East Hill
CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 8, 2026

"Here I am, Here I am" (Isaiah 65:1)

In these memorable words the prophet Isaiah records the admonition of the Lord to people who have been chastened by the devastation of exile, and who now are ready to return to Him. In the previous passage, the humbled exiles now realize what has happened to them, and they admit what prior generations refused to see. They know their own iniquities caused their estrangement from God and they want God to restore them to favor.

They implore, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence" (Isa. 64.1). As they live among the ruins of what used to be Jerusalem with its "holy and beautiful house," they plead with their God, "After all this will you restrain yourself? Will you keep silent, and punish us so severely?" (v. 12) They long for the "good ole' days," when the temple was gleaming in the sun, the smell of sacrifices was in the air, and Zion was a place of pride. The people are ready for the period of punishment to be over.

Chapter 65 is the Lord's response. Now that the people are listening, the Lord has something to say. Paraphrasing, He says, "I have been here all along. I have been standing before generations of people with my hands held out, waiting for them to return to me. But they were too busy doing their own thing. So, I allowed them to reap the consequences."

In days to come the Lord will sift the people and find those willing to be His **servants**. Those truly committed to the Lord will be blessed, but those who will not listen will be put to shame. These servants believe in what the Lord is able to do and will appreciate what He says next.

In vv. 17-25, God discloses a vision of a new heaven and a new earth. God is not content to rebuild what was. He insists on starting all over again and creating everything anew. In God's new creation the past will be forgotten. In the Jerusalem to come, there will be no weeping, long life, fruitful toil, and the very nature of those who live there will be changed.

"Here I am, here I am," says our God. The message resonates today. We live in a land with a memory of what used to be. Christians have benefitted from a culture that has had respect for God and the moral values of Christendom. But in our time the tenuous marriage between the Enlightenment and the Christian faith has unraveled, leaving society without a compelling moral vision, and Christians feeling like exiles in their own land. Consequently, we too may want to go back to the time when it was easier to profess Christian faith, and the values of society were more aligned with biblical teaching. Is there a message in this passage for us?

Consider three points of contact. First, God is always looking for those willing to serve Him. He is active in His world. The penitent and spiritually sensitive will discern what God is doing and want to be a part of it. Second, there is really no such thing as the "good ole' days." Every generation has its sins and shortcomings, as well as unique opportunities for God's people to share the news of His vision. Finally, God's vision is nothing short of a new creation. What God has in mind we have not seen before. The only faithful posture for God's servants is to lean forward toward that future, not backward.

"Here I am," says the Lord of new creation. He is always ready to be found by the humble and penitent. He is moving swiftly into the future and the new world that He is preparing. "The former things will not be remembered … rejoice in what I am creating" (vv. 17-18). Do you hear His voice?

~Michael 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

March

- 9-13 YU Spring Break
- 14 Celebration of Life: Robbie Sikes 10:30
- 16-17 YU Equip Conference
- 24 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
- 28 Meal Preparation for the Mission at 1pm in FH
- 29 Area Wide Singing at Hastings 3-5 pm

April

- 1 LTC Showcase in Lieu of Bible Classes
- 3 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
- 3-5 LTC's KC event
- 11 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
- 19-.24 Clothing Giveaway Set-up
- 25 Spring Clothing Giveaway
- 28 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

CELEBRATE

3/13 Macey Brant

3/13 Loran & Alice Yunevich

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Robbie Sikes Celebration of Life: The service to celebrate the life of Robbie Sikes will be on Saturday, March 14, at 10:30 here at East Hill. A luncheon will follow. Please go to the EHPN or the QR code to sign up to help provide desserts, sides, or chips, or to sign up to help serve or clean up.

YU Equip Conference: March 16-17 YU will host the fourth annual conference designed to empower Christians to grow and strengthen their local congregations. The theme this year is "Faithful" from Hebrews 10:23, *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering for he who promised is faithful.* You can see the schedule and registration page at the QR code. Registration was recommended by March 6 to ensure availability of all options and materials.

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, March 28, at 1 pm.

The East Hill YouTube channel now has weekly podcasts! Each week's podcast will feature an interview with a member from our church centered on one of that week's Daily Bible readings. You can also watch each week's sermons. Check it out and, if you haven't already done so, please, subscribe. This past week, Jared Pack, shared in the podcast about Sojourners. The next podcast should be online by Monday or Tuesday.

Hastings Church of Christ will host an area wide singing on March 29 from 3-5 pm with a lite meal to follow. There will be special guests from the Nebraska Chirstian High School Chorus who will share their music. The Hastings Church is located at 1131 N Laird Ave in Hastings.

Spring Food Drive: It's time for the Mountain State Children's Home (MSCH) spring food drive. Donations can be left behind the information table in the foyer until Sunday, April 19. Due to Colorado Health Regulations the cannot accept food that is past its labeled expiration date. Please check dates to be sure they won't run out before they get it. There are lists on the bulletin board of needed items and ones they have an abundance of to take with you.

Then Jesus said to all of them, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

East Hill 2026 Theme Verse—Luke 9:23 (NIV)

BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

Prayers:

Kaden Albin is grateful to now be home. He is in a wheelchair, as he is still non-weight bearing with both arms and one leg. He still needs to heal before they will do rehabilitation. Thank you for supporting this family.

Marty Barrett's surgery went very well this last week. At time of printing he was expecting to be discharged on Friday.

Dan Cole is scheduled for heart bypass surgery on Wednesday, March 11. They were unable to stent three valves with considerable blockage during his heart cath, so he now has this surgery coming up.

Nell Cole fell this week and was subsequently hospitalized for observation as she starts a new medication. She has had balance issues for a while now. The plan is for her to return to the Hearthstone to recover.

Robert Cunningham will have surgery on Monday to remove an abdominal tumor and is expected to stay 4-5 days in the hospital. After that, they will wait to hear what the next treatment steps are.

Barbara Hood has been in Bryan West this weekend for a few tests.

Virginia Holland is asking for continued prayers for her grandson, Luke's health, as he has Crohn's disease.

Jared Pack would like to request prayers for his grandmother, Wanda Hames. She is currently fighting Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer and undergoing chemo. In addition to that, this past weekend, she suffered a mild stroke.

John and Ramona Ratliff ask for prayers for their daughter, Cheryl. They are concerned with how long it is taking for her to recover from some recent health issues.

Please keep **Dawn Sikes** in your prayers, she will be having weekly chemotherapy treatments until May.

Esther Morrill, mother of Kevin Morill, a previous member, recently passed. Please keep **Kevin, Allison, and family** in your prayers, especially as they take care of the affairs in York from their home in Wisconsin.

Congratulations to our students who competed on the York High School Speech Team on their Conference win on Monday. Those students include **Ava Goodwin** (Poetry, 1st; Serious, 2nd; Humorous, 1st) and **Peter Dallmann** (OID, 2nd; Duet, 2nd; Humorous, 4th). They compete next in their district meet on March 18.

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 meets on Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 in the fellowship hall. Deloris Hartman is bringing a study on Anxiety.

Praise in Motion will not yet be meeting this week.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Prayer-full-ness – *Never stop praying.*
~I Thessalonians 5:17

Daily Bible Readings

Sun 3/8-Dt 31:1-8, 14-30; 32:1-47
Mon 3/9-Dt 32:48-52; 33:1-29; 34:1-12
Tue 3/10-Joshua 1-5
Wed 3/11-Joshua 6-8
Thu 3/12-Joshua 9-12
Fri 3/13-Joshua 13-14; 15:1-12, 20-63; 16:1-9; 17:1-18
Sat 3/14-Joshua 18-21
Sun 3/15-Joshua 22:1-24:28

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:	March 1, 2026
Weekly Attendance:	261
Weekly Giving	
Budgeted:	$7,482.33
Actual:	$14,994.46
Children's:	$64.92
Year to Date	
Budgeted:	$67,340.97
Giving:	$69,572.06
Children's for Ecuador:	$427.20

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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 meets in the fellowship hall in room A-B. The topic this semester is "Parables of Jesus".

Sunday evening group: The Sunday night small group that meets in Henderson, will not be meeting on March 8 & 15.

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

The Woman at the Well

Worship Leader: Charlie Van Gomple

121 *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*
239 *In Moments Like These*

Prayer of Worship: Danny Jaekel

Reading of John 4:5-42: Dan Keller
The Woman at the Well

Welcome

Only a Holy God
The Heart of Worship
480 *Blessed Assurance*

Communion: Jeff Shafer

Children's Offering

113 *His Grace Reaches Me*

"The Giver"
Mark 12:1-12
Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

922 *Jesus Paid It All*

Shepherd's Prayer: Michael Case

Body Life: Dan Goodwin

Memory Verse: *Isaiah 55:3*