

# NEWSLETTER

Evangelical Free Church  
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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Collection Week is **November 14-20**.



Join us and many others in the community by packing a box for a child. Delight a kid! Start with a medium to large item that will capture the child's attention the instant they open the box. Ideas include – soccer ball with pump, stuffed animal, toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), dolls (baby, Barbie, etc.), musical instrument, outfit, shoes.

Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Crafts: Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group. If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

\*\*\*We will have a special Packing Party on Saturday, November 13, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall along with our monthly Ladies Coffee Fellowship. Questions? Contact Kristy Stoeger.



## THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER & NIGHT OF THANKS

Sunday, November 21 @ 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

We are planning a Celebration Fundraiser & Night of Thanks with an all-church Thanksgiving dinner. We'd like families to provide a side dish and a dessert. The meat will be provided.

Eliab Jarquin (one of our missionaries) will be sharing updates on his work.

There will be a freewill offering received.

A sign up will be at the Welcome Desk to help us get a general count on numbers. If you want to help with set-up, serving, clean-up, etc. please let us know when you sign up or you can call the office. {We will not be doing our ThankServing Project this year.}

## FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE FOR FIDEL & LULU TORRES

It is with sadness and great excitement to inform you that the Lord has called our parents, Fidel and Lulu Torres, to be missionaries in Texas. They have served the E-Free Church in Hastings for 12 years with the Hispanic community.

Please join Aaron & Jenyfer Beye and Gabo & Becky Torres as we all celebrate their service in Hastings and to wish them the Lord's blessings on their new adventure in Texas.

Sunday, November 7th from 2-5 PM in the Fellowship Hall

If you have questions, please reach out to Jenyfer at (402) 519-3935. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

**PRAY BIG** worry small

**Newcomers Welcome Brunch**  
**Sunday, November 14 @ 9:45 am**



Are you newer to Hastings E-Free, or still feel new? Do you have questions about the church, ministries or want to meet a few leaders?

We would love to have you come to our Welcome Brunch on Sunday, November 14 at 9:45 am! This is a time for adults to meet a few other people while kids enjoy Sunday School or the nursery. Babies always welcome :)

We will meet just outside the Offices on the West side of the building. Please RSVP to the church office or by texting EAT to 402.705.4712.

We really look forward to seeing you there!



**Celebrate Recovery meets Saturdays at 7 PM. It's for anyone struggling with a hurt, habit or hang-up.**

**Contact Larry Mohlman or Matt Sass if you have questions.**

**NOT ALONE** ladies ministry meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 12:30. Not Alone is for women who attend church alone for many different reasons... being single, widowed, divorced, or for other reasons. For information contact Pam Aanas.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES!**

**AWANA** is each Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM for children, 3 years old thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cubbies</u>	<u>Sparks</u>	<u>T&amp;T</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Nov. 3	Bear Hug 9	**	Unit 2.3	Pizza @ 6:00 PM
Nov. 10	Bear Hug 10	**	Unit 2.4	Silly Hat Night
Nov. 17	Special Day 1	**	Unit 2.5	Give Thanks Night -bring canned goods
Nov. 24	***** NO AWANA *****			



- AWANA meets Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM and is available for children age 3 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- We ask that children not be dropped off before 6:25 as leaders are not available
- Pizza is served the 1<sup>st</sup> week of each month for all Clubbers and their families

**Nursery**

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:15 AM Worship</u>	<u>9:45 AM Sunday school</u>	<u>11:00AM Worship</u>
Nov. 7	A Armstrong	M Stoeger/R Lemke	A & K Collins
Nov. 14	N Fullerton/S Jensby	J & E Kautz	K Stoeger
Nov. 21	E Stoeger/V Sidlo	D & M Conant	P Engberg/K Drake
Nov. 28	M & P Krueger	E & T Huyser	K Stoeger

**Children's Church**

<u>8:15 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
P Birky	K Stoeger
M Rathje	A & D Thayer
E Fullerton/M Carriker	K Stoeger
A Hughes	C & H Vontz

**Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in the Youth Room for more learning and fun!**

**Contact Pastor Daniel at if you have questions!**

**Living Stones**

**Student Ministries**

**Join us Wednesday nights at 6:15 in the Youth Room for a meal, games, music, study and a lot more. Bring a friend!**

**Nov. 10 – Sm. Group Activities**

**Nov. 17 – Special Guest Eliab Jarquin**

A nice assortment of items has been donated to the 'LOST & FOUND' tote over the past months – coffee mugs, hats, children's cups, bibles, dishes, jackets, table décor, and a few more things. If you're missing an item, check the brown tote by the Fireside Room on the coat rack. Items not claimed will be re-donated to a local charity. Also, if you've provided food recently for any of the funerals, please check the kitchen for your dishes.



**ENCORE! Ministry**  
 Encore is "a demand by an audience for an additional performance."  
 1:30 – 3:00 PM  
 at the E-Free Church  
 in the Youth Room

**Thursday, November 18**

Brady Rhodes with the United Way will be our guest speaker. **United Way of South Central Nebraska** works to provide leadership by assessing needs, raising funds and allocating resources to enrich lives and to build stronger communities in South Central Nebraska. They fund more than 40 programs that last year impacted the lives of more than 25,000 people right here in our community. Brady will share what United Way does, the programs they support and how they are working to address root causes of issues. Questions? Contact Jane Rose-Barton 402-984-7358 or Pastor Matt Sass 402-705-4712.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Daylight Saving Time ends on November 7<sup>th</sup>! Turn clocks BACK one hour.</i>	1 9am Homeschool 10am 'Generations' 2pm 'Falls Apart' st 7pm 'Generations' 8pm Mens Sm. Gr.	2 6:30am Mens Gr. 5:30pm Baker Sm Gr 6:30pm Interface Gr 7pm CR Leaders	3 9am 'Chosen' 9am 'Matchless' 6pm Awana-Pizza 6:15pm Youth-Pizza 6:30pm AWANA; Youth; Prayer	4	5	6 7am Mens Gr. 7pm Cel. Recovery
7 COMMUNION 8:15am Worship 9:45am SS/ABF 11am Worship 12:30pm Not Alone 1pm Hisp. Worship 2pm Farewell Open House for Torres'	8 10am 'Generations' 2pm 'Falls Apart' st 7pm 'Generations' 8pm Mens Sm. Gr.	9 6:30am Mens Gr. 5:30pm Elder Board 5:30pm Baker Sm Gr 6:30pm Interface Gr	10 9am 'Chosen' 9am 'Matchless' 6:30pm AWANA; Youth; Prayer	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13 7am Mens Gr. 9:30am Ladies Coffee Fellowship / OCC Packing party 7pm Cel. Recovery
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**ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

Adult Bible Fellowships are mid-sized groups that meet for Bible study, discussion and fellowship on Sundays at 9:45 AM. Each group operates separately and chooses its own curriculum, which changes throughout the year.

- *Bible Explorers* is a multi-gen class that explores the Bible together. They meet in Room 1.
- *Bridge Builders* is a group of Builders & older Baby Boomers who love God's Word! They meet in Room 5.
- *ConneXions* is a group of GenX people following Jesus together. They meet in Room 6.
- *Contemporary Christian Issues* is a diverse group of Builders and Baby Boomers who love God's Word! Meets in the Fireside Room.
- *Home Builders* is a group of young marrieds with either no children or have infants and/or toddlers. They meet in Room 4.
- *Legacy Builders* is a group of millennials following Jesus. They meet in Room 12.



We are asking members and regular attenders to update the information that we have on record for them. There are 3 methods available to accomplish this.

If you have any issues, please contact [sam@hastingsefc.org](mailto:sam@hastingsefc.org) or the church office.

If you are a visitor, please skip method 1, but don't worry! We'll get you set up with Church Center as soon as possible.

**Method 1: Church Center App**

The Church Center app can be downloaded for free from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). Church Center allows you to not only update your information, but also register for events & groups, see information about our church, receive push notifications (for cancellations and emergencies), and more!

To update your information:

1. Make sure that you are signed in (this will require your cell phone number or email address).
2. Tap your profile picture or the person icon in the top right corner.
3. Tap your name.
4. Make any applicable changes.
5. Tap *Update* to save.

Household Leaders are also able to update information for other household members.

**Method 2: Form Submission**

If you submit an entry to the Digital Connection Card, this will update your profile. However, we ask that you be signed into Church Center before submitting the form. Visitors do not need to sign in.

To do this, complete the following steps:

1. Go to <https://hastingsefc.churchcenter.com/login>.
2. Sign in.
3. Go to <https://bit.ly/hefcconnection>.
4. Complete at least the first section of the form.
5. Submit the form.
6. Confirm changes through Planning Center/Church Center confirmation email.

**Method 3: Assistance from Church Staff**

If you are unable to complete both methods 1 and 2, the church office can update your information for you. To contact the church office, call 402-463-1441, email [evangelicalfree@hastingsefc.org](mailto:evangelicalfree@hastingsefc.org) or [sam@hastingsefc.org](mailto:sam@hastingsefc.org).

If you contact us via email, we ask that you have the following information included (though it is up to you what information you share with us):

- Phone numbers (cell phone and home)
- Email Addresses
- Birthdate
- Marital Status
- Anniversary Date



**SERVE!**

- All believers are called and empowered to serve the Lord. Do you know your spiritual gifts? Do you need help finding your ministry fit? We have invested in an online inventory to help equip you to serve in accordance with how the Lord has created you.
- 1. Go to <https://www.assessme.org/10704>
- 2. Set up your own FREE user account.
- 3. Take the test. (takes about an hour)
- 4. Add Skills which you have.
- 5. Read the results. (write comments on it)
- 6. Next Steps: pursue a ministry, ask for help
- Contact Pastor Matt at 402.705.4712 or [matt@hastingsefc.org](mailto:matt@hastingsefc.org) for questions or follow up.