

**Our Record**

Sunday Bible Study  
 Morning Assembly                      63  
 Contribution                              \$1,223  
 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.

**Ministry Leaders:** Everett Hinton—Worship Ministry  
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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

**THOSE TO SERVE**

This Sunday, November 22      Next Sunday, November 29

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	G Prior	G Prior	E Hinton	E Hinton
Song Leader	M Glassmyer	D Brennfrdr	D Brennfrdr	B Bailey
Opening Prayer	B Shearer	M Fielder	R Grissom	D Wright
Closing Prayer	R Riley	R Munsell	C Fielder	M Fielder
Usher	D Wright		B Jurrens	
Greeters	Brennfoerders		Corman/Hayes	
Preside Lord's Supper	J Fielder		D Witt	
Serve	C Fielder		G Prior	
Serve	B Bailey		J Morgan	
Serve	S Dinkler		L Duester	
Coordinator	D Witt		D Corman	
Prepare Lord's Supper	A Riley		A Riley	
Children's Church	Andy & Erica Adams		J Corman/D Hayes	
Wee Worship	Monica Fielder		Monica Fielder	
Wed Children's Class	Susan Grissom		Lorinda Bailey	
Change Message Sign	Brad Bailey Family		Brad Bailey Family	
Lawn Care	---		---	

# Family Focus

**Number 47**

**November 22, 2015**

**Upcoming Events**

- NYC Contribution—November 22
- Fifth Sunday Singing—November 29

- **Russ's Sermon** today is "The Crucifixion of Christ." Warning: it will be a bit graphic. Because of the topic, we will postpone taking the Lord's Supper until after the sermon. For tonight's devotional Russ will lead a meditation on "The Scandal of the Cross."
- **Please Keep Mark Steen's** health crisis in your prayers, and pray for Shirley Steen as she is anxious for him.
- **Pray For Jo Wright** as she will undergo rotator cuff repair surgery on Monday, and **Evelyn Brown** who underwent surgery recently to insert another stent.
- **Words Cannot Express** the appreciation for all of the prayers, thoughts, kind words, support, visits, cards, posts, food and other kindness shown to us during dad's illness and passing. Our church family has been nothing short of Christ-like. Your support through difficult times like this is so comforting. Thank you so much!  
 ---The Brennfoerder family
- **Thank You** to everyone who assisted and provided treats for the Eternal Threads sale on Friday and Saturday, Sales totaled \$1,584.
- **Any Member** interested in serving on the Missions Committee for a renewable 2-year term, should visit with one of the current members (Reed Munsell, Russ/Felice Dudrey, Brad/Lorinda Bailey, Scott Dinkler or Paula Witt). An introductory meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 9 as an orientation for new members interested in being actively involved in the local, regional and international missions supported by the Hastings church of Christ.
- **Nebraska Youth Camp Contribution** will be taken today.
- **Fifth Sunday Singing**—Because Thanksgiving falls in the same week as the fifth Sunday this year, the November fifth Sunday singing is cancelled.

**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

Some are willing to do anything to become Christians, except give up their sins.

Love forgives what courtesy and courage could have avoided. Maybe you should stop trying to make a living and instead work with God in order to make a life.

- Gerald Cowan, a longtime preacher and missionary, is retired from full-time pulpit preaching. Gerald publishes an e-mail newsletter entitled *GERALD COWAN'S PERSONAL PERIODICAL WRITINGS*. He is available for Gospel Meetings and he may be contacted at [Geraldcowan1931@aol.com](mailto:Geraldcowan1931@aol.com)

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Our Country; Our Veterans; Eldership Selection, Elementary, High School, & College Students; Erica Adams' Grandmother, Linda—heart problems; Andy Adams—health; Andy Adams's Brother; Andy Adams's co-worker's husband, Randy, health; Bohne Family—personal issues; Evelyn Brown—stent surgery; Gary Brennforder Family—Gary's passing; Debbie Brennforder's Mother, Joan Kimminau—compound fractured vertebra; Judy Rinn (Conaway) Family—Judy's passing; Debbie Downey—blood clots; Daniel Enfield; Monica Fielder's Mother, Sharon—surgery; Donnis Genung—cancer treatment; Glassmyer Family, Katrina—hip surgery recovery, Jackson—school; Rob—job safety & travel; Robert & Susan Grissom's Son, Joel Grissom—health & family issues; Cassidy Jurrens—health; Ken Lockling—health; Judy Melvin—health, her brother's wife's—health, brother Jim—stroke; Johnny Meyers—health; Georgette Ockinga—knee replacement surgery recovery and passing of her Aunt Doris; Seth Ostrander—brain tumor; Shirley Steen's grandson—Adam; Sudanese Brethren—persecution; Maggie Sales's brother, Gavin Wallace—health; David Uden—triple by-pass surgery recovery; Kara Voorhees—blood clot in lungs; Mark Steen—health; Gary & Norma Werner—Norma's health; Matt & Hope Witt—Teaching in China; Tina Witt; Dick Witt's Father—health; Lisa Worley—her brother-in-law; Dick Wright—knee replacement surgery recovery; Jo Wright's niece, Debra, frozen shoulder; Jo Wright's friend, Jackie Davis diagnosed with cancer; Jo Wright—rotator cuff surgery; 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 Don Hachtel - 17 Karla Nauert - 20  
Georgette Ockinga - 26

**Happy November Anniversary To:** Don & Sharon Hachtel - 29

### What Will Your Answer Be? By Nina F. Thorn

If God should call you home today,  
What would your answer be?  
Would you be so happy or would you say,  
"I knew not you were coming to take me."  
He gave you the Holy Bible,  
To show you the only way.  
Do you take time to study it or  
Think you don't have to obey?  
God will let you choose,  
Where you spend eternity.  
Will your choice be heaven,  
Or will fire be your destiny.  
You can't live like the world,  
And have a life of peace.  
Judgment day is coming,  
So, what will your answer be?

## JESUS AND JEHOCHANAN

In 1968, in an ancient Jewish tomb discovered just north of Jerusalem, archaeologists found an ossuary containing the bones of a man 24-28 years old who had died by crucifixion. The tomb dated no later than 70 AD, when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and Jewish burials there ceased until modern times. The man's name, inscribed on the ossuary, was Jehochanan. He was crucified in about the same time and place as Jesus.

That he had been crucified was proven beyond doubt by the greenstick rubmarks of the spikes in the bones of his forearms, and by his heelbones—especially by his heelbones, which were both pierced sideways by one spike. As it was driven into the olivewood cross, the spike hit a knot and its end bent so badly that the Romans couldn't pull it out when they removed the body. So they shattered the legs and hacked the feet out of the cross, spike and all. The feet were put in the tomb with the spike still in them and a chip of olivewood still stuck on the end.

This changes our view of Jesus' crucifixion a bit. The way we picture the nails through his hands is wrong—nails through the hands would sever veins and victims could bleed to death even before the cross was set upright. Jehochanan was nailed through his wrists, between the radius and ulna bones. The way we picture the nails through Jesus' feet, with nails through the tops of the arches, may be wrong too: Jehochanan was nailed with one large spike driven through the sides of both his heels. His body was twisted into a distorted position with his knees pushed out to the side, so his weight was borne by his arms and by his buttocks, if they nailed a *sedecula* (a little seat) under him. His figure on the cross would not have looked pretty, let alone heroic; it would not make for good costume jewelry.

The description of the bones of Jehochanan made the crucifixion of Jesus real in my mind, perhaps for the first time ever. I had always known that Jesus died by crucifixion, but seldom had I felt anything like the enormous cruelty and suffering he endured to rescue us from sin and death and give us Life.

Going to church all your life, hearing the stories, seeing crucifixes hung on people's walls or worn as personal adornment, can anesthetize you to the reality of the crucifixion. You can get so used to it that you take it for granted. You can become inoculated against its horror and enormity. You can keep your heart a comfortable emotional distance away from it. You can even become bored with the story, or immune to it, or hardened against it.

Please don't. At some point in my life I had to wake up, as if out of spiritual sleep, out of my insensitivity to the stark reality that my God would go through this fiendish, this hellish torture and shameful public execution, in order to rescue me from Hell.

We need to wake up to the brutal reality of sin and death. Jesus was not crucified in order to be made into a stained glass window, a crucifix, or a piece of jewelry. God the Father in his love abandoned his Son to the death of the cross in order to pay the price to redeem us. Jesus the Son in his love obeyed the will of his Father in order to ransom us with his own flesh and blood and suffering. Christ on the cross is far more than just a doctrine we believe as part of the system of Christian teaching: he is the human embodiment of the self-sacrificial, wondrous, divine love of God. By his death he gave us our Life.

*"But God forbid that I should boast, except in the cross of Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world"* (Gal 6:14).