

HASTINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST
"A PLACE TO CALL HOME"
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Our Record	
Sunday Bible Study	
Morning Assembly	90
Contribution	\$ 2096
Evening Assembly	27
Wednesday Class	
<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.	

Ministry Leaders: Everett Hinton—Worship Ministry
Brad Bailey—Missions
Brett Sales —Youth
Bryan Jurrens—Buildings/Grounds
Gaylin Prior—Music/Treasurer
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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE			
This Sunday, June 21		Next Sunday, June 28	

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	D Witt	D Witt	G Prior	G Prior
Song Leader	G Prior	R Dudrey	D Brennfrdr	K Lockling
Opening Prayer	J Morgan	R Munsell	B Shearer	J Fielder
Closing Prayer	B Sales	C Fielder	R Riley	R Munsell
Usher	D Hachtel		D Wright	
Greeters	Fielders		Baileys	
Preside Lord's Supper	E Hinton		J Fielder	
Serve	D Wright		B Sales	
Serve	B Bailey		B Bailey	
Serve	L Peshek		S Dinkler	
Coordinator	D Brennfoerder		R Munsell	
Prepare Lord's Supper	Felice Dudrey		Felice Dudrey	
Children's Church	Resume in September		Resume in September	
Nursery	Cassidy Jurrens		Georgette Ockinga	
Wed Children's Class	Felice Dudrey		Erica Adams	
Change Message Sign	Jim Fielder Family		Jim Fielder Family	
Lawn Care	Jim Fielder		Jim Fielder	

Family Focus

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Upcoming Events

- NYC Contribution—June 28

- **Russ's Sermon** today is "Fatherhood and Faithful Love." Tonight he plans a devotional on Hosea's difficult marriage and God's theology of marriage.
- **New Change Cans** for Mountain States Children's Home are on the table in the foyer. Feel free to take one.
- **Elder Selection:** Interviews with elder candidates are nearing completion. However, because of people's vacations and summer travels the process has been delayed. We will continue to update the congregation on our progress. When all interviews are finished we will ask for the church's feedback on the candidates.
- **E-mail Addresses**—Spriha & Mariana's e-mail addresses are as follows: Spriha Garg (spriha.garg.sg@gmail.com) and Mariana Leyser (marileyser10@gmail.com).
- **Judy Melvin** will be moving to the Good Samaritan Village before July 1. Judy needs volunteers to box her personal items up for her move from Rhonda's. Russ will be looking for men to help with the move to GSV.
- **VBS Materials** are in! We are planning to host it July 20, 21, and 22 from 6:30-8:30 pm for ages 4 thru 5th grade. The theme is "Outback Rock: Where Kids Venture into Solid Faith!" Please see Janelle or Danelle soon to sign up in whatever capacity you can help! Find all of your Australian outback decor and get hoppin' to the wildest time Down Under!
- **Wednesday Evening Ladies Class** topic is "Being Kept By Jesus" taught by Lorinda Bailey.
- **June Men's Business Meeting Minutes** are in the foyer. Feel free to pick up a copy.

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

"Visitors and Parents of Small Children: We have a staffed nursery available in the northeast corner of the church building for your convenience. If you would like more information, please see the greeters at the front of the building."

Our Church Sign—

- A Father's Life Is A Child's Instruction Manual.
- Need A Father Figure? Look Up.

- Peace is the presence of God in our lives, not the absence of trouble.
- Think less of the power of things over you and more of the power of Christ in you.

—via BulletinGold

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Country; Our Veterans; Eldership Selection, Elementary, High School, & College Graduates; Foreign Exchange Students; Erica Adams' Grandmother, Linda—heart problems; Andy Adams's Brother; Andy Adams's Co-worker's husband, Randy, health; Bohne Family—personal issues; DudLee Brennforder's Father, Gary—cancer treatment & pain, recent hospitalization; Debbie Downey—blood clots; Daniel Enfield; Peggy Dill's great nephew, Joseph Hibler—health, Judy Schiltz; Ned & Neva Cooper—health; Donnis Genung—cancer treatment; Sue Ginn—health; Robert & Susan Grissom's Son, Joel Grissom—health & family issues; Robert & Susan Grissom—Brazil Mission; Chase Hofferber—health; Cassidy Jurrens—health; Muriel Luke—autoimmune disease; Judy Melvin—health and her brother, Donald, and his wife—health; Johnny Meyers—health; Joe Morgan's brother, Delano—health; Seth Ostrander—brain tumor; Shirley Steen's grandson—Adam; Sudanese Brethren—persecution; Maggie Sales's brother, Gavin Wallace—recovering from surgery; Mark Steen—health; Gary & Norma Werner—Norma's health; Matt & Hope Witt—Teaching in China; Tina Witt; Lisa Worley—hip replacement surgery recovery & her brother-in-law, Dan Barber—head injury.

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

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jeffery Hergenreder.

Happy June Birthday To:	Keaton Corman	-	5	Mike Glassmyer	-	13	Ellen Prior	-	15
	Donna Uden	-	18	Louise Nealeigh	-	23	Rebecca Peshek	-	24
	Lee Peshek	-	29				Monica Fielder	-	27

Happy June Anniversary To: Everett & Ann Hinton - 26

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so,
He called it ... Dad

- Author Unknown; via The Contender, the weekly bulletin published by the Walnut Grove Church of Christ in Benton, KY. Kevin Williams preaches for the congregation. He may be contacted through the church's website: <http://walnutgrovechurchofchrist.org/>

LIVING WITH REGRETS

My freshman year in college I lived in Sewell Hall, a men's dorm at David Lipscomb College. A year or two before I arrived, there had been a tragedy just down the hall from the room on third floor where I lived. It was just one of those foolish dormitory shenanigans: A young man threw a Coke bottle, hard, down the hall. Another young man put his head out the door at the wrong moment, was struck in the temple, and died instantly. What would it be like to live with grief and guilt and regret like that?

By God's grace I have lived my life under God's protection, so I have no huge regrets. The regrets that I do have are mostly just little dumb things I said or did without lasting consequences beyond embarrassment.

My one big regret is the fact that in the final years of my Dad's life I did not treat him with greater respect and did not spend much time or attention on him. I was too busy. I had a young family. I was doing other important things, so I neglected my Dad. My last memory of him alive is seeing him in the side mirror of the Ryder truck as I pulled it out to move our family from Oregon to Minnesota to do the PhD. Dad stood there on the sidewalk, no doubt knowing he was dying of lung cancer, and he watched me take his grandchildren away. Nine months later he died. The fact that I was that clueless toward Dad is my greatest regret.

I share my story because I know you have your own stories. You too live with some grief and guilt and regret. How can we forgive ourselves and be at peace with the memories that gnaw at us?

Jesus says to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors." Then he says, "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins" (Mt 6:12-15). The key to receiving God's forgiveness is to become forgiving persons, says Jesus. The key to forgiving ourselves is to live in God's forgiveness. The more we live in forgiveness toward others, the more we will also feel it and know it toward ourselves.

I can't say I'm totally at peace with my regrets toward Dad. Once in a while I'll have a dream with Dad in it, where I actually get to say to him the words I didn't know I needed to say while he was alive. I tell him that I love him, that I know and understand him better now, that I've learned to respect and honor him, that I need him to forgive me. And he does.

Much of my problem back then was youth and arrogance and foolishness. I was such a child! As I've grown up in Christ, I've grown in God's love and in his wisdom and understanding, so now I see with clearer vision what back then I was too clueless to see. I take some comfort in the words of I Corinthians 13: "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

My dreams tell me that Dad is still on my heart. My hope in Christ tells me that in the restoration of all things, the Father will set everything right. Doesn't that mean that when we see Jesus face to face we will be fully and finally reconciled, not only with God, but also with our loved ones? It is then that we will finally and fully be freed from our unreconciled regrets.

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