

Planting Seeds Today, Reaping Fruit Tomorrow

Planting small seeds in the ground. This time of year, many of us are out in the garden, planting tomato plants into the ground and imagining the fruit that will come in a few short months. There's something hopeful about planting season. We kneel down and get dirt on our hands. We plant something tiny and fragile into the ground, and then we trust God will do what only He can do—bring growth.

It's a simple rhythm of life, but it mirrors a deeper spiritual truth. Just as we plant tomatoes in spring with an eye toward the harvest, we are also called to plant the seeds of Christ in the hearts of people around us. Summer brings lots of opportunities—conversations, visits, community events, children's classes, camps, and countless small moments where a word of faith can be sown.

A tomato seedling doesn't look like much. It's tender, easily damaged, and completely dependent on the gardener. Yet with time, sunlight, water, and care, it becomes something fruitful. In the same way, the seeds of Christ often begin small in a person's life. A simple invitation. A kind word. A prayer offered at the right moment. A Bible verse shared. A listening ear. These small acts may not seem significant, but God uses them to grow faith in ways we cannot always see.

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 3:6, "*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.*" Our task is not to force growth but to faithfully plant and water. God handles the harvest.

This summer, as you tend your garden, let each tomato plant remind you of the spiritual planting God calls us to do. Just as tomatoes need good soil, people need hearts softened by love and patience. Just as plants need steady watering, people need consistent encouragement and truth. And just as we protect our gardens from weeds and pests, we help protect young faith by offering guidance, support, and prayer.

Imagine what God could do if each of us planted even one seed of Christ in someone's life this season. A neighbor. A coworker. A child in Bible class. A friend going through a hard time. A visitor who walks through our church doors. Seeds planted today may become strong fruitful disciples tomorrow.

May this be a summer of planting—faithfully, joyfully, and expectantly—trusting that God will bring a harvest far greater than we can imagine.

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 May
31 Mission Sunday
31 Secret Sister Reveal 2:30 pm, FH
31 Area-Wide Singing at 3 pm
Stolley Park Church of Christ in GI

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L June
5 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
13 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
13 Ladies' Crafting Day 2-8 pm in FH
14-20 YU Soul Quest

N 17 No Bible Classes
21 Father's Day

D 23 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot

A July
3 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
11 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH

R 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

5/31 Roxie Heins
6/1 Shirley Weber
6/1 Tim Carr
6/1 Jaxson Davis
6/6 Amy Fraser
6/6 Tom Marsh

5/31 Ron & Madonna Mogul
6/1 Harley & Ellee Williamson
6/3 Eric & Jenny Tremaine
6/4 Timothy & Tonya Carr
6/5 Joel & Melody Coehoorn
6/6 Danny & Patricia Jaekel

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Mission Sunday 2026: Today is a special mission-focused service. It will include a special collection for the Quito School of Biblical Studies in Ecuador. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to support the mission of QSOBS. Donations can also be made through Tithe.ly by selecting Missions rather than General Fund.

Secret Sister Reveal Party: If you participated in the Secret Sister Ministry this last school year, please come to our reveal party TODAY, from 2:30-3:30pm. Please bring a light snack to share and we will participate in some fellowship, reveal who we have been praying for, and have a few "get-to-know-you" games. Please keep your eyes open in the fall, when we will start back up by drawing new Secret Sister names to pray for throughout the school year.

Area-Wide Congregational Singing: Stolley Park Church of Christ will host an area wide singing today at 3 pm. A light meal will be served following the singing. The church is located at 2822 W Stolley Park Rd in Grand Island.

Teacher Sign-Up for Children's Summer Bible Classes: Brittany and Jodie have a monthly sign up for teaching and helping with the children's Bible classes this summer. You can sign up around your vacation plans. We are in need of another helper in June for Wednesday nights. See Brittany Kretz or Jodie Yunevich if you have questions or to sign up for July or August.

Snack Donations are being collected for the Presidential Leadership Institute, a leadership camp for Church of Christ high school students directed by Dr. Jared Pack. If you would like to help, please bring individually packaged snacks and place them in the donation area located in the back of the foyer. Thank you for supporting this ministry and encouraging these students as they grow in their leadership and faith!

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of June. As announced at the beginning of May, we will be passing the trays for communion. The offering box is not yet installed, so plates for the offering will also be passed.

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

Prayer Requests:

Please keep **Bill Norquest** and family in your prayers, as his father, Bruce Norquest, recently passed.

Please also keep **Tony Kreifels**, as well as Adam, Haili, and their family in your prayers as they have recently lost their father, David Kreifels.

East Hill In the Digital Age!

East Hill Prayer & News - Are you connected to our daily e-newsletter, EHPN? Typically we send out at least one email a day to share current prayer requests, needs, and activity announcements. This is a great way to stay informed and discover ways that you can connect with and serve the body of Christ. If you would like to get on the list just contact the office.

East Hill Digital Directory - Do you have our church directory downloaded to your smartphone or computer? The directory has all our contact information and pictures, which is a great tool for helping all of us at least identify one another—the first step in getting to know each other. The app and site are called "Instant Church Directory." Only East Hill members with their email in the directory have access to our information. Call the church office if you need help. You can also contact us for a paper directory, but it won't update itself :).

Online Giving - Digital options can make giving easier to manage too. We are signed up with a program called *Tithe.ly* to accept your giving online. If you are interested, go to the "Online Giving" tab on our church website (easthillcofc.org) and click the bright green "Give" button. You can set your donation to be one time or recurring and made with a credit or debit card or through your bank account.

Social Media - 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/>.

Sermons - You can 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 has wrapped up for this year. It will resume in the fall.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Mercy – Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

~Luke 6:36

Daily Bible Readings

Sun 5/31– Eccl 3:1-17; 11:7-12:8; 13-14

Mon 6/1 - 1 Kings 12; 13:1-24

Tue 6/2 - 1 Kings 13:25-34; 14; 15; 2 Chronicles 12; 13

Wed 6/3 - 2 Chronicles 14-17; 1 Kings 15; 16

Thu 6/4 - 1 Kings 17-19

Fri 6/5 - 1 Kings 20-22:28; 2 Chronicles 18

Sat 6/6 - I Kings 22:29-53; 2 Kings 1; 2 Chronicles 19-20

Sun 6/7 - 2 Kings 2; 4; 6:1-7; 8:1-2

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:	May 24, 2026
Weekly Attendance:	
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,482.33
Actual:	\$7,379.45
Children's:	74.00
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$157,128.93
Giving:	\$154,105.53
Children's for Ecuador:	\$1,034.95

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Children's Ministry - School Age

Brittany Kretz

Children's Ministry - Preschool

Jodie Yunevich

Youth Ministry - Coordinator

Dan & Julie Goodwin

Administrative Assistants

Michele Briggs 11:00 am—2:00 pm
 Tera Knapp 2:00—5:00 pm

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
 Troy Flynt ----- Treasurer
 Dan Goodwin----- Youth
 Trent Hinton ----- Livestream
 Casey Kinnison ----- Facilities
 Larry Light ----- Single Seniors
 Jared Pack --- Fellowship & Involvement
 Jeff Shafer ----- Worship Support
 Kyle Stewart ----- Media
 Ken Van Gomple ----- College Ministry

Nebraska Youth Camp

Session Dates:

Beginner (K-3rd grade)

June 15-17 and 18-20

Junior (3rd-6th)

June 21-27 and June 28-July 4

Intermediate (6th-9th)

July 5-11 and 12-18

Senior (9th-12th)

July 19-25 and July 26-Aug 1

Summer Sessions are just around the corner. You can find sessions for the different grade ranges and register at the QR code or at nebraskayouthcamp.com.



Order of Worship

Christ for the World

Worship Leader: Glenn Dallmann

626 Christ for the World We Sing

Reading: Trey Colle

Psalm 67

Prayer of Worship: Keith Knight

Welcome

Shout to the North

How Great is our God

Mighty to Save

Just as I Am (I Come Broken)

Communion: Danny Jaekel

Children's Offering

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

**Ecuador Mission Report
 Special Offering for QSOBS**

635 Freely, Freely

**Colorado Mission Report
 Invitation for Prayer**

771 Lord, Speak to Me

446 Hear, O Israel

Shepherd's Prayer: Ron Kretz

Body Life: Dan Goodwin

Memory Verse: *John 20:30*

Blessing