

Times of Transitions: A Natural Part of Our Christian Walk

Yep, I find myself in a time of transition right now. I just retired last month, and I'm feeling a little bit adrift. Seems like I've been going through a number of transitions these last few years, and I'm not sure what to think about it all. It's been disconcerting. I consider all the changes, the constant shifts in direction, all the many unknowns, and it's a little bit scary.

And then I recall the reality of Solomon's words in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, *"There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven."*

Solomon reminds us that life unfolds in God-given seasons—times of planting and times of uprooting, times of weeping and times of laughing, times of change and times of stability. None of these seasons are accidents. Each one is woven into God's larger purpose for our growth.

Life rarely stands still. Children grow, jobs change, health shifts, relationships move into new seasons, and our responsibilities in the church rise or fall. These transitions can feel unsettling, and a little bit scary. But they are not interruptions to our spiritual lives—they are part of the way God shapes us.

Scripture is full of transitions. Abraham left his homeland. Israel moved from slavery to freedom. David went from shepherd boy to king. The apostles shifted from fearful followers to bold proclaimers of the gospel. Every major moment of growth in God's people came through a time of transition.

God uses transitions to:

- **Refine our faith** — When familiar routines shift, we learn to lean more fully on Him.
- **Reorient our priorities** — Change forces us to evaluate what truly matters.
- **Prepare us for new service** — A new season often opens new opportunities to bless others.
- **Draw us closer to Jesus** — Transitions remind us that our true stability is in Christ, not circumstances.

Jesus Himself walked through transitions: from carpenter to teacher, from life to death, and from death to resurrection. Because He has gone before us, we can face our own transitions with confidence. He remains the same even when everything around us changes.

As a church family, we walk these seasons together. Some are entering new chapters with joy; others are navigating difficult changes with tears. But in every transition, God is present, faithful, and working for our good.

"Lo, I am with you always" is not just a promise for the steady days—it is a promise for the changing ones.

Let's embrace the transitions God allows, trusting that each one is part of His ongoing work of shaping us into the image of Christ.

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

- C** October
- 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
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- 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
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- A**
- R**

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

- 10/4 Wade Scamehorn
- 10/4 Braeden Phan
- 10/4 Charlene Huskins
- 10/6 Jansen Fraser
- 10/9 Brian Smith
- 10/10 Ben Pack

10/5 Josh & Holly Rinard

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

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 THIS FRIDAY, October 9 to complete the venue reservation.** Please make checks out to East Hill Church of Christ. If you have any questions, please contact: Diana Kretzor Ana Carvalho.



Meals On Wheels: East Hill will provide the delivery for Meals on Wheels for the month of October. If you would like to help, see the sign up sheet on the information table in the foyer or speak with Deena Tandy.

2027 Youth Ecuador Mission Trip: There will be a meeting for youth and parents in the youth room next Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 for those who are interested in participating in the youth mission trip to Ecuador in the late spring of 2027. The trip will be for youth in 8th grade and above. If you are interested and can't make the meeting, please contact Dan Goodwin.

Chili Cookoff: We hope you can all join us for our annual Chili Cook Off this Saturday, October 10. Prizes will be given for the favorite Chilis and favorite Desserts. Come and enjoy an evening of good food, great fellowship and a wonderful time of worship in song. If you want to enter the competition, bring your entry between 5:00-5:30 pm. We plan to begin eating at 5:30 pm and then round out our evening together with a time of singing. Contact Eric or Jenny Tremaine with any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

The Annual Life Chain event will be today from 2 to 3 pm, on the east side of the York County Courthouse, 5th & Grant Ave. Anyone is invited to

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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's gall bladder surgery is this Wednesday, October 7.

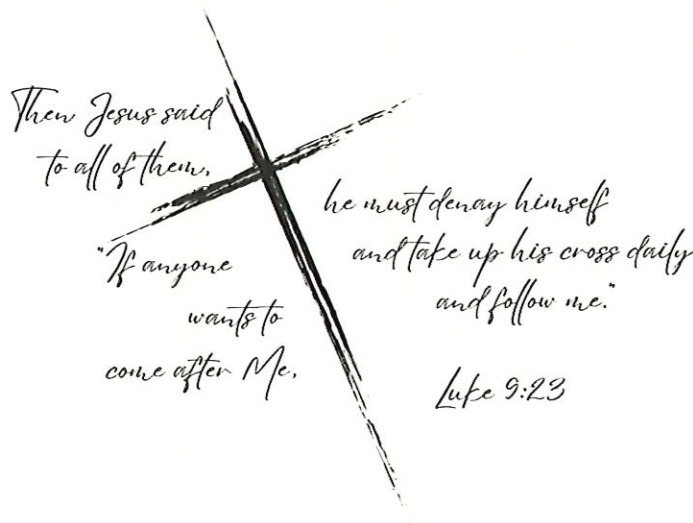
Rose Cuyler-Glassburner had multiple stents put in last Friday. There were some complications but she is up and about now.

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

Lynda Smith's surgery went well. The nodule was bigger than they had originally thought but it was all removed. She is home recovering.

Body Life

We are looking for someone to do snow removal in the parking lots and for the sidewalks during the winter. This is a paid position. Please see Josh Rinard if you are interested or with questions.



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 from "Committed to Listen" by Michelle Goff.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Willingness to Work – Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

~Colossians 3:23

Daily Bible Readings

Sun 10/4 - Esther 5-10

Mon 10/5 - Malachi 1-4

Tue 10/6 - Ezra 7-8

Wed 10/7 - Ezra 9-10

Thu 10/8 - Nehemiah 1-3

Fri 10/9 - Nehemiah 4-6

Sat 10/10 - Nehemiah 7, 11, 12:1-26

Sun 10/11 - Nehemiah 8, 9, 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 27, 2026
Weekly Attendance:	239
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,482.33
Actual:	\$4,984.25
Children's:	\$32.63
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$291,810.87
Giving:	\$272,473.13
Children's for Ecuador:	\$2,009.00

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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

Todd Sheldon

Steddon Sikes

Eric Tremaine

Shepherd of the month is in bold font.

Deacons ----- Area of Service

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Trent Hinton ----- Livestream

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Larry Light ----- Single Seniors

Jared Pack -- Fellowship & Involvement

Titus Robison----- Benevolence

Jeff Shafer----- Worship Support

Kyle Stewart ----- Media

Ken Van Gompel ----- College Ministry

join. Signs will be provided along with refreshments for all.

YU Fall Workshop:

The Kite Center for Ministry at YU is bringing Russell Epperson from Central Montana to speak on Community as Ministry. The seminar will highlight proven ways for churches to engage their communities. The free event will be on Thursday, October 22, from 8 am to 3 pm. A complimentary lunch will be provided.

Registration is requested by October 15. You can find the registration at the QR code.



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 TONIGHT, Sunday, October 4. 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!

Order of Worship

Following Jesus

Worship Leader: Leon Lewis

Welcome

296 *We Have Come Into His House*

238 *You Are the Song That I Sing*

Prayer: Shawn Smith

Scripture Reading: Kyle Stewart

Luke 9:23-26

905 *Yield Not to Temptation*

Come to the Table

Lord's Supper: Rick White

Children's Collection

Medley

966 *Amen*

870 *Beyond this Land of Parting*

396 *There's Not a Friend*

610 *I Love My Savior Too*

985 *When Morning Comes*

"I Follow Because --"

John 6:60-69

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

909 *There's a Fountain Free*

Shepherd's Prayer: Ron Kretz

Body Life: Dan Goodwin

Memory Verse: *1 Peter 4:8*

23 *Our God is Alive*