

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

Sunday Bible Study
Morning Assembly 80
Contribution \$1732
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
Brad Bailey—Missions
Jim Fielder —Youth
Bryan Jurrens—Buildings/Grounds
Gaylin Prior—Music/Treasurer
Dick Witt—Education/Benevolence

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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE

This Sunday, October 20 Next Sunday, October 27

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	J Fielder	J Fielder	D Witt	D Witt
Song Leader	R Grissom	D Brennfrdr	Gaylin Prior	R Dudrey
Opening Prayer	D Witt	M Glassmyer	E Hinton	C Fielder
Closing Prayer	J Meyers	R Munsell	K Lockling	D Hachtel
Usher	D Hachtel		D Wright	
Greeters	Baileys		Grissoms	
Preside Lord's Supper	E Hinton		D Brennfoerder	
Serve	A Adams		N Towell	
Serve	B Jurrens		M Fielder	
Serve	N Towell		L Peshek	
Coordinator	G Prior		R Munsell	
Prepare Lord's Supper	J Glassmyer		J Glassmyer	
Children's Church	Meeting Today		Meeting Today	
Wednesday LTC	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	
Change Message Sign	Jim Fielder Family		Jim Fielder Family	
Lawn Care	Dick Witt		Dick Witt	

Family Focus

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October 20, 2013

Upcoming Events

- East Hill Church of Christ in York—Relationships Matter Seminar—October 20-23
- NYC Contribution—October 27

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 "Membership in the People of God: Repentance." Tonight Russ plans a devotional on "How Do I Know that I'm a Christian?"
- **Pray** for Jo Wright's grandson, Parker, who fell against a wood burning stove and suffered burns on his hands and forehead. He is home from the hospital. Continue to pray for **Ann Luke** who is hospitalized from undergoing back surgery. Pray for **Bill & Judy Melvin** and their health. **Donna Montemayor, David & Winona Maxon** for a safe return from Tennessee.
- **Bill Ashmore** is considerably improved and is back in the Haven Home in Kenesaw.
- **Betty Allsman's** 90th birthday was Tuesday Oct. 15. New address from daughter Lana Gillett. Betty Allsman, C.M.H. C. (Citizens Memorial Health Care) Box 590, Bolivar, Missouri, 65613. (Near Springfield) We are sure she would enjoy hearing from many of her old friends here in the church.
- **Teachers**—We are in search of teachers for the Children's classes. We would love for you to join us in this ever-growing ministry! We need teachers starting in November for Wednesday nights and also for Sunday morning Children's Church. You can sign up for a month up to a year at a time. Please see Janelle or Danelle to sign up or if you have any questions
- **East Hill Church of Christ in York** will host a "Relationships Matter" seminar led by Jerry and Lynn Jones, Sunday, October 20th (9:30 AM—7:00 PM); Monday through Wednesday, October 21-23rd (6:30-7:30 PM each evening). Several of our members have attended this seminar in years past and recommend it highly. The seminar is free.
- **Wednesday Evening Treats**—Volunteer needed.
- **Nebraska Youth Camp** contribution will be taken next Sunday, October 27.

Our Church Sign—

- Autumn Leaves—Jesus Doesn't.
- Praise the Lord. Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good. His Love Endures Forever.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Country; High School & College Students; Our Veterans; Colorado Flood Victims; Bill Ashmore—health; Brad Bailey’s Sister—Linda Breuggeman, cancer surgery recovery & treatment; Lorinda Bailey’s Sister—pregnancy; Shelly Bohne—personal issues; Dud Lee Brennfoerder’s Father, Gary—cancer treatment; Tom Dill—health; Scott Dinkler’s Grandfather, John Schiefelbein & John’s two brothers—cancer treatment; Monica Fielder’s Brother—military deployment to Afghanistan; Shelley German—cancer treatment; Robert & Susan Grissom’s Son, Jaime, spiritual concerns; Joel Grissom—transitioning from military to private sector; Jeffery Hergenreder—deployment to Africa; Cassidy Jurrens—health; Ileen Lenhart’s grandson & sisters—health; hives; Ken Lockling—health & his daughter Carolyn; Ann Luke—recovering from back surgery; Bill & Judy Melvin—health; Joseph Morrow’s Brother—lupus; Pat Morgan requested our prayers; Johnny Meyers—health & accident; injuries; Louise Nealeigh—fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue; Seth Ostrander—brain tumor; Brett Peshek—ankle injury; Russ & Felice and Jack Sikes Family—Passing of Jack; Sudanese Brethren—persecution; Jo Wright’s son (Joe)—heart condition, medical tests & family, move to York; Jo Wright’s Grandson, Parker, accident injury (burns); Gary & Norma Werner—Norma’s health; Tina Witt; Lisa Worley’s, brother-in-law, Tom Kelly—cancer treatment.

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

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jeffery Hergenreder. Jeffery’s address is as follows:

Africa: SPC Hergenreder, Jeffery
PSC 831 Box 0101
FPO AE 093633

Happy October Birthday To:	Everett Hinton	-	2	Marco Fielder	-	7
	Belinda Genung	-	12	Detta Wright	-	15
	Patrick Harrison	-	17	Rebekah Evans	-	21
	Shirley Steen	-	24	Tanner Wenske	-	25
	Dick Wright	-	31	Debbie Brennfoerder	-	27

Happy October Anniversary To: No anniversaries in October.

The Bible is a special book, unique, and in it a person discovers all that's needed for a full and purposeful life.

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“You cannot control the length of your life, but you can control its width and depth.” –D.S. Shuller

- via THE SOWER, a weekly publication of the Arthur Church of Christ, Arthur, IL. Ron Bartanen, who serves as minister and editor, may be contacted through the congregation's website: <http://www.arthurchurchofchrist.com>.

“I WAS WRONG”

Sometimes we just cannot admit we were wrong. We choke on the words.

Years ago a friend from college became a prominent Christian minister, but then he had an affair, divorced his wife, and his Christian witness shipwrecked. He choked on the idea of admitting his wrong. His self-defense was “I believe in the grace of God.” I do too. But I think that for the grace of God to do its work in our lives we must repent and put our sins away from our lives. His deep sin, so publicly visible and willful, required a deep repentance, and he could not be at peace with God or rebuild his life until he did that. His family suffered years of destruction—the last time I saw him his daughter was doing drugs and was suicidal. He blamed himself.

Repentance means admitting we were wrong and recognizing that God is right. In the New Testament, conversion requires “the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Lk. 3:3, 24:47; cf. Acts 2:38). In order to be forgiven of our sins and made right with God we must repent and be converted (Acts 3:19). Conversion is a radical change of heart and life—it's no less than being born again, passing out of darkness into light, being brought out of death into life, denying ourselves and taking up the cross with Christ, being crucified with Christ, changing from the lordship of self and sin and death to the Lordship of Christ (Jn. 3:3-7; Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 2:20-21; Col. 2:11-13; Titus 3:5; cf. Mk. 8:34-35; Col. 2:12-14). It's a total turnaround. Our lives were going one direction; we came to Christ to turn them totally around. We were on the way to death; Jesus Christ put us on the way to life.

In II Samuel 12, Nathan the prophet confronted King David with his sin: David had committed adultery with Bathsheba, had her husband Uriah killed in battle, and attempted to cover it all up despite the fact that his trusted servants knew perfectly well what he had done, and no doubt others had heard the whispers. David had two choices: face it or deny it. Denying it would require more lies and more murders. David, the shepherd-king of Israel, would then become the tyrant of Israel. He was the king; he had the power to do that, and he had already taken several steps in that direction. With one word he could have had Nathan silenced forever as he did Uriah.

He chose instead to face it: he would no longer live in this lie. Instead of hiding from God any longer or running away from his will and living in the darkness, he brought his whole ugly story into the light and made a full public confession. Two of the great penitential Psalms, Psalms 32 and 51, come out of David's experience of sin and guilt and estrangement from God.

Psalms 32 reveals the schizophrenic life he had lived: a public life as God's chosen king of Israel, a private life of denial and coverup. Only by coming into the open could his soul be made whole: *“Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For every night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’—and you forgave me the guilt of my sin.”*

Psalms 51 is David's public confession of sin: *“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.”* David found healing of soul, forgiveness of sin, and reconciliation with God when he faced his sin and said “I was wrong; God is right.”

That's repentance. If you haven't repented, it's the first step you must take to find your own healing and forgiveness and reconciliation.

—Russ Dudrey, 10/20/13