

HASTINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST
"A PLACE TO CALL HOME"
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Our Record	
Sunday Bible Study	
Morning Assembly	46
Contribution	\$1,873
Evening Assembly	—
Wednesday Class	—
<p><i>In Search of the Lord's Way</i> 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.</p>	

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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE

This Sunday, January 22	Next Sunday, January 29
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	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	G Prior	G Prior	E Hinton	E Hinton
Song Leader	D Witt	R Dudrey	A Adams	B Bailey
Opening Prayer	J Fielder	B Bailey	R Grissom	M Glassmyer
Closing Prayer	G Smith	R Munsell	C Fielder	G Smith
Usher	D Wright		B Jurrens	
Greeters	Brennforders		Baileys	
Preside Lord's Supper	D Corman		D Witt	
Serve	R Riley		G Prior	
Serve	D Hachtel		J Morgan	
Serve	Z Corman		J Fielder	
Coordinator	E Hinton		D Corman	
Prepare Lord's Supper	S Hachtel		S Hachtel	
Children's Church	Danelle Hayes/Janelle Corman		Danelle Hayes/Janelle Corman	
Wee Worship	Maggie Sales		Maggie Sales	
Wed Children's Class	Andy Adams		Andy Adams	
Change Message Sign	Brad Bailey Family		Brad Bailey Family	
Lawn Care	—		—	

Family Focus

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Upcoming Events

- NYC Contribution—
January 22
- Doniphan-Trumbull
Wrestling Tournament
Hospitality Meal—
January 28
- 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 "Preaching Christ to People Who Live in Fear." Tonight Russ plans a devotional on the topic of "What Do We Fear?"
- **One Word, One Church** — Below are the dates and chapters to read this week:

January 23 — Mark 16	January 26 — Matthew 3
January 24 — Matthew 1	January 27 — Matthew 4
January 25 — Matthew 2	
- **Please Pray** for Amy Wenske's mother, Marilyn. She was scheduled for knee replacement surgery on January 19th which has been delayed due to an infection. Surgery could be delayed up to 4-6 weeks. Also, Amy's father has been dealing with the flu.
- **Nebraska Youth Camp Contribution** will be taken today.
- **To Our Church Family**—Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers. God has listened to your prayers and has answered. Thank you also for the flowers and cards. God's love shines through you, and we are so happy to be a part of this family. —In Christ's Love, Jim & Monica
- **Church**—Thank you for letting me use the gym for my birthday party. —In Christ's Love, Charlie Towery
- **Thank You** to everyone who provided food for the Nebraska Youth Camp Board Meeting on January 13th.
- **Opportunity To Serve in the Community:** We have been looking for more ways to serve in our community, and an opportunity has come to us! On Saturday, January 28th, we will help provide a noon hospitality meal for coaches and officials at the Doniphan-Trumbull wrestling tournament. D-T, where Greg Smith is the wrestling coach, is hosting the tournament, and the school will be providing part of the meal as well. If you are willing to contribute, either by providing food items, or through a monetary donation to help with the purchase of needed items, please see Felice Dudrey. Food may be left at the fellowship hall either Friday evening, the 27th, or Saturday morning by 9:00 a.m.
- **Renovations**—All the classroom windows are installed; the trim around the windows need to be completed. Walls in the restrooms should be completed this week.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Country, Veterans, Students in school; Elders; Justin Carver, head track coach at York College—health; Lance & Ashlee Duester; Ashley’s Duester’s father—blood clot; Lance Duester’s father; 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; cracked rib; Robert & Susan Grissom’s Son, Joel Grissom—health & family issues; 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; Mike Reeves—health; 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; Jami Russo—recovering from gall bladder surgery; Maggie Sales’s brother, Gavin Wallace—health; Amy Wenske’s Mother, Marilyn, infection and forthcoming knee replacement surgery; Bill Wells—health; Gary & Norma Werner—Norma’s health; Jo Wright’s son, Joe, congestive heart failure & surgery; Jo Wright’s sister, Mary Ann Culbertson, recovering from surgery; those travelling.

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

Happy January Birthday:	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			
Happy January Anniversary:	Bryan & Lisa Jurrens - 12	Robert & Susan Grissom - 14	

A slip of the foot you'll soon recover, but a slip of the tongue may last forever (Old Union Reminder, via The Lantern, the weekly bulletin of the Highway church of Christ, Sullivan, IL)

WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

A conversation with Gregg Strawn at the ministers' seminar in Oregon last week stuck with me. I have to tell you about it.

Gregg is an off-the-chart extrovert who can talk with anyone and everyone. He's a bridge-builder; he's genuinely interested in people, he thoroughly empathizes with them, and they can sense it. This in itself makes him a wonderful evangelist, but he has another quality to go with it: a deep understanding of secularized post-Christian American culture.

He says that since Americans no longer have much sense of guilt and shame, our preaching of the forgiveness of sins has little effect on them. If they don't believe that sin is real, why would they feel guilty? If they don't feel guilty, why would they need forgiveness? If they don't feel their sin or their need for forgiveness, why would they need Christ? You and I know they need the blood of Christ to wash them clean of their sins and give them his new life, but they don't know it and they have a hard time hearing us say it. Their ears are plugged to it. They're not on that wave-length.

So he says, “If the listeners around us are deaf to one sound of the Gospel, maybe they can hear if we broadcast on another channel.” He suggests that we address their fear: they carry with them whole buckets of fears. We live in a fear-driven culture, he says.

What are people we know afraid of?

Many fear for their relationships: They fear loneliness, isolation, alienation, rejection, abandonment. “I'm afraid something terrible will happen to my family,” a young man told me—and later, it did. I saw the carnage it worked in his soul. How many people do we know like that? How many people simply do not feel loved? How many do not know how to give love? How many feel rejected and orphaned, unloved and unlovable?

Many fear violence: ISIS abroad, crime and gun violence at home; shootings at the mall, the schools, the workplace, the airport, even in the churches; bombs on the airplanes—etc. Many fear economic disaster: my generation fears that the economy will crash, Social Security will fail, and our retirements will dry up; younger generations fear they will fail in their careers, or fail even to have a career; they fear not just unemployment, but unemployability—etc. Many fear natural disaster, global warming and ecological apocalypse—etc. The West coast fears “The Big One,” an earthquake that will devastate whole cities and result in anarchy and rapine—etc.

None of these fears is groundless; any and all of them could come to pass. You and I are not invulnerable to such fears. We share many of them with our post-Christian friends. We do not have Jesus as an invisible force-field around us: our own worst fears could be realized, if not for ourselves, then for our children or grandchildren. We too are vulnerable.

The difference is our world view: We know that God is on his throne, that Christ is seated at his right hand, and that we too are “*seated with him in the heavenly places.*” We know that our victory over the things we fear has already been won, once for all, on the cross, in the empty tomb, and in the enthronement of the Son of God next to his Father. We have fears, yes; but they are temporary and earthbound. We live in eternal hope: “*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul.*” “*God is our refuge and our strength; therefore we will not fear . . .*” Yes, we have some fears: but we are not afraid. We do not live in fear, we live in Christ; we live in hope, and we have hope to offer to those who live in fear.*

— ©Russ Dudley, 1/22/17

*Scriptures: Psalms 23, 27, 46, 121; Jn. 16:33; Rom. 8:31-39; Eph. 2:6; Col. 2:13ff; Heb. 6:18ff; I Jn. 5:4.