

**HASTINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**"A PLACE TO CALL HOME"**  
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**Our Record**

Sunday Bible Study	
Morning Assembly	65
Contribution	\$1,347
Evening Assembly	—
Wednesday Class	—

***In Search of the Lord's Way*** is shown on Charter Cable Channel 181 at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, and at 6:00 PM Sunday, and on Direct TV Channel 307 at 6:00 AM Sundays.

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**Ministry Leaders:** Everett Hinton—Worship Ministry  
Brad Bailey—Missions  
Brett Sales —Youth  
Bryan Jurrens—Buildings/Grounds  
Gaylin Prior—Music/Treasurer  
Dick Witt—Education/Benevolence

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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

**THOSE TO SERVE**

This Sunday, January 1	Next Sunday, January 8
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	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	J Fielder	J Fielder	B Bailey	B Bailey
Song Leader	R Grissom	M Glassmyer	G Prior	E Hinton
Opening Prayer	G Smith	D Brennfrdr	D Corman	R Grissom
Closing Prayer	L Duester	D Wright	R Riley	G Smith
Usher	B Jurrens		R Munsell	
Greeters	Munsells		Wrights	
Preside Lord's Supper	E Hinton		J Fielder	
Serve	B Bailey		B Sales	
Serve	Z Corman		C Fielder	
Serve	S Dinkler		A Adams	
Coordinator	D Corman		D Witt	
Prepare Lord's Supper	A Riley		L Prior	
Children's Church	Meeting Today		Meeting Today	
Wee Worship	Meeting Today		Meeting Today	
Wed Children's Class	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	
Change Message Sign	Brad Bailey Family		Brad Bailey Family	
Lawn Care	—		—	

# Family Focus

**Number 1** **January 1, 2017**

**Upcoming Events**

- Potluck/Men's Business Meeting—January 8
- NYC Contribution—January 22
- Fifth Sunday Singing—January 29
- 2017 Teacher's Banquet—February 4

**Enrichment Opportunities**

Sunday Bible Study	9:30
College Class	9:30
Sunday Assembly	10:30
Sunday Evening	6:00
Wednesday Class	7:00
Ladies Class Thursday	9:30

- **Russ's Sermon** today is "The Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Tonight Russ plans a prayer service as we begin the new year.
- **Potluck/Men's Business Meeting** next Sunday, January 8th. Committee Members are the Fielders, Paveys, and Priors. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Mountain States Children's Home.
- **Monica Fielder** is out of danger and is beginning her recovery. We thank God for hearing our prayers. Please continue praying for the Fielder family.
- **Jami Russo** is scheduled for gall bladder surgery this Wednesday and asks our prayers for her recovery.
- **Our Sympathy** goes out to Everett and Ann Hinton in the passing of Everett's uncle and Danelle Hayes and Janelle Corman's great uncle. The funeral was Thursday in Stockville.
- **One Word, One Church 2017:** This year we encourage the church to read the four Gospels and look at Jesus together; see the accompanying 2017 reading plan. The plan is more or less one Gospel per month (Mark and John are less; Matthew and Luke are more). We will read them through three times, Mark first, because it was written first, then Matthew, Luke, and John. The third time through, Russ will make a schedule of the parallel readings and the unique readings in the four Gospels. Russ will explain further in the sermon today.
- **One Word, One Church** — Below are the dates and chapters to read this week:

January 1 — Introduction	January 2 — Mark 1
January 3 — Mark 2	January 4 — Mark 3
January 5 — Mark 4	January 6 — Mark 5
- **Thank You Note:** Thank you very much for caroling at our house. We really appreciate the fruit, nuts, and other goodies in the basket. --Alvin and Doris Reichert
- **Thank You** to the carolers who came to our house to sing, the basket of goodies, and the fellowship. All is very much appreciated. —Dick & Delta Wright
- **All Of Us Thank** Bryan, Everett, Russ, and perhaps others who cleaned up the trees and replaced shingles that were the result of the terrible wind last Sunday evening. Good job guys.

**Our Church Sign—**

- Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound.
- Jesus Loves You.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Our Country, Veterans, Students in school; Elders; 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; 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; Monica Fielder—health; Jackson Glassmyer—baptism decision; Katrina Glassmyer— sister, memory loss; family decision; Robert & Susan Grissom's Son, Joel Grissom—health & family issues; Susan Grissom's forthcoming procedure; Kucera Family—Passing of Clem & Ken Kucera; Ellie Lockling—pancreatic cancer; Ken Lockling—health; Muriel Luke—health; Judy Melvin—health; Roger & 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

<b>Happy January Birthday:</b>	Sarah Uden - 2	Eric Glassmyer - 4	Charlie Towery - 5
Kaycie Wright - 9	Betty Munsell - 9	Brett Peshek - 13	Brian Nauert - 14
Evelyn Brown - 15	Paula Witt - 15	Alvin Reichert - 24	Dick Witt - 25
Rob Glassmyer - 28			
<b>Happy January Anniversary:</b>	Bryan & Lisa Jurrens - 12	Robert & Susan Grissom - 14	

- **Renovations:** Our renovation work was blown off course this week, pretty literally: the wind Sunday night broke part or all of several trees in the shelter belt, blew patches of shingles off the parsonage and fellowship hall roofs, and destroyed the greenhouse. We got the roofs repaired, the greenhouse taken down, and much of the tree work done. One tree remains to be removed. This week we hope to sheetrock the new restrooms.

### The Apple of Thy Eye by: author unknown

Lord, hear me when I cry to Thee,  
Give ear unto my prayer,  
For Thou art omnipresent, Lord,  
Thy spirit's everywhere.  
Oh, let my mouth speak nothing ill,  
Let not my footsteps slip,  
But keep me in the righteous path,  
Keep me within Thy grip.

Lord, Thou Who savest all of those  
Who put their trust in Thee,  
Oh, as the apple of Thy eye  
I pray Thou wilt keep me.  
Under the shadow of Thy wings  
Hide me forevermore.  
That I might fully rest in Thee,  
My precious, loving Lord.

—via BulletinGold

When life needs rebooting, remember-Jesus saves!  
You feed your body; why starve your soul?  
Kindness is difficult to give away. It usually comes right  
back. via BulletinGold

### “I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST”

The apostle Paul says, “I want to know Christ, and the power of his resurrection, to share in his sufferings and become like him in his death.” One of the new songs says “I pour out my soul deep within me; deep within me I pour out my soul: draw me deeper, Lord, deeper Lord, in you.” How can we do that? I've resolved to spend the year 2017 getting to know Christ better, in order to love him more, follow him closer, walk deeper into his will, and be transformed more fully into his image. Why don't we as a congregation all make the same resolution?

Jim Fielder and I have worked up a plan for our 2017 “One Word, One Church” reading to help us with this: Let's read one Gospel per month for twelve months; that will get us through the four Gospels three times in the year. (Mark and John will take less than a month each, but Matthew and Luke will take more—so for convenience we'll just say it's a Gospel a month.) We'll read them in the order they were written: Mark first, then Matthew, Luke, and John.

You've heard me say often, “Read the Book!” Here I am, saying it again. I know no other way to know God well, than to fill our hearts with his Scriptures. But please don't think of this just as a project of book-learning. I love learning from books, but this is way more than making our church into Bible book nerds: this is feeding our souls on the Bread of Life, because we hunger and thirst for the things of God. This is seeking the face of God, because we want to be transformed fully into his image. This is beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, because we cannot be satisfied with anything less than seeing Jesus face to face, when we will be made fully and finally into his likeness.

— ©Russ Dudrey, 1/1/17

Scriptures: Philippians 3:10f; II Corinthians 3:17f; I John 3:1-4.

### Madagascar Bible Project December 31, 2016

Jeff Zanarison, evangelist in Madagascar, provided several reports this year. This is a summary for your reference. In recent months, Jeff completed mission trips Nov 2-15; Nov 26-Dec 2; and Dec 5-9. During these travels, he distributed 940 Complete OT/NT Bibles in the Malagasy Language.

He traveled nearly-impassable roads using his personal vehicle, motorbike, zebu carts and on foot. He carefully pre-planned and organized his trips in coordination with local ministers and church leaders in rural Madagascar. Some poor Christians waited all year for their Bibles, and several women stood on the roadside for nearly 8 hours until Jeff came by with Bibles to distribute. His reports included many photos of people of all ages grinning with pleasure over receiving their Bibles. The Bible is the only reading material available to most of these families.

Jeff described these rural areas of Madagascar being a foothold for animism, idolatry, and sorcery. The greatest threat, however, is the Muslim influence in the area. The Muslim 20-year goal to become the dominant religion in the country in the next 20 years is being addressed by the building of 2,500 mosques and schools, and by Muslim men marrying multiple local women and requiring the children to be raised Muslim.

At \$7 per Bible, we are able to encourage and strengthen poor, rural Christians in Madagascar. The power of the Word of God will also embolden Christians to spread their faith and protect others from the Muslim influence which threatens their culture.

Hastings Church of Christ sent Jeff \$5,000 in 2016 to support this project. In addition, we are teaming with World Christian Broadcasting and encouraging other churches and individuals to support this project. Please direct any questions to Paula Witt, Russ Dudrey or members of the Mission Committee.