

Four Freedoms

Our country turns 250 years old this week. One quarter of a millennia. That is quite the achievement for our experiment in democracy. As they moved toward this goal, the Founding Fathers spoke loudly and often about freedom.

Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature. – Benjamin Franklin, 1807

The establishment of civil and religious liberty was the motive which induced me to the field. – George Washington, 1783

Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death! – Patrick Henry, 1775

Often lost among the many other voices of her day was another voice that pleaded for freedom, the voice of Phillis Wheatley. Phillis was born in West Africa and sold into slavery as a child. Purchased by the Wheatley family in Boston, they taught Phillis to read both English and Latin. They taught her about Christ. And they encouraged her as she began to write poetry. The Wheatley's emancipated her soon after she published a book of poetry that was popular both in England and in America.

In 1774, as the revolution approached, Phillis penned these words that reflect her life experience and her faith. "In every human breast, God has implanted a principle, which we call love of freedom; it is impatient of oppression and pants for deliverance."

The revolutionaries often spoke of being driven by a desire for freedom of speech, of religion, from unjust taxes, and many other things. Wheatley cut straight to the heart of the matter in saying that this desire for freedom comes from God himself.

Christianity is a religion of freedom. The liberties it brings are neither governmental nor economic, but rather spiritual. Consequently, they are the most important.

In Christ we are free from sin. The biblical story is scarcely more than two chapters along before the perfect world that God created is marred by sin. It would be enough if only the physical world was harmed, but a much deeper tragedy also occurred: humanity became subject to sin.

The guilt of sin was not inherited, but the capacity sin and the longing to sin was. One by one we succumbed. Person by person we crossed over into sinfulness. Billions of souls became enslaved to a life that would not let us go.

We all remained in that state until God came in the person of Jesus. Romans 6:10 says that Jesus "died to sin" or he "broke the power of sin" over us. We are now dead to sin and alive in Christ.

In Christ we are free from Satan. Sin did not enter this world by accident. Satan was the instigator of our rebellion against God. In doing so, he gained power over us.

Jesus calls Satan "the ruler of this world (John 12:31), Paul calls him "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2), and John says that "the whole world lies in the power of the evil one" (1 John 5:19). The person and the power of Satan is very real.

But for followers of Jesus, that power is broken. The spiritual war is engaged and we have been emancipated from Satan. The Holy Spirit now lives in us, and we are children of God.

In Christ we are free from death. With sin came death. Physical death, yes, but also spiritual death. Our sins separated us from God and prevented the everlasting fellowship that was ours at the beginning.

But Christ frees us from this, also. In 1 Corinthians 15:50-57, Paul assures the church that death in this realm is only temporary. We have a resurrection with new bodies to look forward to when "the mortal puts on immortality."

In Christ we are free from human restrictions. When Paul wrote to the Galatians, he challenged well-meaning Christians who wanted to impose the Law of Moses on fellow believers. In Rome there were those who wanted to enforce a code on eating meat and celebrating holidays. In Colossae there were those who insisted on asceticism for the true Christian.

Today there are still well-meaning Christians who place regulations on diet and days, on clothing styles, on the amount that you give, on the number of hours you read the Bible, and on other practices that "have the appearance of wisdom" (Colossians 2:23).

But disciples of Christ are children of God and are given the right, and responsibility, to make up their own minds on these life practices. Paul wrote, "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1). We owe our allegiance only to God, and man has no authority to legislate where God has not.

As Phillis Wheatley wrote, God has implanted the love of freedom in each of us. As Christians, we revel in this more than anyone else can.

— Glenn Hawley

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 A L E N D A R

July

- 10 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30 pm
- 11 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
- 25 Meals for the Mission Preparation EH kitchen at 1:00 pm
- 28 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot

Save the Date:

East Hill's Women's Retreat is scheduled for the weekend of Oct 30-Nov 1

Fall Clothing Giveaway set up will be October 11-16 with the Giveaway on the 17th.

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

- 6/29 Ron Mogul
- 6/29 Deanna Ellis
- 6/30 Carter Sikes
- 7/3 Lauren Alley
- 7/3 Lanny Turner
- 7/3 Sam Orman
- 7/3 Minnie Vickrey
- 7/3 Logan Rice
- 7/3 Thomas Bonde
- 7/3 Dominick Tandy
- 7/4 Ken Alley

C E L E B R A T E

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

At the office: Andrae Clifford will be helping Tera out in the church office 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. The office will be **closed** on Friday, July 3. Please have bulletin information and announcements to the office by Thursday at 9 am.

Our Church Directory needs to be updated and cleaned up. If you need any information or pictures updated, please email or call the office. If you don't have access to our Online Directory, there is more information about that on the back page of the bulletin today. (We also hope to update the mailboxes soon.) Please contact the office if we can help in any way.

Snack Donations are being collected through today 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 place the donations in the area located in the back of the foyer or contact Jared Pack with questions. Thank you to all who have helped with donations.

Son Shiners will not meet on Friday, July 3, as the restaurant will be closed for the Fourth of July holiday. They will plan to meet again on Friday, July 10, at 5:30 pm.

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

Session Dates:

Junior (3rd-6th) June 28-July 4

Intermediate (6th-9th) July 5-11 and 12-18

Senior (9th-12th) July 19-25 and July 26-Aug 1



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 has surgery scheduled to repair his torn rotator cuff on Tuesday, July 14. Please keep his recovery in your prayers.

La Rae Melvin is scheduled for a knee replacement surgery this Tuesday, June 30. She would like to request prayers for her short term disability to kick in and for a speedy recovery.

It's been a year since **Andrae Clifford** had treatment for Lyme's disease and she would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers and notes of encouragement over the last year.

Brenda Reicheneker's doctor reported that her recent cataract surgery has improved her vision. She has an appointment coming up to monitor her left eye for some other things and she is hoping to avoid further treatments or possible surgery for that eye. Thank you to all who have helped, encouraged, and prayed for her.

Congratulations: **Dannie Turner** was baptized on Wednesday night. Dannie has been worshipping with us for the past month. We rejoice with her decision to put on Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Please keep her in your prayers.

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

Courage – Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

~Deuteronomy 31:6

Daily Bible Readings

Mon 6/29 - Isaiah 8-9

Tues 6/30 - Isaiah 10-12; 2 Chron 28

Wed 7/1 - Isaiah 15-17_

Thu 7/2 - Isaiah 21; 23; 34; 2 Kgs 16

Fri 7/3 - Isaiah 13-14

Sat 7/4 - 2 Chron 29-31

Sun 7/5 - Isaiah 24-26; 32; 35

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 21, 2026
Weekly Attendance:	210
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,482.33
Actual:	\$4,389.85
Children's:	\$30.75
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$187,058.25
Giving:	\$175,421.18
Children's for Ecuador:	\$1,160.83

East Hill Church of Christ
 1122 Delaware Ave. (Building)
 1225 E 10th St. (Mailing/Offices)
 York, NE 68467
 Office: (402) 362-4990
 Email: easthillsecretary@gmail.com
 Website: www.easthillcofc.org
 WiFi: EHguest PW: JesusIsLord!

Ministry Staff:

Preaching Minister

Glenn Hawley

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

Shepherds:

Tim Carr

Michael Case (June)

Ron Kretz (July)

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

East Hill In the Digital Age!

East Hill Prayer & News - Do you get our daily e-newsletter, EHPN? We share current prayer requests, needs, and activity announcements in the email so you can stay informed and discover ways to connect with and serve the body of Christ. If you would like to get on the list, contact the office.

East Hill Digital Directory - Have you set up your access to our digital church directory? The directory has members contact information and pictures too! Search for "Instant Church Directory" in your app store or on the web. 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. You can give to East Hill through Tithely. Go to the "Online Giving" tab on our church website (easthillcofc.org) and click the bright green "Give" button to sign up. You can set your donation to be one time or recurring and you can make it 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 at easthillcofc.org/social-media/
Sermons - You can visit our YouTube channel, @EHCOFC for our sermons and podcasts on our daily Bible reading.

Order of Worship

Bless the Lord

Worship Leader: Simeon Tremaine

Welcome

144 O *Worship the King*

96 I *Stand in Awe*

810 *Listen to our Hearts*

Prayer: Jeff Shafer

Matthew 10:40-42

Reading: Kyle Stewart

577 *We Bow Down*

Only a Holy God

Communion: Lonnie Shafer

Children's Offering

10,000 Reasons

"The Space Between"

Psalm 103

Glenn Hawley

113 *His Grace Reaches Me*

Shepherd's Prayer: Todd Sheldon

Body Life: Titus Robison

Memory Verse: Psalm 105:2

846 *God of Grace and God of Glory*