

Revelation: A Tale of Two Cities

Glenn Hawley and I recently attended the Midwest Preachers Retreat in Wisconsin, where we spent two full days drinking deeply from a series of detailed presentations by Dr. Garrett Best on the book of Revelation. While it's clear the book of Revelation was never intended as an encrypted compilation of 21st-Century headlines, I walked away equally convinced that Jesus Christ laid before John a number of contrasts that are every bit as relevant today. Two rival world systems, with two divergent destinies, represented by two symbolic women. One a prostitute, the other a bride. In the end, it's the tale of two cities: Babylon and the New Jerusalem.

Revelation leads every believer to confront the fundamental question: Which city describes and shapes your daily life choices, your loyalties and (especially) your worship?

The Apocalypse first presents John the city of Babylon—a stunning personification of imperial Rome and, by proxy, every arrogant, predatory and self-serving empire that has followed. Clothed in royal purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, pearls, and precious jewels, Babylon seduces the nations with promises of security and intoxicating affluence. But beneath her glittery facade she is drunk on the blood of the saints, built on exploitative commerce that trades in commodities ranging from fine silk to spices to "the souls of men" (Revelation 18:11-13). Babylon represents a culture of death, self-aggrandizement, and pride—a system where human worth is measured by dominance, consumption, and social affirmation.

In sharp contrast stands the New Jerusalem. Introduced as a bride beautifully prepared for her husband, "shining with the glory of God" (21:11), this city is a renewed garden-paradise that encompasses all of God's redeemed people across human history. "Nothing unclean will ever enter it," (21:27). This city requires no physical temple "because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple" (21:22). The banishment of the garden (Genesis 3:23-24) is no more, and the once forbidden tree of life now flanks its gold-laiden main street, its leaves bringing healing to the nations (22:1-2).

It's a tale of two cities. Babylon exploits and destroys; the New Jerusalem nurtures and restores.

For Bible-literate Christians immersed in today's material entrapments, this dual vision is both a profound comfort and a stinging challenge. First-Century believers in Asia Minor faced intense pressure to acquiesce to evil civil authorities and trade guilds to secure their livelihoods. Today, we face the near-identical temptation of subtle cultural assimilation. It is remarkably easy to praise the Lamb on Sunday while living by the economic and status-driven values of Babylon the rest of the week.

Revelation reminds us that we are not called to wait passively for heaven; we are summoned to make the uncompromising choices worthy of the New Jerusalem right now. Every faithful act of loyalty to the Lamb and every refusal to bow to secular dictates is a declaration that our true citizenship belongs to the city where the Lord God shines.

— Mark Miller

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
23-25 YU Homecoming
- A** 26 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am
in south parking lot
- L** 30-1 Women's Retreat
Timberlake Ranch Camp
- E** November
- N** 1 End of Daylight Saving Time
fall back one hour
- D** 6 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at
5:30 pm
- A** 6 Fun and Fellowship 5-9 pm in FH
- R** 8 LTC meeting after worship
at the front of the auditorium
- 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

10/18 Megan Fifield
10/19 Mark Miller
10/20 John Crane
10/20 Nathan Lacina
10/22 Spencer Sikes
10/22 Raelynn Damanhoury
10/23 Creed Daniel
10/23 Janet Rush
10/24 Cheryl Mogul

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MINISTRIES & EVENTS

The Office will be closed on Thursday, October 22, for the staff to attend the YU Fall Workshop.

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.

College Ministry Team: Do you have a passion for college students? The college ministry team would like to add a few people to the team. If you are open to serving this way, please see Ken or Sarah Van Gompel.

Mountain State Children's Home Fall Food Donations: See the bulletin board for needed items. We are collecting donations through today, October 18. (Please make sure the food is dated far enough out that it won't expire right away.)

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. Registration is requested by today if you wanted to be included in the lunch count. You can find the registration at the QR code or walk in on Thursday if you don't want lunch. Please contact Anessa Westbrook with questions 402-363-5652.



A Baby Shower for Mallory Tremaine will be on Sunday, November 8, 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall. Please mark your calendars and come celebrate with us. For more information and to see where she is registered, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.

The Hope Gospel Rescue Mission Banquet will be on Monday, November 9, with speaker Dan Meers. Doors open at 6 pm, please RSVP to be sure there is enough food. There is no charge, but the Mission is seeking table sponsors to help cover the cost. Please contact the Mission (402-362-0127) if you want information or to RSVP.

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

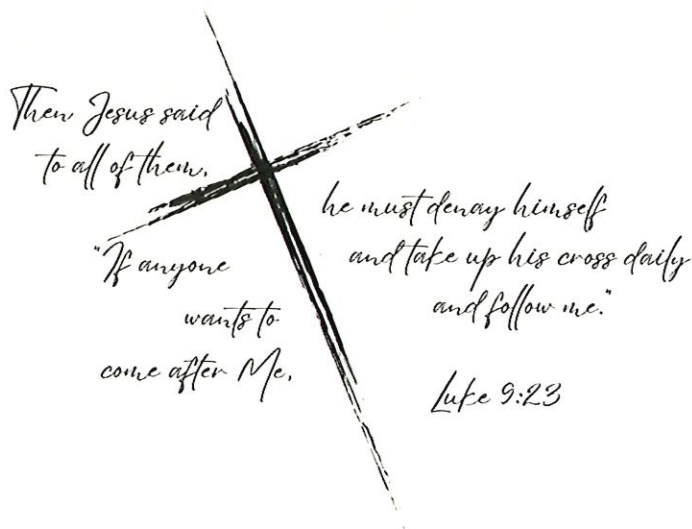
Chana Marsh would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers while she has been sick. It sounds like things are headed in the right direction and she might be about "over" her pneumonia.

Skylar Scamehorn had an appointment Monday to decide on the plan for her injured knee. It looks she will need surgery, but there is no set date yet. Please keep the plans and her comfort, as well as peace for the family, in your prayers.

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.

We welcome **John Crane** to East Hill. John has been visiting with us and wants to be a part of our family.



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.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Self-Discipline – For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

~2 Timothy 1:7

Daily Bible Readings

Sun 10/18 - Mk 1:1; Jn 1:1-18; Lk 1:1-4

Mon 10/19 - Mt 1:1-17; Lk 3:23-38

Tue 10/20 - Lk 1:5-2:38; Mt 1:18-25

Wed 10/21 - Mt 2; Lk 2:39-52

Thu 10/22 - Mt 3:4-6, 13-17; Mk 4:1-11; Lk 3:1-18, 21-23; Jn 1:19-34

Fri 10/23 - Jn 1:35-2:12, ch 3 & 4; Lk 3:19-20

Sat 10/24 - Mt 4:12-25, Mk 1:21-38, 40-45, 2:1-12

Sun 10/25 - Mt 9:10-13, 12:1-21; Mk 2:13-14, 23-3:12; Lk 5:29-39; 6:6-19; Jn 5:1-3, 5-47

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:	Oct 11, 2026
Weekly Attendance:	252
Weekly Giving	
Budgeted:	\$7,482.33
Actual:	\$3,977.61
Children's:	\$44.75
Year to Date	
Budgeted:	\$306,775.53
Giving:	\$288,673.17
Children's for Ecuador:	\$2,081.25

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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

Ron Kretz

Keith Miller

Mark Miller

Todd Sheldon

Steddon Sikes

Eric Tremaine

Shepherd of the month is in bold font.

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 Gompel-----College Ministry

CAMPUS CONNECTION:

The Sunday night college small group meets at 5 pm at the Roseke home at 1319 Rd 17 just outside of York. The QR code takes you to the GroupMe where you can reach out if you need a ride. We look forward to seeing you there for food and fellowship!

Save the Date for Pumpkins and

Pizza! Students, on Monday, October 26 at 6:30 in McGehee come for pizza, fellowship, and painting pumpkins. There will be a contest!



Order of Worship

God Is With Us!

1018 Joy to the World

266 Majesty

Prayer: Joel Coehoorn

Luke 1:26-33

Reading: Jim Ulrich

185 Jesus, Thy Name I Love

387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

"The Gospel: God Arrives"

Philippians 2:1-7

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

396 There's Not a Friend

Communion: Terence Kite

Children's Offering

Behold, Our God!

Shepherd's Prayer: Mark Miller

Body Life: Titus Robison

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 4:10