

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

Sunday Bible Study
Morning Assembly 80
Contribution \$ 1553
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
Gaylin Prior—Music/Treasurer
Dick Witt—Education/Benevolence

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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE

This Sunday, September 20 Next Sunday, September 27

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

Family Focus

Number 38

September 20, 2015

Upcoming Events

- Dads-n-Daughters Day Camp—September 26
- Nebraska Youth Camp Contribution—Sept 27
- Women of Faith Conference—Clay Center—Nov 6-7
- Tranquill—A Ladies Retreat—Lincoln—November 13-14

- **Russ's Sermon** is "When Jesus Died Alone." Tonight Russ plans a devotional of songs and scriptures on the foresakenness of Jesus.
- **Our Sympathy** goes out **Kara Voorhees and Jeremy Voorhees**. Their cousin, Patrick Voorhees, was killed in a car accident last Wednesday evening. Kara and Jeremy are the children of Brian and Karla Nauert. The funeral is 2:00 PM Monday, September 21st at the Williams Funeral Home Chapel in Edgar. If you would like to send a card, etc., Kara's address is 805 South St. Joseph Street, Hastings; and Jeremy's address is 2323 West 6th Street, Hastings. Keep the Voorhees Family and the Nauerts in your prayers during this time of sorrow.
- **Judy Melvin** fell at home. She suffered head injuries and was taken to Mary Lanning Healthcare by ambulance. She was released from the hospital last Thursday evening. Remember Judy in your prayers.
- **Georgette Ockinga** came home from the hospital on Wednesday and is doing well at home. She asks prayers for her 98-year-old aunt, Doris Thomas, who lives alone in Sidney. She broke her arm and underwent surgery last week.
- **To My Church Family**—Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, meals, and the extras that you have been giving. I ask that you pray for Sarah, David, and I, for our physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial well being. We have a long road ahead of us. God will provide, I know that much. I'm very blessed to have such a wonderful church family and am extremely blessed for my Munsell family.

--Hugs and Christ's love, Donna Uden

- **Elder Selection:** The elder nominees have been interviewed and have agreed to be put forward to the congregation for consideration. Before doing so, the candidates will meet among themselves to pray together and make sure they feel that all of them can work together well. When that has been done, their names will be submitted to the congregation to ask your counsel in deciding on them.
- **Building Renovations:** Several good ideas have been floated for the placement of the restrooms, including a new handicapped-accessible restroom, in the church building. As soon as we can decide among our options, we can submit plans to the city and apply for a building permit. See Russ, Everett, or Gaylin if you would like to see the drawings of our restroom options or voice your opinion on them.
- **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**—This is a reminder that the Church of Christ young adults group will have its first monthly meeting at the Witt's house, 614 W. 10th Street (one block north of Longfellow Elementary School) tonight, September 20th at 6:00 PM. Paula is in California visiting grandkids, but I'll feed you dinner before our organizational meeting, so come prepared to eat your evening meal together. Please RSVP by email dick@sullivanshoemaker.com or text to the cell number 402-469-5097 to give me a head count for food. Thanks, and hope to see you this evening.

—Dick Witt

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; 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; 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, 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

- **Ellen Prior** has moved and has a new address. Ellen's address is: Providence Place, 3507 W. 12st Street, Hastings, NE, 68901.
- **Weather Permitting**, we will continue taking pictures of church family members to update the hallway picture board. If you can stay to have your picture taken today, please look for Lisa Jurrens outside. Lisa will not be here to take pictures next week
- **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.
- **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.
- **New Telephone List** is in the rack in the foyer. Feel free to pick up a copy.
- **Fall Festival Kids/Parents Day** is scheduled for October 25. More details will be forthcoming.
- **Nebraska Youth Camp Contribution** will be taken next Sunday, September 27th.

“ALL OF YOU WILL DESERT ME”

None of the Twelve understood Jesus' idea of his mission before he was crucified and resurrected. They couldn't have. Jesus' thinking was off their map.

This is why the final scenes and last discourses before his betrayal and arrest carry such drama: we see Jesus in extreme stress preparing himself to face hatred and mockery, injustice, torture and execution, and face it alone; at the same time we see him doing what he can to prepare the Twelve for the event that will rock their world.

For the Twelve the events of Jesus' Final Week are a series of sudden reversals and shocks. Huge reversals: Until now they have ridden on top of the wave of Jesus' immense popularity with the common people—he has been a miracle-working Messiah figure whom people throng after, and who has been proclaiming the coming of the long-awaited Kingdom of God. Jesus had called the Twelve, commissioned them, and sent them out to preach the coming of the Kingdom and do the mighty works of the Kingdom, and they had gone out two by two in his name and had seen the power of the Kingdom at work in themselves. From their years with him seeing his works and hearing his words, they know that Jesus is the one who can restore the Kingdom to Israel. They have seen themselves as freedom-fighters preparing the way for the Messiah's holy war to liberate God's people from the yoke of the Gentiles, and they have shared the power and prestige of the coming Kingdom.

They face terrible disillusionment. Every event of the week runs opposite their expectations: Jesus will turn the crowds against himself; he will contrive to be betrayed to the high priests, by night, in the presence of only a few followers, and he will not resist; he will refuse to defend himself, let alone use his power to deliver himself from the priests, or from Pilate or Herod; and he will go meekly to his death, like a lamb to the slaughter. None of this fits their high hopes for his Messiahship. None of it makes sense to their idea of the Kingdom.

Hence the drama of the Last Supper in Luke 22 and the final discourses of Jesus in John 13-17: *“This cup is the new Covenant in my blood.” “This is my body, which is broken for you.” “One of you will betray me.” “All of you will desert me.” “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” “It is necessary for you that I go away.” “Where I am going you cannot come, but you will follow later.” “This is my commandment: that you love one another, as I have loved you.” “Greater love has no man than this: that he lay down his life for his friends.” “You are my friends, if you do what I command you.” “You are the ones who have remained with me in my trials, and I have appointed a kingdom for you, just as my Father has appointed it for me.” “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has asked for you [all], to winnow you [all] like grain. But I made supplication for you [Peter], that your faith not fail you. And you, when you have turned, strengthen your brothers.” “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”*

Jesus' words in the Upper Room and the Garden move from one urgent theme to another. He speaks as a man in his extremity; desperate stress is upon him—he will sweat blood as he prays in Gethsemane. He knows what is coming. But his friends don't. He must not only get himself ready to face the suffering he sees bearing down upon him: he must also get the Twelve ready to face the sudden and stark reversal of all their hopes, and their own failures and denials, disillusionment and despair that will follow. They will all fail, because the Kingdom as Jesus sees it is off their map.

They will only understand—they *can* only understand—after the Cross and the Resurrection. Only then will they turn again, repent, and reestablish their faith on a new basis. In the meantime, they will all desert him. Jesus knows that because he is the Suffering Servant, he must die alone.