

I am not Ashamed of the Gospel

I never tire of studying Paul's letter to the Romans. A great way to illustrate the power of this letter is to point out the impact that reading it has had on several notable people in Christian history. This includes Augustine, Martin Luther, John Wesley, and Karl Barth. Consider the dilemma that Barth faced. He was a young pastor of a church in Safenwil, Switzerland from 1911-1921. He was aware that the credibility of the Christian faith was under attack in his day. When World War I began, the roar of distant guns reminded his parishioners that nations in which Christianity was the dominant religion were at war with each other. How could he convince his people that the faith they professed was still relevant? The teachings of Christ did not seem to be having any impact on His followers.

In 1916 Barth began recording his reflections on the letter to the Romans. He would write until 1918 and publish the first edition of his famous commentary in 1919. Barth would continue to revise his reflections on Romans throughout most of his life. Through his writings on Romans many found new hope in the gospel, even in an age of world wars and nuclear bombs.

So, what did Barth rediscover in Paul's great letter? Simply put, Barth saw with greater clarity the truth that God in His awesome righteousness stands over against a broken and sinful world. The gospel is His message of salvation offered to people who will yield in faith to His power in the crucified and risen Christ. As the guns of war thundered, Barth thundered all the more that the greater the depravity the greater the need of the gospel.

The problems we encounter within ourselves and in the world should not cause us to flee from the gospel, but toward it. Indeed, Jesus is our only refuge! The problem

with the Christian faith of his day was that Christian leaders had tried to put God in the boxes of orthodoxy and nationalism. This God had become servant of fallen men. But the God of the gospel will not be put into a box. His clearest revelation is in the person of a humble Jewish peasant who died on a Roman cross. This humble peasant stands before His followers in such a world and says, "Believe in me."

It is worthwhile to read Barth today. It is more worthwhile to do today what Barth tried to do for his day. Our world faces crises similar to those confronted a century ago. In our world, democracy may be on its way out and nations will turn to some form of authoritarianism. We seem determined to ignore the lessons of the past century. Many think the way forward is to return to the wisdom of the "founding fathers," and their love of freedom. But without a moral foundation freedom becomes license and chaos rules. As our world becomes more secular, and AI creeps into everything we do making our lives more "efficient," we groan under the weight of meaninglessness. Our lives are more efficient, but for what? What are we here for? These are hard questions. None of our leaders seem willing or able to answer them.

In my imagination I can see the young pastor in Safenwil prayerfully opening the Roman letter and seeking to read it afresh. What does the gospel have to say to our dilemma? ... That is a good question. Over the next few weeks, take time to read and meditate on Paul's great letter, and let me know what you find. Perhaps you will add your name to the notable people whose lives have been transformed by reading Paul's letter to the Romans.

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

C July
28 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot

A Aug
1 Meals for the Mission Preparation
EH kitchen at 1:00 pm

L 5 Youth Group Jump Up Night
6-8 pm at Yunevich home

E 7 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at
5:30 pm

N 8 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
8 Fun & Fellowship 5-9 pm in FH

D 22 YU New Students Arrive
22 Ladies Crafting 2-8 pm in FH

A 26 YU Classes Begin

R Save the Dates:

The Women's Heartfelt Brunch will
be Saturday, September 19

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

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

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

7/26 Bobby DeHart
7/27 Rachel Kreifels
7/28 Courtney Kinnison
7/30 Joyce Angle
7/30 Mahina Lotulelei
7/31 Larry Light

7/30 Bobby & Erin DeHart
7/31 David & Collette Kretz
8/1 Paulo & Ana Carvalho
8/1 Bryan & Susan Becker

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Church Directory: We would like to get updated pictures and information for our directory. If you have the online directory, you can make updates right in the app! If you would like access to the app, just look up, "Instant Church Directory" in your app store. You can also find links to the app on our webpage on the member selection under the "about us" tab. The icon is pictured above. Your login is based on the email address you shared with us. If you are unsure what address is in there, please contact the office. If you aren't ready to go digital, please check your information in the printed directory in the foyer. We would like to have updates by August 9 so we can print copies for those who want paper copies.



Food Distribution: The Lincoln Food Bank will distribute food from our south parking lot this Tuesday, July 28, from 10:30-11:30 am this week. Please spread the word. If you would like to help pass out the food, please contact Tonya Carr.

Meals for the Mission: Freezer meals for the Hope Gospel Rescue Mission to serve to those in need will be put together this Saturday, August 1, at 1:00 pm in the church kitchen. If you can put things in a bag, you can help!

Youth Group Jump Up Night: All incoming 6th-12th grade students are invited to our Youth Group Jump Up Night as we officially welcome our incoming 6th graders into the youth group! It will be Wednesday, August 5, from 6:00-8:00 pm at Ken & Jodie Yunevich's home. Join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrate this exciting milestone and kick off another great year together. We look forward to welcoming our newest youth group members! Additional details will be shared on the Band app.

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:

Jerry Glassburner, **Rose Cuyler-Glassburner's** father-in-law, is in serious condition and may not live long. Rose has asked for our prayers. **Ron Shields** was admitted to the hospital for a few days because of an infection, low blood pressure, and passing out. He was expected to be there until Saturday.

Please remember **Dawn Sikes** as she is almost done with her cancer treatments. She will have surgery on September 23, and she is hoping that she will be cancer free.

Linda Van Esch, the mother of **Scott Van Esch**, passed away on Thursday night. She had been declining for some weeks. Please keep Scott and Kim in your prayers.

Robert Vickrey will be having serious open-heart surgery this Wednesday, July 29. Please keep Robert and Minnie in your prayers.

Alice Yunevich was admitted Wednesday to Bryan West for fractures in her spine, a bulging disk, and an abscess in her hip, which will likely need surgery. In addition, she continues to struggle with heart and kidney disease as well as related conditions. Pray for her physical and mental comfort.

Body Life:

Congratulations: We are excited to share the birth of **Drs. Anessa and Tim Westbrook's** granddaughter, Evelyn Rose Stout. She was born July 19, and was 8lbs 15oz, and 21.5 inches. The parents are Blake and Alina Stout who live in Piedmont, Oklahoma.

Titus, Bella, and Kaewyn Robison and Julie and Jeremy Stachura are headed to Italy (at the time of printing) on a mission trip to serve at a Bible camp there. Please keep their travels and the time there in your prayers.

Help Needed: **Alan Bastyr** is requesting help as he leaves his apartment. This Tuesday, July 28, his brothers will come to move him out. If you are able to help, please contact the office to get in touch with Alan.

LaRae Melvin's parents, Coy and Wanda Stark, will be celebrating their 65th anniversary on August 12. If you want to send them a card, you can give it to LaRae and she will include it in with her package that she is sending to them at the beginning of August.

If anyone is in need of a transport chair, you can text **Willis Hood** for information.

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

Peace-Loving – *Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.* ~Romans 14:19

Daily Bible Readings

Sun 7/26 - Jer 3:6-5:13

Mon 7/27 - Jer 5:14-ch 6

Tues 7/28 - Jer 7-9

Wed 7/29 - Hab 1-3

Thu 7/30 - 2 Kings 24:1,7; 2 Chron 36:6,7; Jer 25 & 35

Fri 7/31 - Jer 36 & 45

Sat 8/1 - Dan 1:3-20; ch 2

Sun 8/2 - 2 Kings 24:1-6; 2 Chron 36:8; Jer 22:18-23, ch 48, 49:1-33

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:	July 19 2026
Weekly Attendance:	213
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,482.33
Actual:	\$4,773.75
Children's:	\$80.01
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$216,987.57
Giving:	\$201,933.25
Children's for Ecuador:	\$1,307.09

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Jodie Yunevich

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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

Ron Kretz (July)

Keith Miller (Aug)

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 Gompel ----- College Ministry

Memory Verses for July 12-August 9 Ephesians 4:1-6

*As a prisoner for the Lord,
then, I urge you to live a life
worthy of the calling you have
received.*

*Be completely humble and
gentle; be patient, bearing with
one another in love.*

*Make every effort to keep the
unity of the Spirit through the
bond of peace.*

*There is one body and one
Spirit—just as you were called
to one hope when you were
called.*

*One Lord, one faith, one
baptism; one God and Father
of all who is over all and
through all and in all.*

Order of Worship

The Reason We Sing

Worship Leader: Steddon Sikes

227 On Zion's Glorious Summit

Psalm 77

Reading: Rick White

Great Are You Lord

226 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer: Terence Kite

Cornerstone

Come to the Table of Mercy

Communion: Eric Tremaine

Children's Offering

123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

"I Will Remember"

Psalm 77

Glenn Hawley

Had it Not Been the Lord

Shepherd's Prayer: Tim Carr

Body Life: Ken Van Gompel

Memory Verse: *Ephesians 4:3*

Salvation Belongs to Our God