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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our Record</b></p> <p>Sunday Bible Study          Morning Assembly          63          Contribution          \$1,290          Evening Assembly          23          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><b>Elders:</b> Russ Dudrey, Everett Hinton          Robert Grissom,          Gaylin Prior</p> <p><b>Ministry Leaders:</b> Everett Hinton – Worship  <b>Leaders:</b> Brad Bailey – Missions          Brett Sales – Youth          Bryan Jurrens –          Buildings/Grounds          Gaylin Prior – Music/Treasurer          Dick Witt –          Education/Benevolence</p> <p><b>Minister:</b> Russ Dudrey e-mail:  <a href="mailto:russdudrey@gmail.com">russdudrey@gmail.com</a>          phone: 402-834-0096 (home)</p> <p><b>Bulletin:</b> Sharon Hachtel -- 463-4997  <a href="mailto:sh95736@windstream.net">sh95736@windstream.net</a></p> <p>Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 p.m. Friday evening</p>

Serve	L. Duester	A. Adams
Coordinator	D. Corman	G.Prior
Prepare Lord's Supper	S. Hachtel	
Children's Church	On Summer Break	On Summer Break
Wee Worship	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Wed Children's Class	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Change Message Sign	Jim Fielder Family	Jim Fielder Family
Lawn Care	Baileys	Baileys

Hastings Church of Christ

# Family Focus

Number 23  
 June 5, 2016

**THOSE TO SERVE**

	This Sunday, June 5		Next Sunday, June 12	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	E. Hinton	E. Hinton	D. Brennfoerder	D. Brennfoerder
Song Leader	R. Grissom	B. Bailey	D. Witt	E. Hinton
Opening Prayer	G. Prior	D. Wright	D Corman	K. Lockling
Closing Prayer	C. Fielder	K. Lockling	R. Riley	B. Bailey
Usher	B. Jurrens		R. Munsell	
Greeters	Munsells		Wrights	
Preside at Lord's Supper	D. Brennfoerder		J. Fielder	
Serve	D. Witt		B. Sales	
Serve	J. Morgan		C. Fielder	

Upcoming Events

- Potluck/Business Mtg – June 12
- York College Bible Teachers' Workshop – July 23
- VBS—July 25-27

Enrichment

Opportunities

Sunday  
9:30  
Bible Study

Sunday  
10:30  
Assembly

Sunday Evening  
6:00

Wednesday  
7:00  
Classes

Thursday  
9:30  
Ladies Class

**Russ's sermon** today is "The Transformation from Saul of Tarsus to Paul the Apostle." Tonight Russ plans a devotional on the problems of the Church in the Gospel of Matthew.

**Greg and Jaci Smith** will be moving to Hastings on Saturday, June 11, and will be with us on Sunday, June 12. We would like to welcome them at the June basket dinner with a "shower" of gift cards for any amount from any of the local grocery stores, or non-perishable food items or paper goods they can use. We'll also be looking for a crew to unload their truck that Saturday afternoon. More information will be sent out by email.

We expect **Paula Witt** back from her medical mission trip to Ecuador later today. **Sharon Hachtel** is leaving on June 15 to participate in a three-week campaign in Johannesburg, South Africa, led by Russel Bell. We thank God for members of our congregation who use their time, money, and abilities to serve in His name.

An invitation to the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding celebration for **Maurice and Arlene Pierce**, to be held in Lincoln on Sunday, June 12, is posted on the bulletin board. Maurice preached for the church here for several years.

**One Word, One Church** – dates and chapters to read this week:

June 6 – Romans 16	June 9 – Ephesians 3
June 7 – Ephesians 1	June 10 – Ephesians 4
June 8 – Ephesians 2	

**Wednesday Ladies Class** will be studying "Tenderness", led by Felice Dudrey. **Men's Class** topic of study is "Life Lessons for Men from the Book of Proverbs."

**Stolley Park church** in Grand Island is hosting a youth group from Southaven, MS Goodman Oaks congregation, doing service projects June 21 – 27. They would like to share this with us, and are inviting our youth to join them. We are looking for a project or two in Hastings—say a house to roof or to paint, window washing, yard work, weeding, landscaping, etc. Let Russ know of your ideas for this.

**Children's Church** will be on break until August. We would like to continue our Wee Worship service for our youngest children (entering kindergarten next year). We are looking for volunteers to help provide this service for families. Sign up sheet is in the foyer. Secondly, we are **looking for teachers** for our Wednesday evening class for children. For Sunday morning regular teachers, this is often their only chance to sit in an adult class. Andy Adams

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

*Technical difficulties with software. Please see last week's bulletin for the prayer list. --Russ Dudrey*

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

**Happy June Birthday:** Keaton Corman - 5      Mike Glassmyer - 13      Ellen Prior - 15  
 Donna Uden - 18      Louise Nealeigh - 23      Rebecca Peshek - 24      Monica Fielder - 27  
 Lee Peshek

**Happy June Anniversary:**      Everett & Ann Hinton - 29

**Nebraska Youth Camp** registration forms for the 2016 camping sessions are available on-line at [www.nebraskayouthcamp.com](http://www.nebraskayouthcamp.com). Hard copies are available on the youth bulletin board in the south hallway.

**Dear church family in Hastings,** thanks so much for your recent generous financial gift. It will be very helpful as we replace the items we lost in our recent difficulty. We have been humbled by the outpouring of help we have received. May God bless you all for your generous servant heart! The Anderson Family (Somerset, CA) (Note: The Anderson family are former members here who suffered the loss of many possessions because of allergies to mold in their home. We sent them some financial help.)

**Bulletin Announcements:** If you have announcements you would like included in the bulletin for June 12<sup>th</sup>, please call or email Russ Dudrey (402-834-0096; [russdudrey@gmail.com](mailto:russdudrey@gmail.com)). Bulletin announcements for June 19, June 26, July 3, and July 10, please call or email Ann Hinton (402-462-4745; [hinton.everettann@gmail.com](mailto:hinton.everettann@gmail.com)). I will return to publishing the church bulletin on July 17. --Sharon Hachtel

**Our thanks** to Sharon Hachtel for her volunteer service in doing the bulletin each week. This is a big job! And thank you also to Ann Hinton who publishes the bulletin when Sharon needs a break.

**"YOU HYPOCRITE!"**

It's a long journey from Saul of Tarsus, persecutor of the church, to Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. Saul, the man with blood on his hands from the slaughter of the church in Jerusalem, became Paul, the preeminent Christian missionary to the Greco-Roman world. Many Christians had a hard time accepting him: "He's a hypocrite! He's a murderer! He killed my uncle and my cousin," etc.

Paul knows the charges are true. He marvels at the mercy of the God who has forgiven him.

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*was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy . . . and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost”* (I Tim. 1:12-15).

When I get called a hypocrite, I tend to just roll over dead: guilty as charged. Jesus is huge, but I'm not. I'm a finite person trying to live up to an infinite standard. I want to represent Jesus well, I want to be remade fully in the image of his holiness, but I have a sense of failure and inadequacy.

But I also fail to qualify as a full hypocrite—I'm inadequate even to live up to (or down to) that charge. A true hypocrite is a play-actor; that's what *hypocrite* means. Hypocrisy is more than simply failing to live up to your moral standards: A true hypocrite is lying, and knows it. He's deceiving others on purpose, like a man hiding his secret life from his wife. I'm not trying to fool anybody, myself included, let alone my God. I try always to tell the truth. Always.

We've got to say this gently, but clearly: Isn't calling Christians hypocrites an attempt to let yourself off the hook? Dismiss us with a sneer at our failures, and you can feel better about your own failures—right?

Well, no doubt you'll feel better, but you still have to answer to God. *“For we all will stand before the judgment seat of Christ, to give an answer for the deeds done in the body”* (II Cor. 5:10). How will you answer when God says, “I'm talking about your story, not theirs. What do you have to say for yourself?” Don't fool yourself: On Judgment Day saying “But they were all hypocrites” will not cover over your sins and failures and yes, your hypocrisies. Calling other people hypocrites diverts you away from facing your own responsibility.

Paul names some antidotes to hypocrisy: repenting, confessing and renouncing sin; striving for holiness; speaking truth and living in truth; loving God, desiring his beauty and majesty; being transformed into the image of Christ, walking in his Spirit and living to his praise. Some Scriptures:

*“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ”* (Phil. 1:27).

*“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 3:12ff).

*“Since then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on things on earth. For you have died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God”* (Col. 3:1ff).

Please, let's not be hypocrites. Let's strive for holiness so that we'll be ready to stand before the Holy One and give an answer for ourselves. Let's beg the Father to burn the sin off our lives and make us clean and true. But as long as we're in the body of course we'll fall short of our great Goal; to our dying day I suppose we'll be open to the charge of hypocrisy. Don't give up: the day will come when we see our Lord face to face and are finally transformed fully into his image: *“Now we see as in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known”* (I Cor. 13:12). *“When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory”* (Col. 3:4). Let's strive to be ready to see Jesus face to face.

