

“The Throne of Grace” Hebrews 4:14-16

One way to understand the message of the Bible is with this observation. The Creator crowned His creation with the human pair. He made beings made in His image and likeness, with the ability to exercise dominion and imitate their Creator in their own acts of creativity. But now the Creator has a problem, and the story of scripture demonstrates how He resolves it.

Here is the problem. This God is passionate toward the human family. He loves us deeply and wants us to experience the kind of life that He does. It is a life of unlimited joy, satisfying toil, love shaped community, beings that enhance the lives of everyone they touch. The problem is that the Creator has made beings that are not like Him. He is divine, we are human. He is spirit, we are flesh. He is perfect, we are weak. It is impossible for God to lie; it is inevitable that we will lie. God wants to understand His sin-prone creatures well enough to help them, from the inside-out, as it were. But as the perfect, spiritual being He is, He cannot.

Now, God is fully capable of solving this problem, but only if He becomes human. And so, He has. We call this amazing act of love the incarnation: God has become human in the person of Jesus Christ. Now, God the Son can understand. The divine Son can be tempted. He experiences human weaknesses and desire for things that are selfish and destructive. He can lie with a straight face and exploit others for personal gain. This is how Heb. 4:15 puts it, “*He was tempted in all ways as we are*” Jesus the divine Son understands weakness. He has known the desire to sin. His heart has been filled with fear and despair. He knows why some of us turn to prostitution, how greed motivates us to love money.

But the crucial conclusion to this statement is, “yet without sin.” He was tempted because He lived in a body of flesh, but He did not succumb.

Here is the point. He made this incredible journey from divine glory to human misery just so that He could help us. He cares about the frustrations and fears that we put up with every day. There are no pains, no tears, no temptations to sin that Jesus does not understand. And because He understands yet did not sin, He can help us. “*So let us approach the throne of grace with boldness*”

Do we need help? Do we need someone willing to listen as we explain what it is like to be in this body of flesh? Do we need someone who can cry with us, and not judge us, and say, “I know how hard life can be.” Do we need someone willing to stay with us and help us as we try to keep walking toward the light? Do we need someone who will help us get back on our feet after we fall? Do we need someone who will always be there and will not change His attitude toward us even if we change? Of course we do! Jesus is our high priest, our intercessor, our advocate. It is His job to take our plight to the Father, to close the gap, to span the gulf between the awesome Creator and the weak and frail creatures He loves.

How do you feel to know that God loves you this much? Do you want to come closer? Yes, life is difficult. But God is offering His own Son to help. You can find Him at the throne of grace. He is always waiting, listening. One more question: How is your prayer life?

~ 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.

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Help or donations needed! If you would be willing to provide food monthly or every other month for our college small group, please reach out to Ken or Sarah Van Gomple. If you are not able to provide food, but would like to donate towards this cause, we would appreciate that as well. This group will start meeting on Sunday, October 4, at the Rozeke's. We are very thankful to them for opening their home. We also want to express appreciation to the extended Carr family on hosting this group for the past several years. What an example of generous hospitality the Carr family has been!

The Women's Retreat is coming up October 30–November 1 at Timberlake Ranch in Marquette, Nebraska! We'll begin on Friday at 5:00 pm and wrap up around noon on Sunday. This year's theme, "Faith Through Different Seasons," is inspired by Ecclesiastes 3:1: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." We would love for you to join us for a special time of connection, refreshment, encouragement, and meaningful memories together. The registration fee is \$95. You can secure your spot with a \$25 deposit and pay the remaining balance when you arrive. (Meals will include Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast.) You can register at the QR code, and registration payments can be turned into the office (or office personnel). **Registrations are needed by October 4 to complete the venue reservation.** Please make checks out to East Hill Church of Christ. If you have any questions, please contact: Diana Kretz or Ana Carvalho.



Annual Life Chain: Everyone is invited from across York County to gather as a Christian Community in a prayerful and silent show of respect for all life and an end to abortion. This Annual Life Chain event will be held Sunday, October 4, from 2 to 3 pm, on the east side of the York County Courthouse, 5th & Grant Ave. These annual Life Chains have been held for the past 37 years throughout the United States and in York County for over 22 years. Signs will be provided along with refreshments for all.

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2 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30 pm

3 Ladies' Crafting 2-8 pm in FH

4 Annual Life Chain event 2-3 pm east side of County Courthouse

10 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH

10 Chili Cookoff 5:30 pm in FH

11 Clothing Giveaway set up 5:30 p

12-15 Sorting for Clothing giveaway 9 am to 9 pm

16 Clothing Final Set-up 9 am

17 Clothing Giveaway 8 am-noon

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

30-1 Women's Retreat Timberlake Ranch Camp

N November

1 End of Daylight Saving Time fall back one hour

6 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30 pm

8 Baby Shower for Mallory Tremaine 2 pm in FH

12 Women's Christmas Crafts night

14 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH

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

25 Devotional in lieu of Bible Classes

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

9/27 Dana Schmid
9/28 Alice Coehoorn
9/30 Kim Tandy

10/2 Cameron & Andrae Clifford

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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

Cheryl Booth will have her gall bladder removed on Wednesday in an outpatient surgery. Please keep her and her recovery in your prayers.

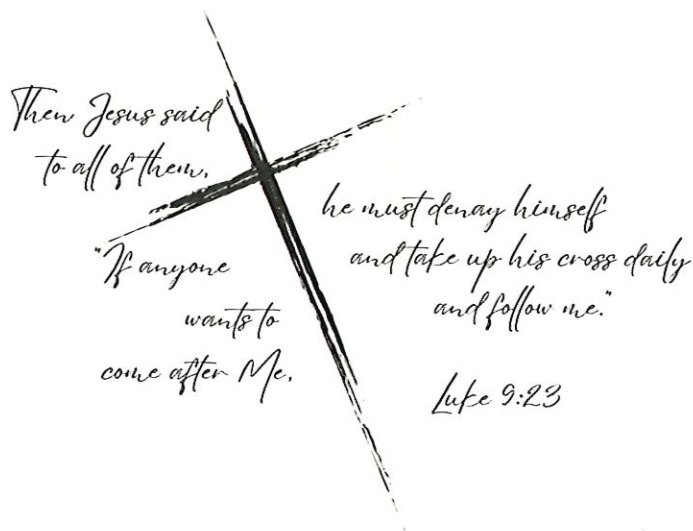
Chana Marsh has had pneumonia for 7 weeks now. She is scheduled for a CT on Tuesday to see what else they can figure out.

Quinn Scamehorn's echocardiogram was completed on Tuesday. His heart is pumping well and both sides of the heart are getting enough blood. However, it was discovered his rhythm is off and his heart rate is slower than normal. He is being referred to a Cardiac Electrophysiologist for a treatment plan.

Dawn Sikes had a successful surgery last Thursday. She was to return home on Friday.

Lynda Smith has thyroid surgery scheduled for tomorrow.

Alice Yunevich passed away last Friday morning. Please keep the Yunevich family in your prayers.



The congregation here does not pass a plate for your offering each Sunday. Should you choose to honor God by sharing in His work, there are offering boxes on the back wall of the auditorium and in the foyer.

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 in the fellowship hall on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The study is on the book, "Committed to Listen" by Michelle Goff.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Hope — *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

~Romans 15:13

Daily Bible Readings

Sun 9/27 - Zech 1:7-21; ch 2-6

Mon 9/28 - Ezra 6:14-22, Zech 7-8

Tue 9/29 - Ps 78

Wed 9/30 - Ps 107, 116, 118, 125

Thu 10/1 - Ps 126, 128, 129, 132, 147, 149

Fri 10/2 - Zech 9-14

Sat 10/3 - Esther 1-4

Sun 10/4 - Esther 5-10

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:	Sept 20, 2026
Weekly Attendance:	255
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,482.33
Actual:	\$9,332.65
Children's:	\$155.15
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$284,328.54
Giving:	\$267,488.88
Children's for Ecuador:	\$1,976.37

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

Shepherds:

Tim Carr
Michael Case
Ron Kretz
Keith Miller
Mark Miller (Sept)
Todd Sheldon (Oct)
Steddon Sikes
Eric Tremaine

Shepherd of the month is in bold font.

CAMPUS CONNECTION:

Save the date! The college small group that met at the Carr's house last year is starting up at a different location on Sunday, October 4.

Mark your calendars. The QR code takes you to the same GroupMe as last year where you can reach out if you need a ride.

We look forward to seeing you there for food and fellowship!



Deacons ----- Area of Service

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

Order of Worship

You Remember Us

Worship Leader: Glenn Dallmann

6 All Creatures of Our God and King
God of Wonders

Congregational Reading: *Psalm 8*

Prayer: Brady Sikes

Welcome

113 His Grace Reaches Me
286 Wonderful Story of Love
Still

287 There is a Redeemer

Lord's Supper: Willis Hood

Children's Offering

577 We Bow Down

Scripture Reading: Dan Keller
Matthew 23:1-12

"Inside and Out"

Matthew 23
Glenn Hawley
Break My Heart

Congregational Reading: *Psalm 63:3-5*
Doxology

Shepherd's Prayer: Michael Case

Body Life: Titus Robison
Memory Verse: *1 Peter 4:7*