

HASTINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Our Record

Sunday Bible Study
 Morning Assembly 64
 Contribution \$1,835
 Evening Assembly —
 Wednesday Class —

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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

"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.

THOSE TO SERVE

This Sunday, January 29 Next Sunday, February 5

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	E Hinton	E Hinton	J Fielder	J Fielder
Song Leader	A Adams	B Bailey	R Grissom	M Glassmyer
Opening Prayer	R Grissom	M Glassmyer	G Smith	B Bailey
Closing Prayer	C Fielder	G Smith	L Duester	D Wright
Usher	B Jurrens		B Jurrens	
Greeters	Baileys		Munsells	
Preside Lord's Supper	D Witt		J Morgan	
Serve	G Prior		D Hachtel	
Serve	J Morgan		Z Corman	
Serve	J Fielder		S Dinkler	
Coordinator	D Corman		D Corman	
Prepare Lord's Supper	S Hachtel		D Brennfoerder	
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		Jim Fielder Family	
Lawn Care	—		—	

Family Focus

Number 5

January 29, 2017

Upcoming Events

- Fifth Sunday Singing—
January 29
- 2017 Teacher's Banquet—
February 4
- Potluck/Men's Business
Meeting—February 12

• **Russ's Sermon** today is "Preaching Christ to Pagan Intellectuals: Paul's Sermon on Mars Hill." Robert Grissom will lead tonight's devotional.

• **Mike Reeves**, the preacher at Stolley Park church in Grand Island, is undergoing radiation treatments for the cancer in his brain. Later they intend to do radiation treatments for the cancer in his lungs. Please keep Mike, his family, and the church in Grand Island in your prayers.

• **Fifth Sunday Singing.** The area-wide fifth Sunday singing is scheduled to be held at Stolley Park church in Grand Island this afternoon: Singing at 3:30 p.m., light supper at 5:00 p.m., short devotional at 6:00 p.m.

• **"Parents and Teachers of Kids and Teens:** Please plan to stick around after service today for a very important LTC meeting. We will be discussing projects, deadlines, and other organizational topics. If you cannot attend, please see Erica Adams or Janelle Corman to get the meeting notes"

• **The Annual Teacher's Banquet** is scheduled for next Saturday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone, yes, everyone is invited to attend to honor all of our Bible teachers. Please RSVP to Paula Witt if you will be attending, so she can prepare appropriately. Students 8 years and over are asked to assist with preparations and serving that evening. Please speak with Paula Witt about this if your student is interested and available.

• **One Word, One Church** — Below are the dates and chapters to read this week:

January 30 — Matthew 5	February 2 — Matthew 8
January 31 — Matthew 6	February 3 — Matthew 9
February 1 — Matthew 7	

• **Everyone is Invited** to stay and watch the Super Bowl together next Sunday evening, February 5. Please bring snack foods to share.

Our Church Sign—

- Life is Simpler When You Plow Around the Stump.
- You Cannot Unsay A Cruel Word.

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

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

Happy February Birthday:	Cassidy Jurrens - 18	Allyson Peshek - 19	Alice Wells - 20
Rayna Ochsner - 24	Brett Sales - 25	Chandler Fielder - 26	

Happy February Anniversary: DudLee & Debbie Brennfoerder - 22
Lee & Allyson Peshek - 25

- **Renovations:** Progress will be visible in the hallway around the new restrooms, as well as in the restrooms themselves. The restroom walls and ceilings are finished and ready to paint. Doors are installed. Tiling the walls in the toilet areas should be done this week; then the toilets and urinals can be installed. The ladies' room committee is deciding on decor, cabinets and light fixtures, etc. The north classroom window trim is finished and ready to paint, and classroom #1 is ready for finishing.
- **Painters Needed:** Priming and painting are needed for the window trim in the classrooms and for the ladies' restroom. Volunteers should talk with Lisa Prior or Lorinda Bailey. The new doors need to be coated with polyurethane; see Russ to volunteer for this.
- **Thank You** for letting the Melvin Family utilize the Church's gym and gathering area during the holidays. We really appreciate it. —The Melvin Family

The trouble with going your own way is that you may not find your way back.

- via The Encourager, the weekly bulletin for the Dongola church of Christ, Dongola, IL. Gerald Cowan serves the congregation as minister. He may be contacted at Geraldcowan1931@aol.com

“THE POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US”

I find this one hard to believe about myself, and harder still to live as if I believed it.

Yet clearly the Apostle Paul believes it not only about himself, but also about all who are in Christ. He believes that the same mighty, life-giving power of God that formed the worlds by his word, that brought the dead body of Jesus alive again out of the grave, and that exalted him to the right hand of the Majesty on High lives and works mightily in us, too.

It's his big theme throughout Ephesians: The power of God is “*the power that is at work within us.*” It's an amazing way to see ourselves. Notice especially Paul's prayers that God will strengthen us by his mighty power:

I pray that you may know what is the hope of God's calling, what is the wealth of the glory of his inheritance among the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, in keeping with the working of the strength of his might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places . . . (1:16-20).

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father . . . that he will grant you, according to the wealth of his glory, that you will be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner person, that Christ will dwell in your hearts through faith, so that you, being rooted and grounded in love, will be strong, with all the saints, to lay hold upon what is the height and depth and length and breadth of his love—and may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you will be filled with all the fullness of God (3:14-19).

The entire ancient world was terrified of the spirit-forces; we aren't. “*We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God . . .*” (6:12). Awaken from your sleep and lift up your eyes, Paul says, and lay hold upon the spiritual reality: God fights for us. He has kicked the principalities and powers out of the heavenly places and put us in their place, here and now. The celestial spirits forfeited their place when they rebelled against him, so he took it from them and gave it to us. He has seated us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Through Christ God has won his victory over the spirits, once for all, and he assures us of our victory over them.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ . . . (1:3).

And you, when you were dead in your trespasses, God made alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and he raised you together with him and seated you in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that he might demonstrate in the ages to come the abundant wealth of his grace toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace have you been saved through faith . . . (2:5-8).

This is deep theology. It's an already-but-not-yet reality. Already we have been raised with Christ and seated with him in the heavenly realms; not yet have we fully attained our final reward. Already the war with Satan and evil and sin and death has been won, once for all; not yet have we reached our final victory. Battles remain to be fought. Already God is “*the power that is at work within us,*” though he has not yet finished his work. Our victory has been assured ever since Christ conquered the spirit-forces on the cross and in the empty tomb; but the full realization of our victory is still in process.

How do you see yourself? No doubt it's hard to believe that the mighty power of God dwells within us, and it's harder still to live that way, but Paul believes it. It's an amazing way to see ourselves. Do you believe it?

Now to the one who is able to do immeasurably more than all that we ask or imagine, in keeping with the power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, world without end. Amen (3:20-21).

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