

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

Sunday Bible Study
Morning Assembly 65
Contribution \$ 1802
Evening Assembly 24
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
Bryan Jurrens—Buildings/Grounds
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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE

This Sunday, September 13 Next Sunday, September 20

	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	B Bailey
Opening Prayer	D Corman	R Grissom	J Morgan	R Munsell
Closing Prayer	S Dinkler	B Bailey	E Hinton	D Wright
Usher	R Munsell		D Hachtel	
Greeters	Baileys		Fielders	
Preside Lord's Supper	D Brennfoerder		B Sales	
Serve	J Morgan		B Jurrens	
Serve	R Riley		M Fielder	
Serve	D Hachtel		M Glassmyer	
Coordinator	D Wright		D Brennfoerder	
Prepare Lord's Supper	L Prior		L Prior	
Children's Church	J Corman/D Hayes		Andy & Erica Adams	
Wee Worship	Monica Fielder		Volunteer Needed	
Wed Children's Class	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	
Change Message Sign	Brad Bailey Family		Brad Bailey Family	
Lawn Care	Grissom		Grissom	

Family Focus

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Upcoming Events

- Youth Rally—Sept 5-7
- Potluck/Men's Business Meeting—September 13
- Hachtel/Hunt Wedding Shower—September 13
- Dads-n-Daughters Day Camp—September 26
- Nebraska Youth Camp Contribution—Sept 27
- Tranquill—A Ladies Retreat—Lincoln—November 13-14

- **Russ and Brett Plan A Less-Talk-More-Worship Sermon** today with extra songs and the Lord's Supper in the middle, so be prepared for the unusual format. The topic is "Redemption: From the First Passover to the Final Passover." Tonight's devotional will be on the New Covenant in II Corinthians 3 and Hebrews 8-12.
- **We Welcome Sabrina Maxwell**, who has asked to be identified as a member here. Sabrina is a freshman drama student at Hastings College. She is from Fort Worth, TX, and is a member of the Keller church of Christ when she is home.
- **Our Sympathy** goes out to **Judy Melvin** and **Mary Munsell**—their brother, Donald Maxon passed away yesterday evening. Funeral arrangements are pending. To **Martha Bryant and Family**. Martha's husband, John, passed away last Sunday. His funeral was yesterday in Moulton, AL. John served as an elder here at the Hastings Church when they attended here.
- **Keep in Prayer Kara Voorhees**, blood clot in lungs. Kara is on medication at home and doing pretty well; **Georgette Ockinga** recovering from knee surgery; **Mark Steen** health concerns; **Brooke Bailey** health; **Katrinia Glassmyer**—recovering from hip surgery; **Robert Grissom**—not feeling well this past week.
- **Wedding Shower**--All are invited to a wedding shower for Shannon Hachtel and Zachery Hunt today immediately following our potluck dinner in the fellowship hall.
- **We Would Like To Thank** those of you who expressed condolences and sent cards and letters to us in the loss of Joe's brother, Delano. All prayers and thoughts were greatly appreciated. Thanks again.
—Joe & Vicki Morgan
- **Church Family Pictures:** Taken today and continuing through all Sundays in September, we will be taking pictures of our church families, couples and singles to update our hallway picture board. If you are able to stay for a few minutes following the morning service today to have your picture taken, Lisa Jurrens will be taking these outside.
- **Potluck/Men's Business Meeting** today immediately following our morning worship. Committee members are the Hintons, Witts, and Priors. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Mountain States Children's Home.
- **Dad-n-Daughters Day Camp** at Nebraska Youth Camp at Kearney September 26th. See flyer on south hallway bulletin board for more details.
- **Young Adults Group**—The young adults group will meet at the Witt's house (614 W. 10th in Hastings) at 6:00 PM on Sunday, September 20th, for an evening meal and fellowship. Talk to Dick Witt if you have questions.

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

Our Church Sign—

- Mistakes Are Often The Best Teacher Of All.
- We Become What We Think About.

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; 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; Muriel Luke—autoimmune disease; Judy Melvin—health, brother's passing, her brother's wife's—health; Johnny Meyers—health; Joe & Vicki Morgan & Family—Delano's passing; Georgette Ockinga—knee replacement surgery recovery; 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; 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, Dan Barber—head injury; those travelling; Jo Wright's sister, Mary—cataract surgery and her husband, Marvin, health.

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

Happy September Birthday : Russ Dudrey - 2 Shannon Hachtel - 2 Laci Dinkler - 3
Alex Bohne - 6 Kiley Wright - 8 Gaylin Prior - 9 Scott Dinkler - 20
Brad Bailey - 23 Felice Dudrey - 26 Shawn Hachtel - 29

Happy September Anniversary To: Dustin & Janelle Corman - 2 Gaylin & Lisa Prior - 2
Floyd & Sandy Baker - 17

- **Address Correction**—Richard and Angie Riley's address is: 211 W. Paul Street, Hastings, NE.
- **Elder Candidate Interviews** are in process. The names of the candidates will be put forward for the congregation's consideration when the interviews are finished.
- **Auditorium Renovations** will move forward when we decide on the dimensions and placement of the renovated women's restroom and handicap-accessible restroom.
- **Ladies' Day**—All ladies are invited to a Ladies' Day at the Church of Christ in Broken Bow on September 26th, 9:55 AM to 2:00 PM. Theme is "Energize Your Faith and Fall Back in Love With Jesus." For more information go to: www.brokenbowchurch.org, or see enclosed flyer.

WE GROW

by: Ed Thomason

... AS INDIVIDUALS when we:

GLEAN FROM GOD'S WORD DAILY
REPENT AND PRAY DAILY
OPPOSE SATAN'S TEMPTATIONS DAILY
WALK WITH THE LORD DAILY

... AS A CONGREGATION when we:
GLORIFY GOD
READ HIS WORD
OBEY HIS WILL
WIN SOULS

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REDEMPTION AND THE MEANING OF THE PASSOVER

"Redeemed" is one of my favorite songs, especially for the place in the chorus where the bass shouts out "I have been redeemed!"

Redemption describes being bought back. In the Old Testament it often refers to being redeemed from slavery. The prophet Hosea redeemed his unfaithful ex-wife Gomer when he went down to the slave market where she was being sold for a slave after the last of her lovers rejected her. Hosea bought her out of slavery, took her back as his wife and restored his marriage-covenant with her, saying "Now you must love me and keep yourself faithful to me alone."

The meaning of the Jewish Passover was that God had redeemed Israel from its bondage to Pharaoh. The sacrifice of the Passover Lamb symbolized the price God would pay for his people's redemption. God commanded them to eat the first Passover on the night they would leave Egypt in the Exodus: they were to sacrifice the Passover lamb, roast it and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Eat the Passover every year on this day, the fifteenth day of the month Abib, God commanded. In the future when you eat the Passover, your sons will ask you what it means. Tell them "We were slaves in Egypt, but the Lord stretched out his mighty arm and delivered us. He redeemed us from slavery under Pharaoh." The account of the first Passover in the book of Exodus tells the story how God redeemed Israel from slavery in Egypt, took them for his own, and set up his covenant with them that he would be their God and they would be his people. But it doesn't tell what price he paid for the redemption of his people. We have to go to the Gospels to understand the actual price, which was symbolized, or pre-figured, in the sacrifice of the Passover lamb. We see the real price God paid when we see the sacrifice of his Lamb in the final Passover.

"Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world," says John the Baptist. "Our Passover has been sacrificed, the Lord Jesus Christ," says the apostle Paul. The apostle John portrays Jesus as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." This means that God had his final Passover, the sacrifice of his one true Passover Lamb, in mind from before all eternity. The book of Revelation shows the angel-hosts and all the redeemed people of God worshiping and praising the Lamb in heaven: "You are worthy . . . because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. . . . Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

The New Testament tells the story how Jesus redeemed us, buying us back from slavery to sin and death, and set up his New Covenant with us that he will be our God and we will be his people. We have been redeemed.

— ©Russ Dudrey, 9/13/15

Scriptures: Hosea chs. 1-3; Exodus chs. 12-13; John 1:29; I Corinthians 5:7; Revelation chs. 5-7.