

HASTINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST
"A PLACE TO CALL HOME"
1131 N LAIRD AVE, HASTINGS NE 68901-3566 **PHONE: 402-462-8469**
WEB SITE: WWW.HASTINGSCHURCH.ORG

Our Record	
Sunday Bible Study	
Morning Assembly	75
Contribution	\$ 1,388
Evening Assembly	26
Wednesday Class	—
<p><i>"In Search of the Lord's Way"</i> 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.</p>	

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

Ministry Leaders: Everett Hinton—Worship Ministry
Brad Bailey—Missions
Brett Sales —Youth
Bryan Jurrens—Buildings/Grounds
Gaylin Prior—Music/Treasurer
Dick Witt—Education/Benevolence

Minister: Russ Dudrey e-mail: russdudrey@gmail.com
phone: 402-834-0096 (home)

Bulletin: Sharon Hachtel—463-4997
e-mail: sh95736@windstream.net

Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE
This Sunday, October 30 Next Sunday, November 6

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	J Fielder	J Fielder	E Hinton	E Hinton
Song Leader	D Brennfrdr	B Bailey	M Glassmyer	R Dudrey
Opening Prayer	R Grissom	M Glassmyer	G Smith	D Brennfrdr
Closing Prayer	L Duester	G Smith	C Fielder	J Fielder
Usher	B Jurrens		B Jurrens	
Greeters	Baileys		Munsells	
Preside Lord's Supper	D Witt		J Morgan	
Serve	G Prior		D Corman	
Serve	J Morgan		Z Corman	
Serve	E Hinton		B Bailey	
Coordinator	D Corman		D Corman	
Prepare Lord's Supper	S Hachtel		S Hachtel	
Children's Church	Maggie Sales		Maggie Sales	
Wee Worship	Erica Adams		Monica Fielder	
Wed Children's Class	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	
Change Message Sign	Jim Fielder Family		Brad Bailey Family	
Lawn Care	D Witt		—	

Family Focus

Number 44

October 30, 2016

Upcoming Events

- Fifth Sunday Singing—Kearney—October 30
- Potluck/Men's Business Meeting/Fall Festival — November 13
- Eternal Threads Annual Sale—November 18-19
- International Goods Sale—December 10

- **Everett Hinton** will be speaking to us this morning. His topic is: "Come Out From Among Them."
- **Fifth Sunday Singing This Afternoon** at the Church of Christ in Kearney (302 E 25th Street) from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. followed by a light luncheon and fellowship. Evening service begins at 6 p.m.
- **To Our Hastings Church Family:** Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, visits and kind words about Bill Witt during the last few weeks. We are in your debt. -- Elaine, Dick & Paula Witt & Family
- **Thank You** everyone for your calls, cards, visits, and prayers concerning my fall last Sunday morning at home and when I was in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

— Detta Wright

- **Please Pray for Lance and Ashlee Duester and Family** with their new baby and sick kids; for **Jackson Glassmyer** in deciding when to be baptized; **Katrina Glassmyer's sister**—Brain damage and memory loss. She is in a nursing home until perhaps her memory returns, but it doesn't look good right now.

- **One Word, One Church** — Below are the dates and chapters to read this week:

October 31 - John 12	November 3 - John 15
November 1 - John 13	November 4 - John 16
November 2 - John 14	

- **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. Directly following our November potluck, 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—

- A Bible Falling Apart Belong to Someone Who Isn't!
- Don't Believe Everything You Think.

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Country, Veterans, Students in school; Elders; Erica Adams's Mother's Dad—health; 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, sick kids; 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's sister—memory loss; Robert & Susan Grissom's Son, Joel Grissom—health & family issues; Jeffrey, Kelsey, & Leo Hergenreder—personal issues; 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; Alice Wells—dermatology 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 October Birthday: Everett Hinton - 2 Amy Wright - 4 Marco Fielder - 7
Detta Wright - 15 Jackson Glassmyer - 24 Shirley Steen - 24 Tanner Wenske - 25
Debbie Brennfoerder - 27 Dick Wright - 31 Lance Duester - 31

Happy October Anniversary: Zach & Shannon Hunt - 10

Happy November Birthday: Angie Riley - 4 Piper Roth - 10
Dustin Corman - 15 Bob Shearer - 15 Don Hachtel - 17
Katrina Glassmyer - 17 Carter Duester - 17 Karla Nauert - 20
Georgette Ockinga - 26

Happy November Anniversary: Lance & Ashlee Duester - 16
Don & Sharon Hachtel - 29

• **Daylight Saving Time** ends next Sunday. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday evening.

The Gospel Gives Us Wings

Far better news the Gospel brings
it bids us fly and gives us wings.
Doubt not His sacrifice can save.
God sealed it with an empty grave.
And by His blood He did forgive,
and now we have new lives to live.

THE HANDOFF

By the time you read this it will have taken place, but as I write it we're getting ready to go to Oregon for our daughter Michal's wedding. I'm going to hand my daughter off to Jason, a fine young man whom we really like, so we're glad for them to be married. Still, it's a very big thing. Their minister will ask, "Who gives this woman to be married?" I'll say, "Her mother and I," and I'll take my daughter Michal's hand from my arm and put her hand in his hand.

But first I'll say a few words.

I won't be able to say all that I'm thinking. "Not so fast, Jason! I want to explain to you what it means for a father to put his baby girl's hand in yours, and just let you take her and go off to a new and separate life. It means something I want you never to forget. It means we're entrusting you with the most precious thing we have. It means you are responsible, not just to us, but to God, to love her and care for her, nurture and cherish her. It doesn't mean she's your possession; it means you are entrusted with her care and someday will answer to God how you have guarded your trust."

I probably won't say the "Not so fast" part, though I'll be thinking it. There's too much I'll want to say, but can't. I'll want to talk about how God gave this gift, our Michal, to us, how we loved her and cared for her and raised her up in the love of God; how we poured life and nurture, time and teaching and instruction into her; how we raised her in faith, and how she came to Christ and has been transformed by his beauty and goodness. I'll want to talk about how from the very first we saw her as a gift from God, never as a possession; how from the very first we knew the time would come when we would have to let her go. She always belonged to God, never just to us—and we raised her for the day she would be fully on her own. God entrusted her to us for a time: we were stewards who would answer to God how we cared for his daughter.

I won't be able to say all that. I'll just try to be sure to say the one thing I think is most important: "Jason, you are being entrusted with a great trust. I'm putting my daughter's hand in your hand. I'm handing her off to you, trusting you to love her and care for her. Walk hand in hand with her through life, until death parts you. At some point one of you will go first. Let's say she does: Hold her hand to the end, then put her hand in the hand of Jesus, and let her go for a while. Love her well, to the end. Then hand her off to Jesus, her Bridegroom. Be sure that you make a good handoff."

"Jason, You are a steward; you will answer to your King, who will ask you in the end if you have kept your trust faithfully. 'Where is my daughter, whom I put into your hand and entrusted to your keeping? Have you guarded my trust well?' Jason, take care of our daughter. Love her, nurture her, cherish her, bless her. You don't just answer to us: you answer to the King. Guard your trust well." — ©Russ Dudrey, 10/30/16