

HASTINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST
"A PLACE TO CALL HOME"
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Our Record	
Sunday Bible Study	
Morning Assembly	97
Contribution	\$ 1,828
Evening Assembly	29
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
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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE	
This Sunday, October 9	Next Sunday, October 16

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	D Brennfrdr	D Brennfrdr	D Witt	D Witt
Song Leader	G Prior	E Hinton	B Sales	D Brennfrdr
Opening Prayer	B Bailey	R Grissom	J Morgan	R Munsell
Closing Prayer	R Riley	B Bailey	E Hinton	M Glassmyer
Usher	R Munsell		D Hachtel	
Greeters	Wrights		Fielders	
Preside Lord's Supper	J Fielder		G Smith	
Serve	B Sales		Z Corman	
Serve	C Fielder		G Prior	
Serve	A Adams		B Bailey	
Coordinator	D Witt		J Fielder	
Prepare Lord's Supper	A Riley		L Prior	
Children's Church	Meeting Today		Meeting Today	
Wee Worship	Meeting Today		Meeting Today	
Wed Children's Class	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	
Change Message Sign	Jim Fielder Family		Jim Fielder Family	
Lawn Care	D Witt		D Witt	

Family Focus

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Upcoming Events

- "Potluck/Men's Business Meeting/York College Choir—October 9
- Ladies Day—Sunny Slope Church of Christ, Omaha—October 15
- NYC Contribution—October 23
- Fifth Sunday Singing—October 30
- Eternal Threads Annual Sale—November 18-19
- International Goods Sale—December 10

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 "Splanchnizomai: When Compassion Compels Us to Give." York College Choir performance tonight.
- **Potluck/Men's Business Meeting**—We will move our potluck dinner today to this evening, because the York College Choir will perform here today at our regular 6:00 PM devotional hour. Following their performance, we will have a potluck dinner for them. Potluck Committee are the Sales, Hintons, and D Hayes. We need to plan to feed an extra 60-80 people. Invite friends and neighbors, and please bring food to share. Also, bring a non-perishable food item for Mountain State Children's Home.
- **Mountain States Children's Home Pickup:** Because Russ will be gone at that time, Randy Schow will not come through Hastings later this month. Please bring your items for Mountain States, including your change cans, here by next Sunday, October 16. They will be taken to York for Randy to pick up there.
- **Kenneth Lockling** has been heavily medicated for pain for the last few weeks. He welcomes short visits, but he is not able to converse as well as before.
- **One Word, One Church** — Below are the dates and chapters to read this week:

October 10 - 1 Peter 2	October 13 - 1 Peter 5
October 11 - 1 Peter 3	October 14 - John 1
October 12 - 1 Peter 4	
- **Renovations:** The ladies' restroom has been plumbed and the concrete redone. We're now ready to move walls, replace the door, tile the floor, and begin work on the men's restroom. The windowsills are done in the north classrooms and the sheetrock around the windows is ready for finishing.
- **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.
- **Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Class** will be studying the Gospel according to James.

Our Church Sign—

- York College Choir, Sunday October 9, 6:00 PM. Public Invited.
- Follow Jesus and We Don't Mean on Twitter.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Country, Veterans, Students returning to school; Elders; Erica Adams's Mother's Dad—health; Lorinda Bailey's sister, Rachel, health issues; Bohne Family—personal issues; LaVonne Boles (Lisa Jurrens's friend)—Stage 3 colon cancer; Danelle & Janelle's Cousin's Daughter—health; Evelyn Brown—mother, Marie Riley—broken hip; 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; Donnis Genung—cancer treatment; Katrina's sister—bone cancer; Robert & Susan Grissom's Son, Joel Grissom—health & family issues; Daughter-in-Law—broken leg; Jeffrey, Kelsey, & Leo Hergenreder—personal issues; Creighton & Rayna Ochsner—recently married; Ken Kucera—heart attack; Ken Lockling—health; Judy Melvin—health, her brother's wife's—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; Sudanese Brethren—persecution; Greg Smith's sister—personal issues; Jaci Smith's foster brother, Larry—personal issues; Maggie Sales's brother, Gavin Wallace—health; Alice Wells—dermatology health; Gary & Norma Werner—Norma's health; Matt & Hope Witt—teaching in China; Dick Witt's Father, Bill—health; Jo Wright's son, Joe, congestive heart failure; 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

- **Ladies Day**—The Sunny Slope Church of Christ in Omaha will be having a ladies day on October 15th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Speaker will be Donna Faughn from the Central Church of Christ in Paducah, KY. See flyer on bulletin board in foyer for more details.
- **Lori Olinger** is moving into a new apartment and is in need of furniture and other household items. If you have extra things that she can use, please let her know. Her phone number is 308-258-4832.

The Changing Seasons
By Bill Brandstatter

One of the times of year I like the most is fall. The leaves begin to change colors. The weather becomes cooler. It reminds me of what the Psalmist wrote: "*The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.*" (Ps. 19:1 KJV).

God indirectly speaks to us through nature. When we think of nature we should be able to see God's beauty. We should be able to witness and feel God's power. Nature shows us how changes can come rapidly. Perhaps this is why Paul wrote: "*For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.*" (Rom. 1:20). Let us think about God and all his attributes as we see the changing seasons, but let us always remember that God never changes (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8).

— Bill Brandstatter preaches for the Marion Church of Christ in Marion, IL. He may be contacted through the congregation's website: <http://marionchurchofchrist.com/>

"I CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO DO THIS"

I've told the church this story before, but it bears repeating.

Depending how you count it, the PhD took me about thirteen years. That's with a year off to teach at Pepperdine and with six or eight years when I built decks when the Minnesota weather allowed. I'd start when the spring thaw let me dig postholes and finish when the winter blizzards hit, so I'd work roughly from April to November.

I enjoyed the work—it was honest hard work, and it kept me in good physical shape—but I didn't make huge money at it, so we lived hand-to-mouth. Our final year, I just had to take about six months to sit down and write the dissertation, but where would the money come from? Answer: From the love and generosity of God's people. I didn't ask for it, but the church got together and gave us a monthly stipend, mostly anonymously. Mother supplemented it.

And Chuck Seeley did. Chuck Seeley is one of our heroes of faith. He took me to lunch one day and told me his plan: he would give me a thousand dollars every time I finished a chapter, for the five chapters I planned to write. Chuck was in his 80s, retired and living on a fixed income. I said "Chuck, you can't afford to do this." He shot back, "I can't afford *not* to do this!" I'll always remember the look in his eye. There was no refusing him.

Brothers and sisters, that's our perspective: We can't afford not to give. We can't afford not to love and serve. We can't afford not to pour our lives into blessing others. We can't afford not to be like our God, the God who loves and serves, gives and forgives; the God who pours out his life in blessing others. We can't afford not to be like our Lord: "*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich*" (II Cor. 8:9).

I'm not talking about collection plate giving for the institutional needs of the church. That's too easy. We're doing fine there: I'm very encouraged with how well we do with our week-by-week contribution. I'm talking about the giving we do outside the collection plate for the people needs we see on an individual basis, the emergencies, the disasters, the ongoing relief efforts—the things that churn up our compassion as individuals, but that for one reason or another we can't address very well from the institutional budget of the church.

I'm talking about personal projects that you and I can take on totally outside of the collection plate. Right now there are the hurricane and flooding disasters in Texas, in Haiti, in Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas. There's the humanitarian disaster in the Middle East that's spilling into a refugee crisis in all of Europe. There are the estimated 150 million orphans worldwide.

The list goes on and on, and it's impossible to feel like we've done enough. But we can do something. Today we'll hand out a list of some worthy ministries that address the world of needs around us. You and I could take these on as personal giving projects outside the collection plate. "*When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them*" (Mk. 6:34). Let's find needs that stir up our compassion, and take them on as personal projects.

"*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth*" (I Jn. 3:16ff). We have been on the receiving end of huge, loving, generous and sacrificial giving. We can't afford not to give.