

HASTINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Our Record

Sunday Bible Study
Morning Assembly 69
Contribution \$ 2608
Evening Assembly 23
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, October 25 Next Sunday, November 1

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

Family Focus

Number 43

October 25, 2015

Upcoming Events

- Nebraska Youth Camp Contribution—Oct 25
- Fall Festival Kids/Parents Day—October 25
- A Taste of Heaven Ladies Day —North Platte —Nov 7
- Women of Faith Conference—Clay Center —Nov 6-7
- Tranquill—A Ladies Retreat—Lincoln—November 13-14
- Eternal Threads Sale—November 20-21

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

- **Sermon:** For today's sermon **Lance Duester** will tell the story of his redemption, and Russ will then make further comments on "The Transformation of a Recovering Sinner."
- **Change of Our Usual Order:** We believe the message of the sermon will help us prepare for the Lord's Supper, so we will postpone taking communion until after the sermon.
- **Children's Church and Wee Worship** will not meet today. We will resume next week.
- **Evening Devotional:** Tonight Russ and Felice's friend Chuck Harle will speak on "Earning a Hearing." Chuck and his wife Nelda run the China Calls mission, which recruits, trains, and places American teachers in Chinese colleges and universities to teach English and share their faith. They have recently begun doing the same thing in Vietnam.
- **Daylight Saving Time** ends next Sunday. Be sure to set your clock back one hour before retiring Saturday evening.
- **Orphan Sunday:** On November 8 we plan to participate in Orphan's Sunday by taking a second contribution for Orphan's Lifeline of Hope, the ministry that Larry Bertram presented to us last Sunday. Please plan ahead for your contribution if you wish to support this ministry.
- **Dick Wright** underwent total knee replacement surgery at Mary Lanning Healthcare last week and is in room 308. Dick is undergoing physical therapy early mornings. Visits are welcomed after 9:00 AM. He is expected to be released from the hospital Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. Keep Dick and Detta in your prayers.
- **Please pray for Sharon Aguilera, Monica's mother.** Sharon will be having surgery on Monday, October 26. She is a high risk candidate for surgery because of her many health issues. Previous surgeries have always been postponed for this reason, but she is currently in a lot of pain. Thank you for your prayers.
- **DudLee's Brennfoerder's Father, Gary,** is seriously ill. Please pray for Gary and the Brennfoerder family.
- **Judy Melvin's Brother, Jim of Kearney,** suffered a stroke about a week ago. Jim's left side has been affected. He is expected to be released from the hospital soon, and will be undergoing physical therapy on his arm. Please pray for Jim.
- **Fall Festival/Kids Parents Day** —"Everyone's invited to join us after Sunday morning services today for a fall festival! We are asking people to bring soups/chili, relish trays and desserts for a Potluck meal followed by games and fall crafts for all ages! There is fun for everyone! :) We are excited to take this opportunity to fellowship with one another and celebrate fall together! Invite your friends and hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact Maggie Sales."
- **Building Renovations** will move forward when we decide on a plan for the restrooms. We must add a handicapped-accessible restroom, and we should renovate the existing restrooms. Several ideas have been suggested. Russ has emailed descriptions and drawings of these ideas to people, but if you would like a copy, please get one from Russ, Gaylin, or Everett. When we reach consensus on the best plan, we will be able to submit an application for the building permit. We ask for your input.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Country; Our Veterans; Eldership Selection, Elementary, High School, & College Students; Erica Adams' Grandmother, Linda—heart problems; Andy Adams's Brother; Andy Adams's co-worker's husband, Randy, health; Brooke Bailey—health; Bohne Family—personal issues; DudLee Brennforder's Father, Gary—cancer treatment & pain; Debbie Downey—blood clots; Daniel Enfield; Peggy Dill's great nephew, Joseph Hibler—health, Judy Schiltz; Ned & Neva Cooper—health; Monica Fielder's Mother, Sharon—surgery; Donnis Genung—cancer treatment; Glassmyer Family, Katrina—hip surgery recovery, Jackson—school, football; Rob—job safety & travel; Robert & Susan Grissom's Son, Joel Grissom—health & family issues; Chase Hofferber—health; Cassidy Jurrens—health; Ken Lockling—health; Muriel Luke—autoimmune disease; Judy Melvin—health, her brother's wife's—health, brother Jim—stroke; Johnny Meyers—health; Georgette Ockinga—knee replacement surgery recovery and her Aunt Doris—health; Seth Ostrander—brain tumor; Ellen Prior's Sister, Ethel—health, and Ethel's son—accident; Dwight Roth—by-pass surgery recovery; 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; Alice Wells—passing of her sister Charlotte; Mark Steen—health; Kara Voorhees, Jeremy Voorhees and Brian, Karla, & Austin Nauert—Passing of Patrick Voorhees; 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; Dan Barber—head injury; those travelling.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Russel Bell: mission work in India & Romania.
Jeff Zanarison: Bible project in Madagascar

Happy October Birthday : Everett Hinton - 2 Marco Fielder - 7 Detta Wright - 15
Shirley Steen - 24 Jackson Glassmyer - 24 Tanner Wenske - 25
Debbie Brennforder - 27 Dick Wright - 31

Happy October Anniversary To: No Anniversaries in October

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

- **Doris Thomas, Georgette's Aunt**, is in hospice care. Please keep Doris in your prayers.
- **Our Sympathy** goes out to Debbie Brennforder whose Aunt, Bernice Malesker, passed away on October 20th. Her funeral is Monday in Omaha.
- **Elder Candidates**—The names of the men who have agreed to be considered for appointment as elders are Russ Dudrey, Robert Grissom, Everett Hinton, and Gaylin Prior. We ask the church to be praying for this process and to give your honest and prayerful feedback to the elder nomination committee: Andy Adams, Dustin Corman, Danelle Hayes, Lisa Jurrens, and Dick Witt. Following services this morning, there will be one or more members of the committee in the fellowship hall to meet with anyone who would like to express thoughts regarding these men.
- **Women of Faith™ 2015 Conference** is scheduled for November 6th and 7th at the Clay Center Christian Church. Theme is: Loved—The Farewell Tour—You Are Seen, You Are Known, You Are Free. See flyer on bulletin board for more information. Please RSVP by October 27th to 402-762-3824.
- **A Taste of Heaven Ladies Day** will be held on Saturday, November 7th, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM CST at the Walker Road Church of Christ, 3311 South Oak, North Platte, NE. Please bring a favorite recipe on an index card and a favorite Bible verse. Please RSVP by October 31st to (308) 660-4272. Join us for a day full of fun and fellowship.

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.

— ©Russ Dudrey, 10/25/15

*Scriptures: Acts 7:58-8:1, 9:1-30, 11:19-26, 22:1-21, 26:9-20; Gal. 1:13-2:1; I Tim. 1:12-17.