 27-28 for a "camp-in" here at the building. See Mark Miller with questions or ideas!

*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

### Prayers:

At time of printing, **Loretta Goben** continues on Hospice care at Hearthstone. She tires very quickly and family visits are all she can handle. Please continue to remember her and the family in your prayers.

**Lynda Smith** has some appointments and testing that she is waiting on to hopefully get some answers about some of her recent health concerns for a variety of things going on. She is currently in pain and tires easily. Please pray for clear answers and her strength.

**Loran Yunevich** had a successful surgery for his bladder and prostate on Tuesday. **Alice Yunevich** had a fall on Tuesday morning and could use continued prayers for her strength and recovery.

### Thanks:

**Thank you so much** for blessing our family as we embark on this adoption journey with Skyler, Nathan, and Isaac. The Blessing & books you gave us are special and we'll cherish for years to come. We greatly appreciate the support, encouragement, and your prayers over the past 2 ½ years, we really can't thank you enough! May God continue to bless the E.H. family of believers.

~Much love, **The Odoms**

### East Hill Digital Information:

If you aren't already, we encourage you to stay connected online with East Hill! You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram for news and updates - get those links with the QR code, or by visiting <https://easthillcofc.org/social-media/> You can also visit the SERMONS page on our website to watch/listen to our weekly sermons.



### 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** will resume meeting this week on Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 in the fellowship hall.

**Praise in Motion** will meet this Thursday, 7-7:30 in the fellowship hall. Ladies, come join in gentle stretching and praising the Lord!

### 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

### Daily Bible Readings

January 11 Genesis 25-26:33  
January 12 Genesis 26:34-28  
January 13 Genesis 29-30  
January 14 Genesis 31-33  
January 15 Genesis 34-35  
January 16 Genesis 36  
January 17 Genesis 37-38

## 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:	January 4, 2026
Weekly Attendance:	270
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	
Actual:	\$6,137.65
Children's:	\$32.00
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	
Giving:	\$6,137.65
Children's for Ecuador:	\$32.00

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### Ministry Staff:

#### Preaching Minister

Glenn Hawley

#### Outreach & Involvement Minister

Glenn Dallmann

#### Children's Ministry - School Age

Tana Albin

#### Children's Ministry - Preschool

Jodie Yunevich

#### Youth Ministry - Coordinator

Dan & Julie Goodwin

#### 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

**College age Class:** Dr. Pack's college age class will resume today. The topic will be "Parables of Jesus".

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

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

### Behold, the King

Worship Leader: Simeon Tremaine

### Welcome

144 O, *Worship the King*

96 I *Stand in Awe*

Prayer: Rick White

**Matthew 3:1-17**

Reading: Ron Mogul Jr.

577 *We Bow Down*

*In Need*

*Only a Holy God*

Communion: Noah McNeese

### Children's Offering

915 *Trust and Obey*

**"The Healer, the Teacher"**

**Mark 1:21-39**

Glenn Hawley

417 *Where He Leads, I'll Follow*

Shepherd's Prayer: Ron Kretz

Body Life: Dan Goodwin

Scripture Memory: *I Peter 5:7*

*Behold, Our God!*