

The Stones Still Speak

Rose and I just returned from a bucket list “Exodus Tour” that traced much of the Biblical narrative through Egypt, Jordan, and Israel. Our heads and hearts are about to explode! Spending a fortnight on stones where Pharaohs, patriarchs, prophets, and our Savior trod had me tearing through my Bible trying to connect the dots like never before. We’re here to tell you: The stones still speak.

Few stones communicate like the pyramids of Giza even though they aren’t mentioned in the Bible and, no, the Israelites didn’t build them. They were already quite old by the time of Moses. Nonetheless, it’s hard to imagine Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and Jesus’ family not having seen these colossal 50-story structures. Their stones testify to what big faith in a little god can accomplish.

There are around 125 ancient pyramids in Egypt and yours truly was the only one in our group to take up the offer to enter a 3700-year old stone pyramid from the time of Joseph. In that same area we saw Joseph’s stone storehouses, in which he used Pharaoh’s signet ring to store-up grain when times were good (**Genesis 41:48-49**).

After crossing the Sinai we made it to the prodigious, rock-carved city of Petra (remember *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade?*), which poignantly illustrates Obadiah’s prophecy against Edom because of their hostility toward Israel, “*The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, ‘Who will bring me down to the ground?’*” (**Obadiah 1:3**).

The stones beneath our feet finally took us into Galilee where the New Testament came to life! Jesus traveled throughout this area “teaching in their synagogues” (**Matthew 4:23**). In Magdala, we stood inside a recently excavated first-century synagogue whose basalt columns likely heard our Lord teach. Was this where Jesus called Mary Magdalene?

The semi-interred synagogue in Capernaum rattled my heart with the Lord’s many teachings heard within its walls, not least of which was Jesus’ “Bread of Life” discourse in **John 6**. Some turned heels and left (v. 66), others clung to Jesus even more closely, “Lord, to whom shall we go?” (v. 68) All that and more happened on the very stones I was staring at.

At Megiddo, the stones whispered but spoke nonetheless as we strolled alone through its unearthed gates, homes, and horse stalls. Quite a bit happened on the plains of Megiddo, much of it bloody. King Josiah was killed there (**2 Kings 23:29**). Not far away was the expansive ruins of Beth-Shean, on whose stone walls the Philistines displayed the bodies of King Saul and Jonathan after their deaths on nearby Mt. Gilboa (**1 Samuel 31:10**).

Among the most deeply moving stones were the massive Southern Steps leading up to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. These giant, uneven stairs were the main entrance for everyday worshippers. Jesus likely ascended these exact steps to enter the Temple and drive out the money changers (**Mark 11:15**). It is also the most probable location of Peter’s Pentecost sermon, which launched the church with 3,000 baptisms (**Acts 2:41**) in the dozens of public stone baths that flank the stairs to the west.

My most “wow” stone memory came on our last day in the City of David, where I made a solo trip through the normally-crowded Hezekiah’s Tunnel (**2 Kings 20:20; 2 Chronicles 32:30**). This passageway was hand-chiseled through solid bedrock 2800 years ago to secure Jerusalem’s water supply from an imminent Assyrian siege, exactly as recorded in Scripture (**2 Kings 20:20; 2 Chronicles 32:30**). The shoulder-width tunnel is 600 yards long, as low as 4 feet high with spring water flowing knee-deep along the bottom. Not recommended

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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, minister, or elders know how we can serve you.

C June
14-20 YU Soul Quest

A 17 No Bible Classes
21 Father's Day

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

E 24 Ice Cream Social after Bible Class
marking the ministry of Glenn D.

N July
3 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
11 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
28 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot

D Save the Date:
East Hill's Women's retreat is scheduled
for the weekend of Oct 30-Nov 1

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

- 6/15 Michael Case
- 6/15 Anita Carr
- 6/16 Sylvia White
- 6/16 Mandy Smith
- 6/17 Ron Kretz
- 6/19 Tommy Carr
- 6/20 Milan Babcock
- 6/20 Rick White
- 6/14 Kyle & Chandra Stewart
- 6/17 Travis & Heather Suhr
- 6/18 Ivan & Vickie Keller
- 6/18 Brian & Mandy Smith

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Soul Quest begins this afternoon. They will be using our building for their morning chapel and evening worship time for the whole group and there will be classes in the fellowship hall and youth room in the morning and early afternoon. Our regular Wednesday night Bible classes will not meet this week. They will have a worship time and lesson from 6:45-8:15 each evening. You are welcome to join them.

Mission Sunday Total has come to \$13,029. Thank you so much for your contributions and prayers that support this ministry.

At the office: Andrae Clifford will be helping Tera out in the church office June 22 through July 3 while Michele Briggs is gone to Nebraska Youth Camp. Also, Simeon Tremaine will be serving as worship coordinator for the foreseeable future. We thank Simeon for being willing to take on this ministry.

An Ice Cream Social will be held on Wednesday, June 24, immediately after Bible classes to celebrate the ministry of Glenn Dallmann at East Hill. The ice cream and toppings will be provided, if you are interested, please bring cookies or bars to share.

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. The items will be collected through the end of June.

Clothing Giveaway Pick-Ups: Michele Briggs is looking for someone or someones who could pick up four clothing donations while she is gone to camp. The pick ups would be on June 22, 24, 29 and July 1. Please contact Michele if you can help one, two, three or all of those days.

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:

Jerald Bennett recently had an MRI and it looks like he will need surgery for a torn rotator cuff. He hopes to see the surgeon sooner rather than later. He will have restrictions and will be out of work. Please keep him in your prayers.

Brenda Reicheneker will have cataract surgery on her left eye on Thursday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Dawn Sikes is going through difficult days because of intense chemotherapy. Please continue to pray for her.

Robert Vickrey requests prayers for an ongoing health battle.

Thank You:

Church family, the Flynts and Frasers want to thank you for lifting us up in prayer while we walked through several difficult days! We also appreciate the beautiful flower arrangement! Thank you!

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: You can find sessions for the different grade ranges and register at the QR code or online at nebraskayouthcamp.com.

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

Biblical Self-Image – For we are all God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

~Ephesians 2:10

Daily Bible Readings

Sun 6/14 - 2 Chron 24; 2 Kings 10:32– ch. 13

Mon 6/15 - 2 Chron 25; 2 Kgs 14

Tue 6/16 - Jonah 104

Wed 6/17 - Hosea 1-3

Thu 6/18 - Hosea 4-9

Fri 6/19 - Hosea 10-14; 2 Chron 26:1-15

Sat 6/20 - Amos 1-4

Sun 6/21 - Amos 5-9

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:	June 7, 2026
Weekly Attendance:	226
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,482.33
Actual:	\$7,193.20
Children's:	\$31.00
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$172,093.59
Giving:	\$166,185.18
Children's for Ecuador:	\$1,105.15

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 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

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

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for the claustrophobic! Inside I stopped to listen to the stone, because for those few moments I had that real piece of Bible history all to myself.

During Jesus' triumphal entry the Pharisees demanded Jesus silence His praising disciples. He replied, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out" (**Luke 19:40**). Faith can't be based on archaeology, but Rose & I can confidently affirm that the stones are still crying out. The physical evidence backing the Bible text is overwhelming. Go experience it if you can but, above all, believe it and live it.

— Mark Miller

Order of Worship

Called to Follow

Worship Leader: Charlie Van Gomple
 650 *Send the Light*

Prayer of Worship: Dan Goodwin

Scripture Reading: Cameron Clifford
Matthew 9:35-10:20

Welcome

674 *I Have Decide to Follow Jesus*
 722 *Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me*
 915 *Trust and Obey*

"Blessed is the Man"

Psalms 1

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

662 *All to Jesus I Surrender*

Communion: Lonnie Shafer

Children's Offering

I Want to be a Worker for the Lord

Shepherd's Prayer: Eric Tremaine

Body Life: Ken Van Gomple

Scripture Memory: *Luke 9:23*

705 *A Common Love*