

NEWSLETTER

September 2019

INTRODUCING OUR NEW YOUTH PASTOR

We are pleased to announce that Daniel Meade will be joining us as our new Youth Pastor beginning September 1st. Daniel and his wife Victoria have 3 boys Cossie, Fielding and Thacker. They come to us from Florida, however, Daniel grew up in Papillion and has had various ministry jobs overseas as a missionary and has worked at Boys Town in Omaha.



An Installation Service will be held for Daniel on Sunday, September 29th during the Sunday School hour. We'll send out information as soon as details are finalized.

We also want invite the church family to help us bless the Meade's and their new home with a House Warming 'Stock the Cupboards' Shower on Sunday, October 27. Drop-off totes will be available in the foyer October 20 & 27. Watch for further details on this opportunity. We are planning this then as they won't be moving into their house until late October.



JAPAN MISSIONS UPDATES

Denise Teetor, missionary in Japan, will be with us on September 8th in our Worship Services. She will share about her ministry work there and what the Lord's been doing. Our team that just recently went to Japan will also share about their time there.



FALL ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES TO START SEPTEMBER 8TH!

- **Bible Explorers ABF** is a multigen group that explores the Bible together. Call Dennis Carlson (402-705-6699) for more information or join us in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Bridge Builders ABF** is a group of Builders and older Baby Boomers who love God's Word! Call Dale Shafer (402-461-6821) for further details or join us in Room 5.
- **ConneXions ABF** is a group of GenX people following Jesus together. They meet in Room 6. The class has several who lead but you can call Sean/Alanna Armstrong (402-744-0085) if you have questions or just join us.
- **Contemporary Christian Issues ABF** is a diverse group of Builders and Baby Boomers who love God's Word! Call Don Nelson (402-463-5000) for details or please join us.
- **HomeBuilders ABF** is a group of young marrieds with either no children, infants or toddlers. They meet in Room 4. Call John & Jodi Rostvet (402-984-8176/402-984-8177).
- **Legacy Builders ABF** is a group of millennials following Jesus. They meet in Room 12. Call Nathan & Dawn Zabel (402-604-0305) if you have questions or just come join us!
- **Truth Seekers ABF** is a group of Baby Boomers who love Jesus and each other. Call Keith VanDrew (402-984-2243) if you have questions or just come on in to Room 7.



AWANA THIS MONTH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sparks / T&T Unit</u>	<u>Cubbies Unit</u>	<u>Theme</u>
September 4	Start Zone	Bear Hug A	Buddy Night
September 11	Start Zone	Bear Hug B	Regular Night
September 18	Unit 1.1 / Unit 1.1	Bear Hug 1	Crazy Socks
September 25	Unit 1.2 / Unit 1.2	Bear Hug 2	Regular Night



- AWANA meets Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM
- Available for children age 3 thru 6th grade (or 2 years prior to Kindergarten)
- We ask that children not be dropped off before 6:20 as leaders are not available

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated to help with Sunday morning and Wednesday evening activities. To inquire about how you can help, contact Nathan Huyser @ nathan@hastingsefc.org.

NURSERY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>8:15 WORSHIP</u>	<u>9:45 S.S.</u>
Sep. 1	M/P Krueger	M Ostrander
Sep. 8	E Baker	D/M Conant
Sep. 15	S/E Thomas	K Demick/R Lemke
Sep. 22	S Jensby/M McDaniel	J/E Kautz
Sep. 29	A/A Armstrong	M Ostrander

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

<u>8:15 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
P/A Birky	A/D Thayer
M Carriker/E Huyser	A Hoagland
M Rathje	K/E Stoeger
A Hughes	K/E Stoeger
P/A Birky	A/D Thayer

OUR FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

- 18 Months-2 Years
 - Merisa Mattley & Amber Paterson
- 3-4 Year Olds
 - NEED VOLUNTEERS
- Pre-K/Kindergarten
 - Amy Fullerton & Monica Nordby
- 1st Grade
 - Miranda & Maddie Hittner
- 2nd Grade
 - Lisa Hoffman & Kathy Murman
- 3rd & 4th Grade Girls
 - Christy Vontz & NEED VOLUNTEER
- 5th & 6th Grade Girls
 - Andrea Collins & Leah Trausch
- 3rd-6th Grade Boys
 - Travis Carlstrom

Family Pre-Check

The fastest way to check your family in

GOOD NEWS! We have an easier way to help you check your kids in now thanks to the Church Center App that the church will begin utilizing this fall. With the app, you can pre-check your kids in right on your phone.

*Information is available from Nathan. If you want to download the app now, just look for the **Church Center** app on the iTunes Store or Google Play Store. Select our church and it will walk you through how to get started with the app.



MEN'S PISTOL SHOOTING EVENT! EVENTS COMING THIS FALL!

Saturday, September 28th
Watch for details in the coming weeks!

October 25 – Special Needs Fall Festival
October 31 – Regular Fall Festival
November 27 – “Thank-Serving” Project

Moms of Hastings (formerly MOPS) is a faith based community of women that strive to meet the needs of every mom from expectant moms to moms of adult children. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month during the school year. They embrace the joys of motherhood and encourage each other through the challenges.

General Information for Moms of Hastings

Meeting dates - 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from September through May
Time - 9am-11am
Location - First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings
Cost - \$2 per meeting + \$10 yearly registration fee (confidential scholarships available) First meeting is free.
Childcare provided (cost included in dues)
Beverages provided at each meeting
Breakfast provided at some meetings
We will have a devotion each meeting. Some meetings we will have a speaker or craft as well.



LADIES BIBLE STUDY ~ If hearing God has seemed challenging, Priscilla Shirer invites you to explore a more intimate relationship with Him, one that can make hearing Him – His will, His heart, and His voice – your ongoing experience. Discover how you can listen with greater confidence, clarity, and discernment. Updates and substantially expanded, this revised study includes weekly insights from author and pastor (and Priscilla’s father), Dr. Tony Evans, plus daily opportunities to:

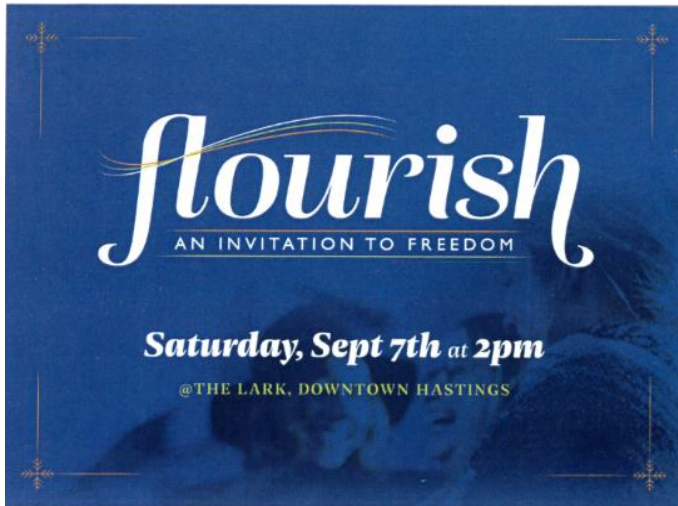
DISCERNING THE
Voice of God



BY PRISCILLA SHIRER

- More deeply understand the Holy Spirit’s role in your life
- Differentiate His voice from imposters’ voices, even from your own
- Glimpse His guidance in your everyday life
- Grow consistently in obedience, surrender, stillness, and Humility
- Prepare to continually and expectantly hear from Him

Join us beginning Wednesday, September 18, 9:30-11:30 AM for this 10-week study led by Cheryl Samples. Sign up at the Welcome Desk by September 4th if you’re interested. Cost \$15. Child care available if signed up by the deadline.



Bloom! Women's Ministry with Grace Life Church is hosting **Flourish: An Invitation To Freedom on Saturday, September 7th**. This will be a special day for women in the Hastings area to learn about the road from bondage to freedom through worship in song, real-life testimonies, and biblical teaching. Are you ashamed, angry, or grieved, so much so that you have been stuck in the same place for longer than you would like to say? Have you lost your hope that you or your situation could ever change? If you feel shackled to the pain of your past, there is good news for you! Come join us for a personal, eye-opening, and life-changing adventure and the beginning of a journey down the freedom road. From brokenness to wholeness. From bondage to freedom. You can find more information and RSVP at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/flourish-an-invitation-to-freedom-registration-62182876658?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES



Our 2019 High School graduates have recently taken the next step in their lives, out into the world. We know that these first years after graduation, with more freedom, along with many changes in young people’s lives, has proven to be a critical transition time for teenagers. Would you please consider putting our church family’s 2019 graduates on your prayer list?

Our College Care Package ministry is in our 4th year and previous year’s recipients, have expressed how much they’ve appreciated receiving them! We would like to continue to send “Care Packages,” throughout this coming school year, as a way of showing support from their church family. We want to be cheering them on, encouraging them spiritually, and showing them some love during this first year after graduation in whatever their journey entails.

This year we have ‘23’ 2019 graduates potentially signing up to receive our packages, four times throughout the next school year. They will be filled with snacks, spiritual encouragement, a small gift, and our love and prayers as they are sent. The cost to send a small shoebox by mail is around \$8.50 and the other items purchased will also be a financial need to continue this ministry for our young people this coming school year. Our first mailing will include a cork coaster with the student’s name, and the verse, Jeremiah 29:11 engraved on it. We would also like to have a devotional flip calendar in the December mailing. There will be a mailing to go out near Valentine’s Day, and our final mailing near Easter, preceding finals.

Would you consider helping to support our College Care package ministry financially? If you decide to do so, please write your check out to the church, designated “College Care Packages” and put in the offering any Sunday. Or, you may also drop off your check at the church office.

Our first mailing will be received by our students after Labor Day. Thank you, and please remember to pray for our young people as they make this transition! If you have questions, please contact Peg Engberg pegengberg@gmail.com.



<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
1 8:15/11:00 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Not Alone 1:00 Hisp. Worship	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 6:30 AM Mens Gr.	4 6:30 AWANA 6:30 Youth Group	5	6	7 7:00 AM Mens Group 7:00 Cel. Rec.
8 COMMUNION 8:15/11:00 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 1:00 Hisp. Worship	9 6:30 CR Ladies Step 8:00 Men's Group	10 6:30 AM Mens Gr. 5:30 Elder Board	11 6:30 AWANA 6:30 Youth Group	12	13	14 7:00 AM Mens Group 7:00 Cel. Rec.
15 8:15/11:00 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Not Alone 1:00 Hisp. Worship	16 6:30 CR Ladies Step 8:00 Men's Group	17 6:30 AM Mens Gr. 5:30 H&W Team 7:00 Property Cmte.	18 9:30 AM Ladies Study 'Voice Of God' begins 6:30 AWANA 6:30 Youth Group	19	20	21 7:00 AM Mens Group 7:00 Cel. Rec.
22 8:15/11:00 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 1:00 Hisp. Worship.	23 6:30 CR Ladies Step 8:00 Men's Group	24 6:30 AM Mens Gr. 9AM-3PM Red Cross Blood Drive here	25 9:30 AM Ladies St. 6:30 AWANA 6:30 Youth Group	26	27	28 7:00 AM Mens Group 9AM M.U.C. Event 6:00 CR BBQ 7:00 Cel. Rec.
29 8:15/11:00 AM Worship **Installation of Daniel Meade 9:45 AM Sunday School 1:00 Hisp. Worship	30 8:30 AM Homeschool Group meets 6:30 CR Ladies Step 8:00 Men's Group					

The local Homeschoolers Association will meet at HEFC from September 30th–November 4th from 8:30 AM–12:30 PM.

STAFF

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