

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

Sunday Bible Study
Morning Assembly 69
Contribution \$ 1877
Evening Assembly 19
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
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 8 Next Sunday, November 15

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	J Fielder	J Fielder	D Witt	D Witt
Song Leader	B Sales	E Hinton	G Prior	K Lockling
Opening Prayer	D Corman	R Grissom	J Fielder	R Munsell
Closing Prayer	S Dinkler	B Bailey	B Sales	D Wright
Usher	R Munsell		D Hachtel	
Greeters	Wrights		Fielders	
Preside Lord's Supper	D Brennfoerder		E Hinton	
Serve	J Morgan		B Jurrens	
Serve	R Riley		M Fielder	
Serve	D Hachtel		M Glassmyer	
Coordinator	G Prior		D Brennfoerder	
Prepare Lord's Supper	F Dudley		F Dudrey	
Children's Church	Monica Fielder		Monica Fielder	
Wee Worship	S Grissom & P Shearer		Maggie Sales	
Wed Children's Class	Lorinda Bailey		Danelle Hayes	
Change Message Sign	Brad Bailey Family		Brad Bailey Family	
Lawn Care	---		---	

Family Focus

Number 45

November 8, 2015

Upcoming Events

- Potluck/Men's Business Meeting—November 8
- Tranquill—A Ladies Retreat—Lincoln—November 13-14
- Eternal Threads Sale—November 20-21
- NYC Contribution—November 22
- Fifth Sunday Singing—November 29

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

- **For This Morning's Sermon Lance Duester** will share the story of his redemption, then Russ will make a few comments on "Redemption: Past, Present, and Future." The Lord's Supper will be served after Lance's message. Tonight's devotional will be a discussion of the doctrine of Christian Hope and Christian Assurance.
- **Children's Church and Wee Worship** will not meet today. They will both resume next week."
- **Potluck/Men's Business Meeting** to be held in the fellowship hall immediately following our worship service this morning. Committee members are the Wrights. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Mountain States Children's Home.
- **Gary Brennfoerder** remains in Hospice at Mary Lanning, room 621. Please continue your prayers for him and his family.
- **Andy Adams** was in Mary Lanning Healthcare last week being treated for a dangerous episode of rhabdomyelitis. He was released from the hospital yesterday. Keep Andy in your prayers.
- **Thank you** for all of the prayers and visits while Andy was in the hospital last week. We appreciate all of your love and support, are thankful for answered prayers, and are thankful that Andy was able to come home Saturday.

--Andy and Erica Adams
- **Dick & Detta Wright** would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, and the love you have shown to us while Dick was in the hospital for knee replacement surgery. Your thoughtfulness has made Dick's recovery go much easier. We love you all.
- **Orphans' Lifelines of Hope Sunday Collection**—Russ will make an announcement about the collection during worship.

Our Church Sign—

- Life Begins At The End Of Your Comfort Zone.
- Impatience Is A Form Of Unbelief.

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; Brooke Bailey—health; Bohne Family—personal issues; DudLee Brennfoerder's Father, Gary—cancer treatment & pain; 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; those travelling.

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

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

- **Congratulations to Joe and Vicki Morgan** on becoming grandparents. Duke Adam Morgan was born on October 27th to Jace and Danielle Morgan of Kenesaw. Duke weighed in at 7lbs 12 ounces.
- **Eternal Threads Sale** will be held on Friday evening, and Saturday morning November 20-21. We will have posters and postcards for mailing and sharing. Please make a list of friends, neighbors, relatives, and coworkers to invite. New stock and sale items will be showcased for this event. Think of Christmas and special event gifting, and plan to attend along with your friends! Linda Egle will be joining us for the weekend, so please mark your calendars!
- **Ladies**, please remember to complete and turn in your surveys about the restroom and nursery renovations by next Sunday, November 15. If you did not receive one or need another, please see Ann or Felice, or pick one up from the table in the foyer.
- **Tranquil, A Ladies Retreat** will be held November 13 and 14 at the Heartland s Church, 10000 Yankee Hill Road, Lincoln, NE. Cost is \$15.00/person. Dr. Jackie Halstead from Nashville, Tennessee, will be the speaker. If you are interested in going and have not registered by October 27th, please call 402-421-6344 or email Becky.Clark@Heartlandchurch.org to inquire if registrations are still being accepted.
- **Our Sympathy** is extended to the family of Judy A. Bridgewater Rinn (Conaway). Judy was a member here several years ago before moving to Colorado. She passed away on November 4th in Fayetteville, GA. Keep Judy's family in your prayers.

A GREAT REDEMPTION, AND ANOTHER, AND ANOTHER . . .

By his own account Saul of Tarsus was the most rabid of the early Jewish persecutors of the Christians. He shows up first in the book of Acts as the young prosecutor who saw to the stoning of Stephen. From there he goes on to lay waste the church in Judea, haling many Christians before the synagogues and councils and handing them over to imprisonment and slaughter. He has the blood of many Christians, both men and women, on his hands.

Then he gets authority from the Sanhedrin to destroy the churches in Syria and Damascus—but on Damascus Road Jesus Christ, whom he has been persecuting, reveals himself to Saul. Immediately on his conversion he begins to preach in the synagogue in Damascus that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah. He has to flee when the Jews plan to kill him. He goes to Jerusalem and tries to join with the church there, but they're afraid of him: it's not just that they know his story, but that they know people he has had killed. It takes Barnabas, “a good man full of the Holy Spirit and of faith,” to convince the church of his sincerity.

He preaches the Messiahship of Jesus boldly in Jerusalem until he has to flee from another death-plot. He falls out of the records for several “silent years” (perhaps as many as fourteen), then he emerges again when Barnabas seeks him out in Tarsus and brings him to Antioch to begin the Gentile mission. “The Lord showed me great mercy,” Paul writes, to transform him from Saul, the persecutor of the church, into Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. This is a great redemption.

Lance Duester will tell the story of his redemption today. It is so valuable and so convicting to hear the been-there-done-that story of God reaching down and delivering people from paths of destruction. God is a mighty Redeemer, and we can only thank him for doing whatever could be done—all that could be done—to redeem us. There was a day when Lance said “I'm done. I'm never going to look back. I'm going to follow Jesus Christ.” I wouldn't trade anything for what I've seen in Lance. This is a great redemption.

Sometimes I wish I had a dramatic been-there-done-that conversion story like Lance's, but I don't. The home I was raised in was unhappy, but I still knew what redemption looked like. I saw it in my Mother, in Brother Bufkin, in other people of God. I saw glimpses of it in my Dad, flawed though his love for Mother was. As I look back now, I know that from a young age I wanted God, and God enfolded me within his protection, so there's not much drama in my past. Rather, there is the steadfast love of the Lord, nurturing me up from my earliest childhood on. I now realize that this too is a great redemption.

I too had to be saved from my sins, especially from foolishness and selfishness and self-righteousness. And I was. I was baptized at age 12, but in a sense I can say I was redeemed from early on, because I've lived under the shelter of God's wings all my life. I wouldn't trade anything for the fact that I was raised in the nurture and the instruction of Christ and was taught even as a child to desire his holiness and live in his redemption.

We have been redeemed. If Lance does things right, if Ashley does things right, if this congregation does things right, then the great redemption that has been at work in all of us will unfold Lily and Paisley from their earliest years on, and they too will be able to live from childhood on enfolded within God's great redemption.

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