

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

Sunday Bible Study
Morning Assembly 67
Contribution \$1,982
Evening Assembly 16
Wednesday Class —

Elders: Russ Dudley (402) 834-0096; Everett Hinton (402) 462-4745,
Robert Grissom (402) 462-0352; Gaylin Prior (402) 462-8249

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

"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 8 Next Sunday, January 15

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	B Bailey	B Bailey	D Witt	D Witt
Song Leader	G Prior	E Hinton	B Sales	D Brennrdr
Opening Prayer	D Corman	R Grissom	A Adams	R Munsell
Closing Prayer	R Riley	G Smith	S Dinkler	M Glassmyer
Usher	R Munsell		D Hachtel	
Greeters	Wrights		Fielders	
Preside Lord's Supper	L Hinton		G Smith	
Serve	B Sales		L Duester	
Serve	C Fielder		G Prior	
Serve	A Adams		L Peshek	
Coordinator	D Witt		J Fielder	
Prepare Lord's Supper	L Prior		L Prior	
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

Number 2

January 8, 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

- **Russ's Sermon** today is "Accepting or Rejecting the Messiah." Greg Smith will speak for tonight's devotional on the topic, "Team Evaluation: Are We/Am I Coachable?" Rick Eldred from York will preach for us next Sunday.
- **Potluck/Men's Business Meeting** immediately following our morning worship today. Committee Members are the Witts, Paveys, and Priors. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Mountain States Children's Home.
- **Jami Russo** had her gall bladder removed on Wednesday and is at home recovering. **Roger Nealeigh** had his polyps removed on Friday and is at home also recovering. They thank the church for our prayers for them.
- **One Word, One Church** — Below are the dates and chapters to read this week:

January 9 — Mark 6	January 12 — Mark 9
January 10 — Mark 7	January 13 — Mark 10
January 11 — Mark 8	
- **Amy Wenske** has a new email address. It is as follows: amy.wenske@yahoo.com.
- **Food Items Needed:** On Friday, January 13th, the Nebraska Youth Camp Board of Directors will hold their January meeting at the Hastings church. The hosting congregation typically provides a meal for the members before their meeting. As such, we are looking for volunteers that could help provide food items for our "taco bar" meal. If you can help, please contact Erica Adams to find out what items are still needed. (402)984-4528.
- **Renovations** progress will be visible in the bathrooms, which are now sheet rocked and ready to mud, and in the north hallway, where the wood trim has been installed. We thank Everett, Bryan, and Russ for the work they've done on this.

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

Our Church Sign—

- If You Don't Stick to Your Values, They're Not Values. They're Hobbies.
- Patience is Trusting in God's Timing.

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; Jami Russo—recovering from gall bladder surgery; 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

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	

“THIS JESUS, WHOM I PROCLAIM TO YOU, IS THE MESSIAH”

If you were a Jew in the first century, what would it be like to hear Jesus preached in your synagogue as the true Messiah of Israel? In order even to consider Jesus, you would have to be willing to reconsider your Scriptures, your traditions, your race and culture and heritage from the bottom up: because this Messiah changes everything. He's not the Messiah you've been taught to expect. If he is the real Messiah, he turns everything upside down. Consider some things he said:

“Destroy this Temple and in three days I will rebuild it.” “The time is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father . . . God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” Jesus said that God would destroy both his holy city of Jerusalem and his holy Temple in Jerusalem because their leaders had corrupted his religion so terribly. God would replace worship in the Temple with worship “in Spirit and in truth,” which would not be confined to one geographic center.

“This is my body, which is given for you . . . This cup is the new covenant in my blood.” “The son of Man has come not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” “Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’” Jesus saw himself as the Lamb of God who would culminate the system of animal sacrifice by becoming the once-for-all true and final sacrifice for the sins of the world.

“You have heard that it was said by the elders . . . But I say unto you . . .” “It is not what enters the mouth that defiles a man, but what comes out of his mouth.” “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” “Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of Heaven.” “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; but it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life . . . I know you, that you do not have the love of God abiding in you.” Jesus defied the purity laws, Sabbath laws, and “traditions of the elders” that emphasized external regulations rather than internal transformation of the heart. He charged their religious professionals with misrepresenting both the intention of Moses and the character of God.

“Call no man rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.” “I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” “The tax collectors and prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before you.” Jesus said the common people could repent and be forgiven more easily than their religious leaders, who held the common people in contempt.

“Many will come from the east and the west and sit down at table with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven, but the sons of this kingdom will be cast into outer darkness.” “God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.” “Go make disciples of all the nations”; “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” Jesus confronted the Jewish idea that Israel was the only people of God; he said that God loved all the people of the world and his Gospel was to be offered universally to all the nations.

“Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer, then enter his glory?” “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and come follow me.” Jesus said that the true Messiah of Israel was not the Messiah of Jewish nationalism, but the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53. He called his followers to repent of their sins, put away their militant Messianism, and follow the way of the cross with him.

That's a small sample of the ways Jesus the Messiah turned, not only the Jewish Big Religion of his day, but also the nationalistic Messianism of the common people, inside out and upside down. It's no wonder that as you read through the Gospels and Acts you see synagogue after synagogue explode when Jesus is proclaimed as the true Messiah. He changes everything. He is the new wine that bursts the old wineskins. He transforms everyone who chooses to follow him.