

HASTINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Our Record

Sunday Bible Study
Morning Assembly 61
Contribution \$ 1747
Evening Assembly —
Wednesday Class

In Search of the Lord's Way is shown on Charter Cable Channel 12 at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, and at 6:00 PM Sunday, and on Dish Network Channel 259 and Charter Cable Channel 60.1 at 6:30 AM Sundays. Both Charter Cable & Dish Network now provide the "Inspirational Channel."

Ministry Leaders: Everett Hinton—Worship Ministry
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Jim Fielder —Youth
Bryan Jurrens—Buildings/Grounds
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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE

This Sunday, June 8 Next Sunday, June 15

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	D Brennfrdr	D Brennfrdr	G Prior	G Prior
Song Leader	D Witt	E Hinton	M Glassmyer	R Dudrey
Opening Prayer	J Meyers	R Grissom	J Fielder	R Munsell
Closing Prayer	S Dinkler	B Bailey	B Bailey	K Lockling
Usher	R Munsell		D Hachtel	
Greeters	Baileys		Fielders	
Preside Lord's Supper	J Fielder		E Hinton	
Serve	B Shearer		A Adams	
Serve	G Prior		M Fielder	
Serve	D Hachtel		D Wright	
Coordinator	D Wright		D Witt	
Prepare Lord's Supper	L Prior		L Prior	
Children's Church	Will Resume in September		Will Resume in September	
Change Message Sign	Jim Fielder Family		Jim Fielder Family	
Lawn Care	Fielders		Fielders	

Family Focus

Number 23

June 8, 2014

Upcoming Events

- Potluck/Men's Business Meeting—June 8
- Genung/Peshek Wedding Shower—June 8
- NYC Contribution—June 22
- York College Bible Teachers Workshop—July 26

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, "And All Flesh Shall See the Salvation of God": Luke's Message of God's Universal Offer of Salvation." Tonight Russ plans a devotional on the rejection of Jesus in his hometown of Nazareth.
- **Potluck/Men's Business Meeting** today immediately following our morning worship. Committee members are the Dudreys, D Wrights, and Fielders. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Mountain States Children's Home.
- **Genung/Peshek Wedding Shower** this afternoon following potluck. For those that are wondering about gifts, home improvements are at the top of their list, so cash or a Menard's gift card would be appreciated.
- **Shirley Steen** is in the rehabilitation unit of Mary Lanning, room 508. Her lungs have cleared, and her knee is getting stronger. She hopes to go home this week. She welcomes our visits.
- **Muriel Luke's Condition** has improved. She is adjusting to her new residence in Perkins 112, where she also welcomes our visits.
- **Georgette Ockinga** received a cortisone shot in her right knee last week. Pray that the shot will be effective long-term.
- **Dr. Jason Kite**, Assistant Professor of Physics and Math at York College passed away May 31 from cancer. Memorial services were held on June 3 at East Hill Church of Christ in York. Our sympathy and prayers goes out to the Kite family.
- **Reed & Betty** welcome their seventh great-grandchild, Max Kolbe Munsell, born Wednesday June 4, 8 lbs. 8 oz., to Alan and Emily Munsell, and sisters Ava and Emma.
- **Wednesday Ladies Class** topic is violence, arrogance taken from Proverbs 13:1-6, 24-25; 14:8-11, 15-18 taught by Paula Witt.
- **Mountain States Children's Home** new change cans are available on the table in the foyer. Please pick up a can and fill it with your pocket change. This is a very good and relatively painless way to give to a worthy cause.
- **Mountain States Children's Home** newsletter is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for your reading.

Our Church Sign—

- A Large Heart Can Be Filled With Small Things.
- Hate Is Not A Family Value.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: **Our Country; High School & College Graduates; Our Veterans; Erica Adams' Grandmother**—health; **Bohne Family**—personal issues; **DudLee Brennforder's Father, Gary**—cancer treatment & pain; **Evelyn Brown**—personal issues; **Tom & Peggy Dill**—health; **Ned & Neva Cooper**—health; **Debra Davis** (Jo Wright's relative); cyst on spine; **Scott Dinkler's Grandfather, John Schiefelbein & John's two brothers**—cancer treatment; **Russ & Felice Dudrey & Family**—Passing of Felice's mother; **Shelley Geman**—cancer treatment; **Susan Grissom**—heart surgery recovery; **Robert & Susan Grissom's Son, Jaime**, spiritual concerns; **Joel Grissom**—transitioning from military to private sector ; health & personal issues; **Susan Grissom**—friend in Brazil—meningitis; **Mike Halsted**—Hospice Care; **Danelle Hays**—Recovering from gall bladder surgery; **Rayna Jurrens**—Pneumonia; **Jason Kite Family**—Jason's passing; **Ileen Lenhart's sisters**—health; **Ann Luke**—recovering from back surgery; **Muriel Luke**—autoimmune disease; **Bill Melvin Family**—Bill's passing; **Judy Melvin**—health; **Joseph Morrow's Brother**—lupus; **Johnny Meyers**—health; **Betty Munsell's** sister in Kansas—shingles; **Georgette Ockinga**—knee; **Seth Ostrander**—brain tumor; **Lisa Prior's friend, Cheryl Sidlo**—head injury; **Steve Sikes's daughter (Russ's Cousin)**—cancer; **Shirley Steen**—knee surgery & other health issues, **Kay Strong**—Stroke recovery; **Shirley Steen's Grandson—Adam; Sudanese Brethren**—persecution; **Kamryn Towell's Father**—Cancer treatment; **Kamryn Towell's Grandfather**—Injury & surgery; **Gavin Valle (Nick Valle's brother)**—possible hip replacement surgery in the future; **Jo Wright's son (Joe)**—heart condition, kidney biopsy, & family; friend's niece, **Kaitlyn**, cancer treatment, **Jo Wright's Sister, Mary**—Surgery complications; **Joe Wright's child**—lung infection; **Jo Wright's Grandson (Dylan)**—Broken leg & surgery; **Gary & Norma Werner**—Norma's health; **Tina Witt; Lisa Worley**—health.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: **Russel Bell** (mission work in India & Romania).

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jeffery Hergenreder & Robb Glassmyer.

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

Happy June Anniversary To: Everett & Ann Hinton - 26

- **Updated Telephone and Address Lists**, and also an updated email list are in the foyer. Feel free to pick up a copy.
- **Wednesday Evening Treats**—Betty Munsell.

THE BIBLE is the chief moral cause for all that is good, the best corrector of all that is evil in human society; the best book for regulating the temporal concerns of man, and the only book that can serve as an infallible guide for future felicit" (Noah Webster, 1833).

"Lord, thank you for this beautiful day! Please help me to see the beauty in every day, and help others to see the beauty in your wonders. Guide me through perils toward your brilliant light. Amen" (Kate E. Ritger, Prayer in All Things).

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“AND ALL FLESH SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD”

All writers of the New Testament are Christians, obviously. All but one are Jewish Christians. Luke is the exception: Luke is the only New Testament writer who is a non-Jew. He's a Gentile.

Luke's two writings, the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts, emphasize that salvation in Christ is for everybody, universally, on an equal basis. It's called “Luke's universalism”: Luke says that God is not a racist, God is not a nationalist, God is not a social-classist, God is not a sexist. God's Gospel is for all, equally. This theme spreads throughout Luke-Acts.

In Luke's Gospel, when Jesus is born the angel host shouts, “*Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth among men of good will*” (2:14). When the aged prophet Simeon takes baby Jesus in his arms in the Temple, he says “*Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, now let your servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel*” (2:29-32). “All people”!

When John the Baptist begins his preaching, all four Gospels quote Isaiah to say that John is the forerunner of the Messiah, but only Luke quotes all the way down to where Isaiah says “*And all flesh will see the salvation of God*” (3:6, citing Isa 40:5). “All flesh”!

When Jesus preaches in the synagogue in his hometown in Nazareth, he reads the passage in Isaiah 61 describing Israel's ideal King: “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor . . . to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*” Jesus says “*Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing*”—then he explains the passage as speaking of God's offer of salvation, not only to Israel, but also to Gentiles like the widow in Zarephath in Sidon or Naaman the Syrian (4:16-30). Gentiles!

When Jesus appears to the Apostles the last time before he ascends to heaven, he commissions them to take the Gospel to all nations: “*This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things*” (24:45-48). “All nations”!

The Book of Acts takes up where the Gospel of Luke leaves off. Again Jesus commissions the Apostles to preach the universal offer of salvation: “*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth*” (1:8). That's a short outline of Acts. The Christian mission begins in Jerusalem (chs 1-7), goes to Judea and Samaria (chs 8-12), then goes “to the uttermost parts of the earth,” ending in Rome, the center of the Empire (chs 13-28). “The uttermost parts of the earth”!

When Peter preaches his first Christian sermon on the day of Pentecost and the people are cut to the heart and ask what they can do to avoid God's wrath for killing his Messiah, Peter answers, “*Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you, and for your children, and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call*” (2:38-39). “For all”!

Acts 13 is the missionary turning point in the book, when Paul becomes “the apostle to the Gentiles.” Paul preaches for two Sabbath days in the Jewish synagogue in Antioch of Pisidia. On the second Sabbath, the leaders of the synagogue become so jealous over his success with the godfearing Gentile audience that they reject the Gospel and oppose Paul. Paul says, “*We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord commanded us: 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth'*” (13:46-47). Gentiles!

With the last words of the book of Acts, Luke shows how the Gospel has come to Rome. In the symbolic center of “the uttermost parts of the earth,” Paul preaches boldly, openly and unhindered: “*God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles. They will listen!*” (28:28-31).