

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

January 14, 2018

Welcome to The Hills and to the worship of our God this January morning. We're glad you're here and invite you back for tonight's worship service.

## Decisions & Choices

Every day we make decisions. Where we are today, is a result of decisions we've made throughout our lives. Where we are in ten or 20 years will depend on choices we make today.

The most important decision we can ever make is to believe in Jesus Christ. The consequence of this decision (or lack of decision) will determine where we spend eternity.

While we are free to choose, the world is always tugging at our hearts, trying to pull us away from God. If we listen to the world we will be enticed into making decisions that take us away from Him.

Therefore, beginning today, let us commit to hiding God's Word in our heart. As we meditate on His Word, we will learn to love His law and He will make us wiser than our enemies. We will not be overcome by our emotions or the world's thinking.

Then, as decisions and choices arise, we will consider them in light of Scripture because God's Word will truly be "a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps 119:105).

## Enjoying God

Anyone with the slightest acquaintance of the Westminster Catechism knows that "man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

Do I enjoy God? David wrote, "Delight yourself in the Lord" (Psalm 37:4).

We enjoy and delight ourselves with chocolate, new clothes, new cars, and friends, but do we indulge ourselves in the Lord?

Do I enjoy the Bible? Do I delight in praying? Do I love talking about Jesus? Do I relish the peace of forgiven sins?

If my answer is no, I need to ask myself if I know God.

If I know God, but am too busy to enjoy Him, I need to repent and get a new attitude! Delighting in God is a gift, a joy to enjoy now and always.

Have a good week delighting in the Savior.

# Men's Seminar Features Randall Price

## The Stones Cry Out: Archaeology and the Bible



*Randall Price is the featured speaker at the 2018 Men's Seminar*

**Q: How can biblical archaeology add deeper meaning to a person's understanding of the Bible?**

**Randall Price:** The Bible is an ancient text from an ancient context. We live thousands of miles and thousands of years away from that context, which also represents different cultures. Archaeology is a modern means of revealing both the lost record of the ancient world (inscriptions and manuscript evidence), and the historical and social world of the Bible. While the purpose of archaeology is not to prove (or dis-

prove) the historicity of the people and events recorded in Scripture, it can help immeasurably to confirm the historical reality and accuracy of the Bible and to demonstrate that faith has a factual foundation. Moreover, it serves to illustrate and illuminate the background and context of Scripture so that one may have a realistic faith in the biblical accounts.

Men's  
Seminar

February 16 & 17

Indian Hills  
Community  
Church

Archaeology uncovers buried civilizations. Come to the Men's Seminar and learn how digging up lost civilizations contributes to our understanding of the Bible, which was written long ago, by many different people, in many different cultures.

# We Are to *Live by Faith*

*Gordie Coffin*

George Muller, the 19th century English pastor, is best known for his orphan ministry, where his faith in God allowed him to build five orphan houses and care for over 10,000 orphans. In his autobiography, Muller cites the primary reason for establishing this ministry was that “God would be magnified because the orphans under my care will be provided with all they need through prayer and faith.” The autobiography cites numerous examples of Muller’s prayers and faith in God to provide for the needs of the ministry.

Upon reading his biography, one may be left feeling as though their faith is inadequate in comparison. However, the same power that allowed George Muller to live by faith is given to every believer. In Galatians 2:20 the Apostle Paul wrote, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” God is the source of faith and He equips every believer with the ability to live by faith.

The “New Unger’s Bible Dictionary” claims that faith is “...not simply the assent of the intellect to revealed truth; it is the practical submission of the entire man to



*Gordie, Tami and Brooke Coffin*

the guidance and control of such truth.” We can know God’s Word, but that does not correlate to having faith, as even “the demons also believe, and shudder” (James 2:19).

I recall as an unbeliever in high school telling a friend that I would believe the Bible if someone could show me Noah’s Ark, or if I could witness a miracle firsthand. But there are multiple occasions where Jesus refuted the idea that such miracles would produce faith. This is because biblical faith is not founded on evidence. It is founded on belief in God. The object of Abraham’s faith was not God’s promise to him, but rather in God Himself.

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## **Live by Faith**

In Hebrews 11:1, faith is defined as, "...the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Faith provides a guarantee for the wonderful things we long for written in God's Word and offers proof for those things we cannot see. The Apostle Paul elaborates on this in 2 Corinthians 5:7 where he wrote, "for we walk by faith, not by sight."

Although you may feel that your faith pales in comparison to that of Abraham, the Apostle Paul, or of George Muller, the reality is that every believer has been equipped by God to live by faith. Faith gives believers the assurance that what God has revealed to us in His word is true, and we are to live in light of that revelation.

*Gordie and Tami Coffin have*

*been married ten years and are the parents of two children, a girl and a boy: Brooke and Lane.*



### **December 2017 Report**

**Print Media Distributed:**  
**87 booklets**

**Audio Media Outreach**

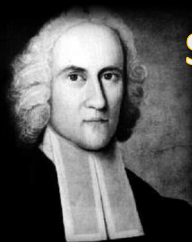
**Sermon Audio:**  
**1,202 downloads & streams**

### **Jan.–Dec. 2017**

**Print Media Distributed:**  
**2,006 booklets**

**Audio Media Outreach**

**Sermon Audio:**  
**23,967 downloads & streams**



**Jonathan Edwards**

**All are Welcome**

## **Study the Great Awakenings of the Americas**

**Each Wednesday 7:00-8:00PM**

**Room 1414**

**Donald Goertzen Teacher**

**George  
Whitefield**  
(1714-1770)



# God's Timing Is Always Perfect

When Mom brought home TV Dinners for the first time, we were impressed. All we had to do was put them in the oven and they baked in 25 minutes.

Now microwave dinners bake in about 2 minutes and we drum our fingers while waiting for the timer to ring.

Computers have simplified our lives and make it possible to accomplish more in less time. But when there's a lag, we forget to be thankful.

Let's face it. We are impatient people. Our attention spans are getting shorter. If a book, sermon, hymn, or lesson doesn't grab us and keep our attention, we space out.

If God doesn't change our circumstances, avenge us, or correct injustices, in our impatience we wrongly think we need to take things into our own hands.

But God doesn't work that way. Scripture tells us to wait on the Lord. He doesn't need us to taint the waters, or move everyone to our way of thinking via gossip and slander.

To the Lord, a thousand years are like a day, and a day is like a thousand years. He dwells in eternity and He's not in a hurry.

God knows all things, and He works in His time to do what's

best. Have we forgotten that God waited 400 years after the Old Testament was completed to send the Messiah?

Surely, we remember that Jesus waited until the fourth watch to rescue His disciples on the Sea of Galilee. How could we ever forget that at the proper time Jesus said, "It is finished."

The Bible tells us to wait on the Lord. God is not inactive. While we wait He is working all things for good—in His time.

## Save the Date

### *Ladies Retreat*

*True Wisdom Found: The joyful mindset of fearing God*

*February 23 & 24*

*Lied Lodge in Nebraska City*

*Teachers: Nancy Butterfield,  
Sheila Abresch, Deb Terry,  
LaVon Sperling, Carrie Smith*

**Register today in the  
south lobby.**

The Lied Lodge requires that we submit our attendance list a month prior to the event.

# Bible Fellowship Hour

## **Children' Sunday School**

Visit the Sunday school coordinator's desk for class locations.

## **Junior High** (Grades 6-8)

Studying Acts  
Team Taught  
Cornerstone House

## **Senior High** (Grades 9-12)

Studying Colossians  
Jeff Harford Teaching  
Room 1430

## **Alpha Omega** (18-25)

Studying 1 Corinthians  
Duane Nelsen Teaching  
Room 2311

## **EDGE**

Studying Philippians  
Jimmy Pelton Teaching  
Rooms 2211

## **Common Bonds**

Studying Acts  
Jim Mooberry Teaching  
Room 1404

## **HIS**

Studying Deuteronomy  
Scott Bailey Teaching  
Room 1423

## **LOGOS**

Studying Second Samuel  
Greg Thomas Teaching  
Room 1422

## **180° Fellowship**

Studying Luke  
Bill Cooley Teaching  
Room 1100 (Chapel)

## **One Heart**

Studying Matthew  
Dick Bergt Teaching  
Room 1112

## **LIFE**

Studying Philippians  
Jim Pelton Teaching  
Room 1419

## **The Father Knows Best**

Studying "Taking the Mystery Out of Revelation"  
Don Goertzen Teaching  
Room 1414

## **Prime Time**

Studying Mark  
Ed Daly Teaching  
Room 1417

Classes begin at 8:45 a.m. but everyone is welcome to come at 8:30 a.m. for a cup of coffee and fellowship.

For more information about any of these classes, contact Duane Nelsen at 402-483-4541, visit the class, or stop by the information center in the south lobby.

## **Information Center**

We would love to meet you! Please stop by and pick up your visitor/newcomer gift bag. We're located across from Sound Words.

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

# Church Leadership

## Board of Elders

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Donald Goertzen, Part-time  
Curt Kuster, Part-time  
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Nick McElvain, Part-time

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Gale Engle  
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Adam Flaugh .....	Evangelism
Jonathan Goodding .....	Boys of Faith
Jeff Harford .....	Junior High
Jim Krieger .....	Wee Care
Curt Kuster .....	Communion
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Tom Price .....	Nursing Home
Todd Smith .....	Sunday School

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Jake Krieger  
Carroll Lavalleur  
Sidney Marra  
Dale McDaniel  
Charles Muir  
Carsten Scholle  
Taysha Slade  
Andrew Thomas  
Zach Wheat



**As cold, snow, and  
ice storms move in,  
Jeff Horn and Kevin  
Wheat will try to keep  
abreast of the weather  
and road conditions.**

Church  
cancellations  
or delays will  
be posted on  
the church  
website:  
[www.ihcc.org](http://www.ihcc.org)



**Let us be good stewards  
of the Lord's blessings**

**No Food  
or Drink**

**in the Auditorium  
or Chapel**



## Family News

**Birth.** Matt and Charissa Nuttleman are the parents of a girl, Cherish Joy, born January 6, 2018.

## Children's Studies

**Children's Sunday School.** The children studied Romans 12:9–13:14 and learned about living with all people.

**Children's Church.** The children studied Exodus 15–17 and learned about God preserving Israel. The lesson goal is to understand our need for God's mercy and thank Him for all He gives.

## Information

**Sound Words** will be closed weekday mornings from January 15–26. Open hours will be Noon–5:00 p.m. those weekdays, Monday through Friday. Sound Words will be open the usual hours Wednesday evenings (6:30–8:30 p.m.), Saturdays (9:00 a.m. – Noon), and Sundays (before and after morning and evening services).

Audio recordings of sermons and classes from January 14-26 will not be available until the following week.

**Choir** meets on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. We would like to have more singers join us. We rehearse every Wednesday and sing every other Sunday until April 1.

**Girls' Choir** meets on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. and is open to all girls in grades 4-12.

**Hospitality Meeting.** Greeters, Information Desk Volunteers, Ushers, and Section Hosts will meet on Saturday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss ways to improve our ministry.

**Wednesday Night Study** meets on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Perry Beard is teaching on being born again, the purpose of good works, and Lordship Salvation. Join us for a hot cup of coffee, some cookies, and great discussion topics.

**Boys of Faith Riflery Clinic** will be held Saturday, January 20 and February 3 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This is open to all 8–13-year-old boys and girls. Cost is \$15 per person. Questions? Call Jonathan Goodding at 402-326-8505.

**Ladies Missionary Prayer** group will meet on Wednesday, January 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lending Library. All women are encouraged to join us.

**Titus Tuesday** will meet Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Carrie Smith will be teaching, *A Good Mindset for Good Prayers*. During the second hour, you may participate in a toy swap or discussion group.

**Used Toy Donations.** Titus Tuesday will be holding a used toy swap for toys in good condition on January 16. If you are de-cluttering and would like to contribute, there is a drop off location by



the second-floor elevator. Books, puzzles, and costumes are welcome. Questions? Call Jeri Moser at 402-805-1651.

**Event Kitchen.** If you have an upcoming event that involves the new Event Kitchen, contact Rachel Gould at church, 402-483-4541. She will reserve it for your group and give you an Event Sheet, which will help with the planning. Questions to Merrily Bailey 402-730-7617.

**Offering Envelopes** for 2018 are available by Sound Words. Envelopes that are not picked up today will be available at Sound Words until the end of January. If you don't have an offering envelope, have one issued to you at Sound Words.

**Cash Donations.** The IRS requires that claiming a charitable cash donation must be substantiated by either a cancelled check or a written receipt from the church. For donors who give \$250 or more, however, a written acknowledgement from the church is required. For your convenience, the church will issue a year end giving receipt to everyone who uses an offering envelope and to those who paid using checks that totaled over \$250.

**Non-cash Gifts.** Separate receipts will be issued for each non-cash gift. Non-cash gifts include stocks, mutual funds, grain commodities, and IRA distributions.

**Cleaners Needed.** If you'd like to vacuum a section of the church once every five weeks, contact Tami Coffin, 402-366-3490.

**Creative Sewers** will meet Tuesday, January 16, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing.

**Lost & Found** is giving away lost Bibles. Stop by the Media Center and see if any of the items in our Lost & Found belong to you.

**Hospitalizations.** Please call the church, 402-483-4541, and notify Pastor Aaron Nicholson or Curt Kuster of hospitalizations and births.

**Hospitality Ministry** needs one door greeter to welcome people at the southwest doors on Sunday mornings from 8:30–9:00 a.m. Each greeter is on rotation of one month per quarter and would serve four months out of the year. Please let Brian Willet (brian.willet@outlook.com) know if you're interested.

**If you know of someone** who would benefit spiritually from a regular visit or if you'd like to get involved visiting the sick through the Visitation Ministry, please talk to Curt Kuster or Aaron Nicholson, 402-483-4541.

## Last Week's Message

January 7 AM. Duane Nelsen. DN 21. *The Everlasting God Is Our Only Refuge.* Psalm 90.

January 7 PM. Bill Cooley. BC 2. *Worthless Worship.* Malachi 1:6-14.

# This Week's Events

## Sunday

Sunday Night Church 6:00 p.m.

Boys of Faith 6:00 p.m.

Girls of Grace 6:00 p.m.

Sonshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

## Monday

Sisters 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday

Titus Tuesday 9:00 a.m.

Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.

## Wednesday

Ladies Missionary Prayer 1:30 p.m.

Girls' Choir 5:00 p.m.

Praise Team, Band 6:00 p.m.

Orchestra 6:00 p.m.

Awana 6:45 p.m.

Choir 7:00 p.m.

Junior High Study 7:00 p.m.

Issues . . . World 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Study 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7:00 p.m.

## Saturday

Boys of Faith Riflery Clinic

9:00 a.m.–Noon

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# Future Events

## January 26, 27

Boys of Faith Lock-in

## February 3

Hospitality Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Boys of Faith Riflery Clinic

## February 9

Girls of Grace

Daddy Daughter Date Night

## February 10

Derby Workshop

## February 16, 17

Men's Seminar

## February 23, 24

Ladies Retreat

## March 3

Pinewood Derby

## March 30

Good Friday Service

Communion

## April 1

Resurrection Sunday

## April 7

Dodgeball Tourney

9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

## April 8

Dessert Social

## April 10

Intermission 6:15 p.m.

## April 22

Girls' Choir Concert 2:00 p.m.

## April 27–29

Spring Campout