

HASTINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST
"A PLACE TO CALL HOME"
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Our Record	
Sunday Bible Study	
Morning Assembly	80
Contribution	\$ 2,264
Evening Assembly	—
Wednesday Class	—

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.

Elders: Russ Dudrey, Everett Hinton,
Robert Grissom, Gaylin Prior

Ministry Leaders: Everett Hinton—Worship Ministry
Brad Bailey—Missions
Brett Sales —Youth
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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE	
This Sunday, November 13	Next Sunday, November 20

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	D Brennfrdr	D Brennfrdr	D Witt	D Witt
Song Leader	G Prior	E Hinton	B Sales	D Brennfrdr
Opening Prayer	D Corman	R Grissom	J Morgan	R Munsell
Closing Prayer	R Riley	B Bailey	S Dinkler	M Glassmyer
Usher	R Munsell		D Hachtel	
Greeters	Wrights		Fielders	
Preside Lord's Supper	J Fielder		E Hinton	
Serve	B Sales		L Duester	
Serve	C Fielder		G Prior	
Serve	A Adams		B Bailey	
Coordinator	E Hinton		J Fielder	
Prepare Lord's Supper	D Brennfoerder		D Brennfoerder	
Children's Church	Erica Adams		Danelle Hayes	
Wee Worship	Maggie Sales		Maggie Sales	
Wed Children's Class	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	
Change Message Sign	Brad Bailey Family		Brad Bailey Family	
Lawn Care	—		—	

Family Focus

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Upcoming Events

- Potluck/Men's Business Meeting/Fall Festival — November 13
- Eternal Threads Annual Sale—November 18-19
- Nebraska Youth Camp Contribution — November 27
- International Goods Sale—December 10
- Christmas Caroling—December 21

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 "Paul, John Mark, and the Guidance of the Holy Spirit." Tonight Russ plans a devotional on "All Things Work Together For Good."
- **Potluck/Men's Business Meeting** today immediately following our morning worship in the fellowship hall. Committee members are the Hachtels, Amy Wright, and Cormans. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Mountain States Children's Home.
- **Ellie Lockling** has developed pancreatic cancer, which is terminal. Kenneth asks our prayers for her. His daughter and son hope to take him to Council Bluffs to visit her this weekend. Ellie Lockling's address is P.O. Box 1867, Council Bluffs, IA, 51502. Kenneth Lockling's address is P.O. Box 83, Harvard, NE, 68944.
- **Prayers** are requested for a huge family decision as we need an answer from God on what to do. —Katrina Glassmyer
- **Pray for Bill Wells** who was recently hospitalized and is home recovering; for **Susan Grissom's** forthcoming procedure.
- **One Word, One Church** — Below are the dates and chapters to read this week:
 - November 14 - I Thessalonians 1
 - November 15 - I Thessalonians 2
 - November 16 - I Thessalonians 3
 - November 17 - I Thessalonians 4
 - November 18 - I Thessalonians 5
- **Eternal Threads Annual Sale** November 18-19 in Fellowship Hall.
- **International Goods Sale** at Presbyterian Church on December 10th. New selection of goods from 10-12 different countries. See Paula Witt, Lisa Prior, or Lorinda Bailey for questions or to volunteer.
- **Fall Festival**—Everyone is invited to join us for our second annual fall festival. Immediately following our potluck dinner today, we will have games, fall crafts, and fun/fellowship for all ages. Please invite your friends and family. We are so blessed! What a better way to celebrate this season of Thanksgiving than fellowshiping with one another. Hope you will join us. Any questions can be directed to Maggie Sales.

Our Church Sign—

- Eyes that look are common. Eyes that see are rare.
- Faith is caught. Not taught.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Country, Veterans, Students in school; Elders; Lorinda Bailey's sister, Rachel, health issues; Danelle & Janelle's Cousin's Daughter—health; Evelyn Brown—mother, Marie Riley—broken hip; Lance & Ashlee Duester—new baby; Ashley's Duester's father—blood clot; Lance Duester's father; Walter Davis—health; Daniel Enfield—health; Monica Fielder & Family—passing of Monica's mother Sharon; 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; Family of Clem Kucera—Passing of Clem; Ken Kucera—heart attack; Ellie Lockling—pancreatic cancer; Ken Lockling—health; Judy Melvin—health; Louise Nealeigh—health; 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; 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; 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 November Birthday:

Angie Riley	- 4	Piper Roth	- 10
Dustin Corman	- 15	Bob Shearer	- 15
Katrina Glassmyer	- 17	Carter Duester	- 17
Georgette Ockinga	- 26	Karla Nauert	- 20

Happy November Anniversary:

Lance & Ashlee Duester	- 16
Don & Sharon Hachtel	- 29

- **Renovations** on the restrooms are proceeding well. We expect the plumber to finish roughing in the plumbing this week.
- **Christmas Caroling** to the elderly and shut-ins is scheduled for December 21st.

WHEN APOSTLES MAKE MISTAKES

The idea that the Apostles made mistakes may grate on our nerves, but clearly they did. All through the Gospels they do, because they look for the Jewish kingdom on earth and do not understand Jesus' messiahship very well.

Take Peter, for example: When he confesses that Jesus is the Messiah, then tries to say that the Messiah cannot suffer and die, Jesus has to tell him “Get behind me, Satan!” He thinks as other men do, not as God does. When Peter sees Jesus transfigured with Moses and Elijah, he wants to build tabernacles for all three of them, equally. God has to correct Peter's mistake: “This is my beloved Son!” When Jesus says that all the Twelve will desert him, Peter says that he never will, not even if he has to die with him. Jesus says no, Peter, before the morning you will deny me three times.

That's all before the Resurrection and the day of Pentecost, when we see Peter transformed. But he makes another clear mistake afterwards. When hardline Jewish Christians come to Antioch to see what is happening in the Gentile mission there, Peter draws back from having table-fellowship with the Gentiles because he's afraid how the Judaizers will react. Paul sees this as a huge mistake and loudly and publicly rebukes Peter's hypocrisy.

In the book of Acts the Apostle Paul makes several mistakes. One happens in his trial before Caiaphas. Caiaphas has his servants strike Paul on the mouth, and Paul retorts, “God will strike you, you whitewashed wall!” The bystanders say “Would you revile God's high priest?” Paul apologizes: “I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'” It's a simple mistake: he doesn't know that Caiaphas is the high priest that year. The point is that being an apostle doesn't mean he has all-perfect knowledge. He's still human.

His most serious mistake is a controversy that costs him his fellowship with Barnabas. Paul proposes to Barnabas that they go back to visit the churches they established on their first missionary journey. Barnabas agrees, and suggests that they take his cousin John Mark with them again. Paul refuses: No, Mark deserted us and went home right in the middle of our first missionary journey; we can't risk him doing that again. Barnabas urges Paul to give Mark another chance. Paul refuses, emphatically. He is adamant: We can't risk it; the young man is unreliable. They go back and forth over it. It becomes a sharp controversy—the Greek word is a paroxysm, meaning that they get hot—so they split up. Barnabas takes Mark with him and goes to his native Cyprus. Paul takes Silas and they go back to the churches Paul and Barnabas established in Asia.

Later Paul realizes that he was mistaken about Mark: Mark is with him where he is in prison (Ephesus? Caesarea?) when he writes Colossians and Philemon. When he is in Nero's prison in Rome he asks Timothy to come, and says “Bring Mark with you, for he is very useful for ministry.” Paul has come to see that Barnabas was right about Mark. After Paul's death Mark is with Peter in Rome, and he is the one who writes the Gospel of Mark. I'd call that very useful for ministry.

I wonder about some others. Was it a mistake for Paul to lose patience and cast out the spirit of divination from the slave girl in Philippi?—he did it in haste, and if nothing else it was bad timing. Was it a mistake for him to ignore the repeated prophetic warnings against going to Jerusalem?—he went anyway and was imprisoned. Was it a mistake for him to appeal to be tried before Caesar, and use that as his way of getting to Rome? He believed the Spirit of God wanted him to preach the Gospel in Rome, but was he forcing God's hand by contriving to make it happen this way?

The New Testament writers see the Apostles as heroes of faith, but they paint true, warts-and-all pictures of them. The real Apostles as the writers know them don't wear haloes or glow in the dark: the real Apostles are pretty human. The Bible's portraits of them are unembellished. They make mistakes like we do, yet God gets his will done through them. This gives me hope that God can get his will done through us, too. — ©Russ Dudrey, 11/13/16¹

¹ Scriptures in order of reference: Mk. 8:27-33, 9:1-8, 14:27-31; Gal. 2:11-21; Acts 23:1-5, 15:36-41; Col. 4:10; Phile. 24; II Tim. 4:11; Acts 16:16-20, 21:10-14, 20:22ff, 25:6-12.