

HASTINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST
"A PLACE TO CALL HOME"
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Our Record	
Sunday Bible Study	
Morning Assembly	90
Contribution	\$ 2,363
Evening Assembly	27
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
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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE	
This Sunday, September 18	Next Sunday, September 25

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

Family Focus

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Upcoming Events

- Dads-n-Daughters—Day Camp—NYC—September 24
- Doors of Opportunity—Church of Christ—Imperial, NE—September 24
- Million Dollar Sunday—September 25
- "Diapers and Books" Shower for Greg, Jaci, and Levi Smith—October 2
- Ladies Day—Sunny Slope Church of Christ, Omaha—October 15

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 "The Battle Between Christ and the Spirit-Forces." Tonight Russ plans a devotional on the church as it is envisioned in I-II Timothy.
- **Special Mission Report:** Sharon Hachtel will present her mission trip report to South Africa during Bible hour this morning.
- **Dads-N-Daughters Day Camp at NYC**, Saturday September 24. Bob Mills, a Christian blacksmith, will present faith lessons he has learned from his trade. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board. Register online: www.dadsnlads.org/daughters.
- **Louise Nealeigh** is in Mary Lanning ICU with a painful case of colitis. There is some concern whether it might be ulcerative. If so, she will have to be taken to Omaha to receive a more aggressive form of treatment. Please pray for Roger and Louise as they face her health problems.
- **Continue to pray for Tony Russo** as he recovers from shoulder surgery.
- **Judy Melvin** is to have a medical procedure done on Monday. Keep Judy in your prayers
- **Remington Towery**, who was born to Eric and Tina Towery last week, remained in the hospital several days extra because of concerns for his heart and lungs. Please pray for his well-being.
- **Noah King Duester** was born Thursday, 7 pounds 2 ounces, healthy and beautiful. Mother and baby are doing well and expect to come home on Sunday.
- **One Word, One Church** — Below are the dates and chapters to read this week:
September 19 - II Timothy 1 September 22 - II Timothy 4
September 20 - II Timothy 2 September 23 - Titus 1
September 21 - II Timothy 3
- **Eastern European Mission's Million Dollar Sunday.** Join churches and individuals across the nation on September 25th to help place Bibles in public schools in Ukraine, Croatia, and Romania. See flyer on bulletin board in the foyer, or go to milliondollarsunday.org for more information.
- **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.

Our Church Sign—

- Every Home Is a School. What Are You Teaching?
- Life Isn't Fair, But It's Still Good.

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; Duester Family—birth of Noah; 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; Danelle Hayes—health; Jeffrey, Kelsey, & Leo Hergenreder—personal issues; Jurrens Family—Passing of Sheila Holliday; Rayna Jurrens & Creighton Ochsner—marriage; Ken Kucera—heart attack; Larry Kelley—heart issues; Ken Lockling—health; Muriel Luke—recovering from fall; 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; Greg & Jaci Smith—birth of Leviticus; Maggie Sales's brother, Gavin Wallace—health; Alice Wells—dermatology health; Gary & Norma Werner—Norma's health; Matt & Hope Witt—teaching in China; Jo Wright's son, Joe, stroke recovery; those travelling.

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

Happy September Birthday:

Russ Dudrey - 2	Shannon Hunt - 2	Laci Dinkler - 3
Alex Bohne - 6	Kiley Wright - 8	Gaylin Prior - 9
Brad Bailey - 23	Felice Dudrey 26	Shawn Hachtel 29

Happy September Anniversary:

Dustin & Janelle Corman - 2	Gaylin & Lisa Prior - 2
Floyd & Sandy Baker - 17	

- **Shower**—We will host a "Diapers and Books" shower for Greg, Jaci, and Levi Smith on Sunday evening, October 2. Following a devotional in the auditorium, we will gather for a light supper and gift opening in the fellowship hall. Dessert will be provided, so please plan to bring sandwiches, salads, and finger foods to share. Please contact Felice or Ann with questions. P.S. Jaci says that used children's books are fine!!
- **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.
- **Renovations progress:** Most of the new doors have received two coats of polyurethane. The walls have been painted and the accordion doors repaired. Trim and baseboard are in the process of staining and coating with polyurethane. Concrete has been cut in the new restroom to find the sewer line and prepare for the hookup. Next week should see the plumber begin his work.
- **Georgette Ockinga** recently had a fire in her home. Smoke alarms did work and no one was injured. Pray for Georgette that all will go well in replacing the damaged items, such as carpet, etc.
- **Nebraska Youth Camp Contribution** will be taken next Sunday.

Guaranteed Success from the Lord
By Edd Sterchi

When young Samuel was with Eli training to be the Lord's servant, the famous incident of the Lord speaking to him occurred in 1 Samuel 3:1-18. Immediately after that, these words are in the holy text, "So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground." (1 Sam 3:19). The meaning of the metaphor in the latter part of the verse is that the Lord made sure that all of Samuel's prophecies were true and beneficial. None of them would be wasted as in a precious liquid spilling into the earth.

In this passage, we can also see what led to Samuel's success. First of all, we can see that he grew. Earlier in the book, it states that Samuel grew not only in stature, but also in favor with both men and God (1 Sam. 2:26). So he grew not only physically, but socially and spiritually. Secondly, we can see that he stuck with the Lord. The Lord was with him, because he was with the Lord and devotedly followed His ways. And as a result, Samuel was successful.

It seems to me that we can make an analogy to us and being successful in our service to the Lord. To be successful, we too must grow and stay connected to the Lord. If we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord (2 Pet. 3:18) by studying the Bible and applying it to our lives, and if we remain in a faithful relationship with God no matter what (Rev. 2:10), He will see to it that nothing we do in His name will fall to the ground and be wasted (Psa. 1:1-3).

Here's the bottom line: effort and dedication combined with the Lord's blessings brings guaranteed success.

- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY. He may be contacted through the congregation's website: <http://www.broadwaychurchofchrist.net/>

Eastern Airlines Flight 401
By Steve Higginbotham

On the evening of December 29, 1972, Eastern Airlines flight 401 crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing 101 people. Any time a passenger plane crashes, it grabs our attention because so many lives are affected by the tragedy. But what makes this crash even more tragic is that it was completely avoidable.

While preparing to land in Miami, FL, the co-pilot noticed that a light bulb on the instrument panel wasn't working, and he tried to replace it. Unsuccessful at his attempts to remove the burnt out bulb, the airplane was placed on auto-pilot and the pilot, himself, left his seat to assist him. However, somehow in the process, the auto-pilot was accidentally disengaged and while the pilot and co-pilot worked at replacing a burnt out light bulb, the plane slowly descended, and crashed.

Think of it.. 101 people died because more attention was given to a burnt out light bulb than flying and landing the airplane. Sad indeed, but every day, mistakes more monumental than this take place. In fact, someone reading this article right now may unwittingly be in a "descent" that will lead to his destruction if he continues to devote his attention to things of lesser importance.

Do you think people will some day meet God unprepared because they gave their attention to lesser things? Jobs, family, entertainment, social status, schooling, pleasure, wealth, etc. all have their place, but not at the expense of a "safe landing."

Friends, don't get so caught up with the distractions of this world (Matthew 13:22), that you fail to "land safely." Give it some thought.

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