

We're Part of God's Family

Diana and I recently had the wonderful opportunity to babysit all our grandchildren over the long Valentine's Day weekend. Yep, we watched all six of them ranging in age from 3 to 12 years old. The weekend allowed their parents to go and enjoy the time together without kids. It was wonderful beyond description. We had so much fun doing all sorts of things. We played games, we played at the park, we made pizzas, we ate tacos, we cooked chocolate chip pancakes and consumed Valentine's candy until we were almost sick. We stayed up . . . all . . . night . . . long watching movies of their choice. It almost killed us old people before it was over. Yet we loved every minute of it.

One thing I noticed. We have a family of many different personalities. There was a lot of laughter and joy, and smiles. And a lot of sharing of good times. We built many memories that will last a lifetime. It drew us all so much closer together. And yes, there were also moments of moodiness, anger, sorrow, hurts, heartaches and sighs. Sometimes being part of the family can be a little bit tough. But it really is worth it, isn't it?

That's the way it is with God's family. To quote the 1974 song by Lanny Wolfe, "*We're part of the family that's been born again . . . part of the family whose love knows no end; for Jesus has saved us and made us His own. . . part of the family that's on its way home.*" And yes, "*sometimes we laugh together and sometimes we cry. Sometimes we share together heartaches and sighs.*"

This was GOD's design from the beginning.
Eph 1:3-5; 9-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In Love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will . . . He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

So let us enjoy being part of HIS family. We know for the most part our family can be a source of great joy, love and happiness, and a place where we can support and draw strength from one another. We also know there can be a few times when our family can be a source of frustration, sorrow and hurt. That's just the way of family, isn't it? Yet God has designed for us something beautifully wonderful and precious, The Body of Christ. So, as his family, "*Let us dream together of how it will be, when we all get to Heaven, God's family.*"

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.

- C** March
A 24 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot
L 28 Meal Preparation for the Mission
at 1pm in FH
E 29 Area Wide Singing at Hastings
3-5 pm
N April
D 1 LTC Showcase
in Lieu of Bible Classes
A 3 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
3-5 LTC's KC event
R 5 Children's classes combined
for Easter lesson
18 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
19-24 Clothing Giveaway Set-up
22 Devo in lieu of all Bible Classes
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

- 3/22 Liam Grady
3/25 Skylar Scamehorn
3/25 Joe Hendrix
3/26 Madonna Mogul
3/26 Laurie Keeton
3/27 LaRae Melvin
3/27 Charlie Van Gimple
3/28 Alice Yunevich
3/28 Lilly Carr

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Lincoln Food Bank: The Monthly Food Distribution will be Tuesday this week, March 24, from 10:30-11:30 in the south parking lot. Please spread the word.

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.

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 Christian High School Chorus who will share their music. The Hastings Church is located at 1131 N Laird Ave in Hastings.

LTC Showcase: On Wednesday, April 1, all Bible classes will be dismissed and we will all meet in the auditorium for the LTC showcase night. The LTC teams will have an opportunity share what they have been working on with us as well as have a dress rehearsal for the main even in Kansas City on Friday and Saturday.

5:00 pm Sunday Service Coordinator: Willis Hood is stepping down from coordinating the 5:00 pm Sunday service. If you are interested in that ministry, please talk to Glenn Hawley.

Special Children's Bible Class Event: On April 5 the children's classes will have a combined Easter lesson and celebration during the Bible class time. All children (birth-5th grade) may bring their Easter baskets; they will have an egg hunt!

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 they cannot accept food that is past its labeled expiration date. Please check dates to be sure they dates won't run out before they get it. There are lists on the bulletin board to take with you with both needed items and ones they have an abundance of.

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:

Dan Cole's recovery situation improved and he was released from the hospital on Monday. There are still concerns, but being well enough to go home is a blessing. Please keep Dan's recovery in your prayers.

Allan Huskins III asks for prayers for those affected by the head on collision in which four Concordia University students were hit by a wrong way drunk driver. One student was killed, one is in serious condition, the other two have been discharged from the hospital. This will affect families and the campus community Allan is a part of. Please keep them all in prayer.

LaRae Melvin's mom, Wanda Stark, just got a biopsy back with a positive result for breast cancer. She had an appointment last week to schedule surgery and treatment. Wanda is primary caregiver for LaRae's father so this will have a ripple effect on the family. Please remember them in prayer.

Ron Shields was back in the hospital. His blood pressure is still swinging widely between highs and lows and he fell and bumped his head. For the future, they are looking at getting him into short term nursing care where he can get some physical therapy for movement and his meds and blood pressure can be monitored closely so they can find the right balance.

Lynda Smith asks for prayers of healing on the skin graft she received on her leg. She was glad to have good results on the heart tests that she had on Monday. She has been worried about some of the disappointing news she has had from her doctors.

Thank You:

The Sikes family would like to express our gratitude for the love and support the East Hill congregation poured into Robbie's celebration of life service this past weekend. From Hal and Melody volunteering audio, visual, and live-streaming support to those who provided dishes and services for the luncheon — thank you! And thank you for the 2 beautiful bouquets of flowers, cards, and encouragement all along the way.

On behalf of the East Hill family, the elders would like to honor and thank **Robert Cunningham** and **Willis Hood** for their years of service to the congregation. Robert has served as a deacon for 20 years, organizing and supporting the Son Shiners' ministry, while Willis has been coordinating the Sunday evening service at the building. Both men are stepping down from their roles, anticipating that someone will step into the gap and carry on their ministries. We are extremely grateful for how they have displayed their love for the East Hill family and their years of sacrificial service. Well done!

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

A Heart for Missions –
*Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

~Psalm 96:3

Daily Bible Readings

Sun 3/22-Ruth 1-4
Mon 3/23-Judges 13-16
Tue 3/24-Judges 17-18
Wed 3/25-Judges 19-21
Thu 3/26-1 Samuel 1-2
Fri 3/27-1 Samuel 3-7
Sat 3/28-1 Samuel 8-12
Sun 3/29-1 Sam 13-14:45; 1 Chron 9:35-44

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 15, 2026
Weekly Attendance:	285
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,482.33
Actual:	\$4,358.40
Children's:	\$52.60
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$82,305.63
Giving:	\$81,125.61
Children's for Ecuador:	\$546.16

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Tera Knapp 11:30-2:30

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Shepherd of the month is in bold font.

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Ken Van Gomple ----- College Ministry

CAMPUS CONNECTION

College age Class: Dr. Pack's college age class will resume meeting today in the fellowship hall in room A-B. The topic this semester is "Parables of Jesus".

Sunday evening group: You are invited to a small group that meets in Henderson on Sunday nights at 6 pm (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.



Order of Worship

Sitting at the Feet of the Savior

Worship Leader: Simeon Tremaine
Call to Worship

145 *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*
 300 *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Prayer: Brady Sikes

Scripture Reading: Cameron Clifford

John 11:1-37

The Raising of Lazarus

57 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

533 *I am a Sheep*

337 *Hallelujah! What a Savior*

Communion: Terance Kite

Children's Offering

684 *Nearer, My God, To Thee*

"The Withered Fig Tree"

Mark 11:12-26

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

635 *Freely, Freely*

Shepherd's Prayer: Ron Kretz

Body Life: Ken Van Gomple

Memory Verse: *Revelation 5:13*

414 *Anywhere With Jesus*