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| <p style="text-align: center;">HASTINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST "a place to call home" 1131 N Laird Ave, Hastings, NE 68901-3566 Phone: 402-462-8469 Web Site: www.hastingschurch.org</p> | |
| <p>Our Record</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study</p> <p>Morning Assembly 42</p> <p>Contribution \$1,296</p> <p>Evening Assembly 19</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study --</p> <p>"<i>In Search of the Lord's Way</i>" is shown on Charter Cable Channel 181 at 10 a.m. Wednesday and at 6 p.m. Sunday, and on Direct TV Channel 307 at 6:00 a.m. <i>Sundays</i>.</p> | <p>Elders: Russ Dudley, Everett Hinton Robert Grissom, Gaylin Prior</p> <p>Ministry Leaders: Everett Hinton – Worship Brad Bailey – Missions Brett Sales – Youth Bryan Jurrens – Buildings/Grounds Gaylin Prior – Music/Treasurer Dick Witt Education/Benevolence</p> <p>Minister: Russ Dudley e-mail: russdudrey@gmail.com phone: 402-834-0096 (home)</p> <p>Bulletin: Sharon Hachtel -- 463-4997 sh95736@windstream.net</p> <p>Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 p.m. Friday evening</p> |

THOSE TO SERVE

| | This Sunday, December 25 | | Next Sunday, January 1 | |
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| | A.M. | P.M. | A.M. | P.M. |
| Announcements | G. Prior | No | J. Fielder | J. Fielder |
| Song Leader | R. Grissom | Evening | R. Grissom | M. Glassmyer |
| Opening Prayer | J. Fielder | Service | G. Smith | D. Brennfoerder |
| Closing Prayer | G. Smith | | L. Duester | D. Wright |
| Usher | D. Wright | | B. Jurrens | |
| Greeters | Brennfoeders | | Munsells | |
| Preside at Lord's Supper | D. Brennfoerder | | E. Hinton | |
| Serve | R. Riley | | B. Bailey | |
| Serve | D. Hachtel | | Z. Corman | |
| Serve | Z. Corman | | S. Dinkler | |
| Coordinator | E. Hinton | | D. Corman | |
| Prepare Lord's Supper | A. Riley | | A. Riley | |
| Children's Church | Meeting Today | | Meeting Today | |
| Wee Worship | Meeting Today | | Meeting Today | |
| Wed Children's Class | Volunteer Needed | | Volunteer Needed | |
| Change Message Sign | Fielder Family | | Fielder Family | |

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| <p>Hastings Church of Christ</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">Family Focus</h1> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Number 52</p> | <p>December 25, 2016</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p><u>Upcoming Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Holiday Dinner — Today</i> ● <i>Nebraska Youth Camp Contribution—Today</i> ● <i>2017 Teachers' Banquet—Feb. 4</i> | <p>SERMON TOPIC: "From the Incarnation to the Atonement to the Resurrection: The Christmas Story in Perspective." Because of other events of the holiday, we will have no evening devotional tonight.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS MEAL: A BIG Family Christmas dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall following our services this morning. Everyone is invited.</p> <p>SICK: Roger Nealeigh was hospitalized last week with internal bleeding. He will see a gastroenterologist in Omaha this week for removal of some polyps. He and Louise welcome your prayers.</p> <p>Renovations: Some progress was made this week. The floor of the men's restroom is finished and the ceilings of both restrooms are ready to be sheetrocked.</p> <p>One Word, One Church - Below are the dates and chapters to read this week:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dec. 26 - Revelation 19 Dec. 29 - Revelation 22 Dec. 27 - Revelation 20 Dec. 30 - Celebration! Dec. 28 - Revelation 21</p> <p>THANK YOU: Our thanks to Dick & Detta for their hospitality and the group of singers who came to sing for us Wednesday evening at their home. Thanks also for the fruit and goody basket. It is much appreciated. Love, Reed and Betty</p> <p><u>Enrichment</u></p> <p><u>Opportunities</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Sunday Bible Study</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9:30</td> <td rowspan="5"> <p>THANK YOU for the caroling on Wednesday evening and the fruit basket. I really enjoyed everyone coming and the basket. --Judy Melvin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BORN TO DIE</p> <p>This will be the eleventh sermon I've preached here at Christmastime. Every one of them has focused on three big words, <i>incarnation</i>, <i>atonement</i>, and <i>resurrection</i>. And every one of them has quoted three central Scriptures that connect the three words: John 1, Philippians 2, and Hebrews 2. I'll talk about the same big words and central Scriptures again today, because these words and texts are on the life-giving</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(continued on bottom of Page 3)</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday Assembly</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10:30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday Evening</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday Classes</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday Ladies Class</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9:30</td> </tr> </table> | Sunday Bible Study | 9:30 | <p>THANK YOU for the caroling on Wednesday evening and the fruit basket. I really enjoyed everyone coming and the basket. --Judy Melvin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BORN TO DIE</p> <p>This will be the eleventh sermon I've preached here at Christmastime. Every one of them has focused on three big words, <i>incarnation</i>, <i>atonement</i>, and <i>resurrection</i>. And every one of them has quoted three central Scriptures that connect the three words: John 1, Philippians 2, and Hebrews 2. I'll talk about the same big words and central Scriptures again today, because these words and texts are on the life-giving</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(continued on bottom of Page 3)</p> | Sunday Assembly | 10:30 | Sunday Evening | 6:00 | Wednesday Classes | 7:00 | Thursday Ladies Class | 9:30 |
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Country, Veterans, Students in school; Elders; Muriel Luke-- health with autoimmune issues; Lorinda Bailey's sister, Rachel, health issues; Ken Brown—Looking for a Church home and personal issues; Danelle & Janelle's Cousin's Daughter—health; Evelyn Brown—mother, Marie Riley—broken hip; Lance & Ashlee Duester—new baby; Ashley's Duester's father—blood clot; Lance Duester's father; Walter Davis—health; Daniel Enfield—health; Jim & Monica Fielder & Family—passing of Monica's mother, Sharon, and Jim's Grandmother, Lois; Jackson Glassmyer—baptism decision; Katrina Glassmyer—sister, memory loss; family decision; Robert & Susan Grissom's Son, Joel Grissom—health & family issues; Susan Grissom's--health; Kucera Family—Passing of Clem & Ken Kucera; Ellie Lockling—pancreatic cancer; Ken Lockling—health; Judy Melvin—health; Louise Nealeigh—health; Jim & Monica Fielder's Friend—Lanny Petit—brain tumor; Allyson Peshek's Father—heart attack; Doris Reichert—health; Angie Riley's brother, Julian—stroke & Angie's Mother; Ann Prior—cancer return; Gaylin Prior's brother's wife, Marcia—hip infection; Sudanese Brethren—persecution; Maggie Sales's brother, Gavin Wallace—health; Bill Wells—health; Gary & Norma Werner—Norma's health; Matt & Hope Witt—teaching in China; Family of Bill Witt—Bill's passing; Jo Wright's son, Joe, congestive heart failure & surgery; Dick & Detta Wright's Grandson, Shawn—foot injury; those travelling.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Russel Bell: mission work in India & Romania.
Jeff Zanarison: Bible project in Madagascar

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| Happy December Birthday: | Eloise Lockling - 2 | Elizabeth Montemayor - 4 |
| | Brooke Bailey - 5 | Benjamin Bohne - 8 |
| | Brittany Bailey - 17 | Jamie Russo - 20 |
| | Marina Fielder - 31 | Lorinda Bailey - 28 |
| Happy December Anniversary: | William & Alice Wells - 1 | Dick & Paula Witt - 16 |
| | Andy & Erica Adams - 22 | Rob & Katrina Glassmyer - 28 |
| | Ken & Eloise Lockling - 29 | |
| Happy January Birthday: | Sarah Uden - 2 | Eric Glassmyer - 4 |
| | Charlie Towery - 5 | Kaycie Wright - 9 |
| | Brett Peshek - 13 | Brian Nauert - 14 |
| | Paula Witt - 15 | Alvin Reichert - 24 |
| | Rob Glassmyer - 28 | Dick Witt - 25 |
| Happy January Anniversary: | Bryan & Lisa Jurrens - 12 | |
| | Robert & Susan Grissom - 14 | |

heart of our faith. The center of our faith is Jesus, God's Son who was born a human in order to die in our place, to pay our price with the blood of God and break the power of sin and death by defeating them through his resurrection. Why did God become incarnate as a man? Anselm of Canterbury said it well: "Only man should pay the price of human sin; only God can pay the price of human sin: therefore God/Man." The Scriptures say that: "Behold, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." "He did not think being equal to God a thing to hold onto, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant; and being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death—and that, the death of the cross. Therefore also God has highly exalted him . . ." "Since then the children partake in flesh and blood, he also himself partook of the same things, so that through death he might bring to nothing him who has the power of death . . . and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to bondage." Martin Luther's song "From High Heaven" captures the wonder of God's incarnation in the baby Jesus. Although he is Lord of all the world, Jesus humbled himself to take upon himself our frail flesh and blood and tears, and to be born to die.

FROM HIGH HEAVEN

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1. Our little Lord Jesus, we sing your praise For taking up-
 2. The eter - nal Fa - ther's Son he lay Cra - died
 3. He whom the globe could not en - wrap Nes - tied now

on yourself our ways. Born of a maiden a
 in a crib of hay. The ev - er - last - ing
 lies in Ma - ry's lap. On - ly a ba - by,

man to be, And all heaven's an-gels sing to thee.
 God now appears In our frail flesh and blood and tears.
 ve - ry wee: Yet Lord of all the world is he.

"Von Himmel Hoch," written by Martin Luther;
 translated by Roland Bainton, in *Here I Stand*, 303f;
 metrically adapted by RPD.