



NEWSLETTER

Evangelical Free Church of Hastings Nebraska

February 2020

THE POWER OF A PROMISE

{devotion on Family & Marriage from Our Daily Bread}

‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ — Matthew 19:5

I wear only two pieces of jewelry: a wedding band on my finger and a small Celtic cross on a chain around my neck. The ring represents my vow to be faithful to my wife as long as I shall live. The cross reminds me that it is not for her sake alone, but for Jesus’ sake that I do so. He has asked me to be faithful to her until death shall separate us.

A marriage vow is more than a contract that we can break by paying damages. It is a unique vow that is explicitly intended to be binding until death separates us (Matthew 19:6). The words “for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health” take into consideration the probability that it will not be easy to keep our vows. Circumstances may change and so may our spouses.

Marriage is hard at best; disagreements and difficult adjustments abound. While no one must live in an abusive and dangerous relationship, accepting the difficulties of poverty, hardship, and disappointment can lead to happiness. A marriage vow is a binding obligation to love, honor, and cherish one another for as long as we shall live because Jesus has asked us to do so. As a friend of mine once put it, “This is the vow that keeps us faithful even when we don’t feel like keeping our vows.”

‘The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” ~ Genesis 2:18



VALENTINE’S DAY

Do you have plans to take your special someone out on Valentine’s Day? What about the kiddos? Well, the church will be offering FREE babysitting from 5:00-9:00 PM for children age 10 & Under. Please sign up in advance at the Welcome Desk. This will help us to plan on plenty of volunteers to keep the kids busy. Cheese pizza and snacks will be provided. Contact Kristy Stoeger 402-984-2975 if you have questions.

TRANSFORM 2020

The Annual EFCA Midwest District Conference will be held February 17-18 at Brookside Church in Omaha. Those interested in attending can register at www.efcamidwest.org/conference. Additional hotel information is available on their website also. Speakers for the event include Huron Claus, President/CEO of CHIEF Industries, Kevin Kompelien, EFCA President, Alex Mandes, Executive Director of EFCA All People Ministry, and Alvin Sanders, President/CEO of World Impact.



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CELEBRATE RECOVERY SATURDAY NIGHTS!

7:00 pm – Worship and teaching or testimony
8:00 pm – Men’s and Women’s groups meet
9:00 pm – The Cove Café

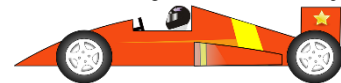
‘NOT ALONE’ MINISTRY

The ‘Not Alone’ ladies group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month 11:00 a.m. Contact Sandra Kennel or Pam Aanas if you have questions.



AWANA GRAND PRIX!

It's that time again! Every other year, we do an *AWANA Grand Prix Race* for kids Kindergarten thru 6th. This year it's Sunday, March 1st beginning at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. It's double elimination. Prizes will be given for race top three race winners. Prizes will be given for best design. Contact Mary Hansen (402-461-1582) or Kristy Stoeger (402-984-2975) if you have questions.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Sparks Unit / T&T Unit / Cubbies Unit</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>	
Feb. 5	Unit 3.3 Unit 3.4 Bear Hug 17	Buddy Night	<u>Date</u>	<u>8:15am</u> <u>11:00am</u>
Feb. 12	Unit 3.4 Unit 3.5 Bear Hug 18	Regular Night	Feb. 2	M Rathje A Hoagland
Feb. 19	Unit 3.5 Unit 3.6 Bear Hug 19	Parents/Grandparents Night	Feb. 9	A Hughes K & E Stoeger
Feb. 26	Unit 3.6 Unit 3.7 Bear Hug 20	Regular Night	Feb. 16	P & A Birky A & D Thayer
Mar. 1	AWANA Grand Prix Race; begins at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall		Feb. 23	Carriker/E Huyser K & E Stoeger

NURSERY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>8:15 WORSHIP</u>	<u>9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	<u>11:00 WORSHIP</u>
Feb. 2	P Aanas/T Huyser	D/M Conant	K & E Stoeger
Feb. 9	N Fullerton/V Sidlo	R Lemke/M Stoeger	D & M Thompson
Feb. 16	M & P Krueger	J & E Kautz	A & K Collins
Feb. 23	S & E Thomas	M Ostrander	C & E Norlen



Come and Enjoy FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

Sunday, February 9th, from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Youth Room. Bring your favorite game and snack to share and enjoy games with everyone. Activities available for all ages. Pizza and drinks will be provided. If you have questions, contact Kristy Stoeger.

HASTINGS E-FREE YOUTH

Our Jr. & Sr. High Youth meets Wednesday evenings from 6:15-8:00. They meet for a light meal first, followed by games, and then worship and Bible study. Contact Pastor Daniel @ 402-305-5731 if you need further details.

Disciple NOW is coming February 28-March 1!

D-NOW is a weekend retreat for Jr. High and High School students without ever having to leave town! Students will spend Friday evening through Sunday morning primarily with their small groups with intermittent large group times for teaching, worship, activities, food and fun. If you would be interested in hosting 6-12 teenagers and their small group leaders for two nights, please contact Pastor Daniel.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

EIGHT ECLECTIC STUDIES FOR WOMEN:

- *NAMES OF GOD AND JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW TESTAMENT*
- *JOHN 15*
- *THE VINE*
- *JONAH, DANIEL AND HABAKKUK*



STARTING THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 15TH
10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

CALL THE CHURCH TO REGISTER OR SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME DESK! THE STUDY WILL BE LED BY LINDA BROWN AND HELD AT THE CHURCH.

HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

Our Health & Wellness Ministry is offering a **Stepping On** Workshop on Tuesdays through February 25th from 1:30-3:00 PM at Hastings EFree. **Stepping On** can help you avoid a dangerous and costly fall so you can keep doing the things you love to do. One in four people age 65 or older has a fall each year...don't be one of them!

ALSO, our next Health & Wellness **Blood Pressure Screening** is Sunday, February 23, from 9:30-10:45 AM in the office area. If you have questions, please talk to Janis Johnson (402-762-5447).





FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 7:00am Mens St 7:00 Celebrate Rec
2 Groundhog Day 8:15am Worship 9:45am Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship 11:00am Not Alone 1:0 Hispanic St 7:00 Young Adults Gr	3 8:00pm Men's St	4 6:30am Men's St 10:30am Staff mtg 1:30 Stepping On	5 6:15-8:00 Youth Gr 6:30-8:00 AWANA	6	7	8 7:00am Mens St 8:00am Elder Board Retreat 7:00 Celebrate Rec
9 Communion 8:15am Worship 9:45am Sunday Sch; Easter Choir reh 11:00am Worship 1:00Hispanic St 5:00 Family Fun Night 5:00 Beye Sm Gr 7:00 Young Adults Gr	10 8:00pm Men's St	11 6:30am Men's St 10:30am Staff mtg 1:30 Stepping On	12 6:15-8:00 Youth Gr 6:30-8:00 AWANA	13 10:00am & 7:00pm Ladies Bible St	14 Valentine's Day 5:00-9:00 Valentine's Free Babysitting	15 7:00am Mens St. 7:00 Celebrate Rec
16 8:15am Worship 9:45am Sunday Sch; Easter Choir reh 11:00am Worship 11:00am Not Alone 1:00 Hispanic St 7:00 Young Adults Gr	17 President's Day 8:00pm Men's St	18 6:30am Men's St 10:30am Staff mtg 1:30 Stepping On 5:30 H&W mtg 7:00 Property	19 6:15-8:00 Youth Gr 6:30-8:00 AWANA	20 10:00am & 7:00pm Ladies Bible St	21	22 7:00am Mens St. 7:00 Celebrate Rec
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						D-NOW Youth Weekend Friday pm thru Sunday am

CENTRAL STATES CREATION CONFERENCE Friday & Saturday, March 27-28, 2020 beginning at 8:30 AM both days

Speakers will be from Alpha-Omega Institute, Institute for Biblical Authority, and Creation Instruction Association which may include Dr. Randy Guliuzza, BS Engineering, BA in Theology, MS Health, MD Medicine, Dr. Kevin Horton, BA in Biology, DVM, MDiv, Executive Director IBA (Institute for Biblical Authority), Dr. Tim Clarey, MS geology, MS Hydrogeology, PhD Geology, and Dr. Jason Lisle, BS Physics, BS Astronomy, MS Astrophysics, PhD Astrophysics, and others.

MAIN THEMES will include THE COSMOS: Origin and Evidence of Biblical Account (Big Bang impossibility, Biblical narrative only credible view); BIOLOGY: Origin and Evidence Biblical Account (complex engineered design and only explanation for life); THE EARTH: Evidence of Biblical Account (young earth and Noah's flood).

Mark your calendars and don't miss this opportunity to hear clear evidence of the accuracy and authority of the Genesis accounts from the Bible. Sessions will be appropriate for grade school and older.

If you have questions, speak to Roger Eigenberg, Keith Baird or Dr. David Demick.



"Promise Keepers"

July 30 – Aug 2, 2020
4 Day Tour



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Presented By

Rest & Relaxation Tours and Hastings Area Men Of Promise

Day One:
We will be traveling to Dallas, TX with rest stops and meals enroute before staying for 2 nights in Dallas, TX area

Day Two:
Today we will take in Promise Keepers Convention before retiring for the evening at our hotel.

Day Three:
The day will take us back to Promise Keepers Convention before retiring for the evening at our hotel.

Day Four:
This final day takes us back home. We will have rest stops and meals enroute before returning home.

Tour price includes the following:

- * Touring by deluxe motor coach
- * Hotel taxes and gratuities
- * Professional Driver and Escort.
- * 3 nights lodging
- * Conference ticket

Price Per Person

Double: \$500
\$75.00 Non Refundable Deposit
Final Payment Due:
June 15, 2020



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT KEN PITZ {402-461-7803}.

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