

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH November 18, 2018

Welcome to The Hills and this fellowship of believers. There's no better place to be than with God's people, worshiping the Lord.

We come together as Christ-followers, called to salvation in Christ. By God's grace we have come to believe in the salvation He provided through Jesus' death on the cross.

We come because Jesus is alive, and He sits at the Father's right hand. He died to save us from the destiny we deserve. We come to worship and praise our Lord and Savior.

We pray that the Truth will be impressed on our hearts and minds. May God help us to be alert, to hear, to listen, and to grow in our understanding. May we be molded and shaped by the Spirit's work in each of our lives.

We commit this time of worship to God and ask that He be honored in all we think, say, and do.

Thanksgiving Week

For most Americans, Thanksgiving Day is filled with turkey, dressing, yams, and pumpkin pie. We spend time with loved

ones, and for many it's traditional for each one to share something they're thankful for around the dinner table.

We thank God by wholeheartedly following Him. He has a plan for each of His children and if you've been saved for any length of time, you know what an exciting adventure it is.

If you have not yet come to the Lord, we urge you, don't delay. Make this Thanksgiving a time to become God's child by repenting of your sins and believing in Jesus' death and resurrection. The angels will rejoice and we will have all eternity to sing God's praises.

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday night classes will not meet this week so everyone can be home helping Mom get ready for Thanksgiving Day.

Have a wonderful time with your loved ones and then join us the following Wednesday, as all classes resume on November 28.

"Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it."—A.W. Tozer

Who Are You, O Man?

Adam Flaugh

God put Job in his proper place through a series of questions in chapters 38 and 39 of the Book of Job. The interrogation concludes in chapter 40:

Then the Lord said to Job, “Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Let him who reproves God answer it.” Then Job answered the Lord and said, “Behold, I am insignificant; what can I reply to You? I lay my hand on my mouth” (Job 40:1-4).

Since Job knew God’s wisdom and power was incomparable to his own, he wisely shut his mouth. Through this exchange we are provided with a proper perspective of man in relation to God: Man has no right to bring an accusation against God, and God has no obligation to provide an explanation to man.

No Right to Accuse

If you are ever tempted to question God’s wisdom in the affairs of your life, you would be wise to ask *yourself* the following questions:

Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the

earth? (Prov. 30:4)

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and marked off the heavens by the span, and calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, and weighed the mountains in a balance and the hills in a pair of scales? Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor has informed Him? With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge and informed Him of the way of understanding? (Isa. 40:12-14).

If you are not the one who can answer “I have” to these questions, then you better follow the example of Job and keep your mouth shut as he did. The creation has no right to accuse the Creator.

Who are you, O man, who answers back to God? (Rom. 9:20).

Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker (Isa. 45:9).

No Obligation to Explain

Another point to note from Job 38 and 39 is that it may please God to not provide an explanation for your circumstances. In the Book of Job, God did not clarify to Job the reason for his pain and suffering.

We know from Job 1 that the devil was behind it, but that information was not necessary for Job to know nor necessary for God to reveal to him. What Job needed to do was simply trust God.

Trusting God is what all of us need to do when there does not seem to be a reason for the difficulties in our life. Though God may not grant the right to accuse or be obliged to provide an explanation, in His amazing grace, He does promise to provide what we need. The almighty creator and sustainer of all things, whose understanding is inscrutable and strength never abated, is the same one who “gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power” (Isa. 40:29). We can be confident that trusting God and waiting for Him is not a vain endeavor (Isa. 40:31). When we take God at His Word, we know He uses those trials to perfect and complete us (James 1:2-4).

Who God Is

So, who are you, O man? We are clay and grasshoppers when compared to God. “The thing molded will not say to the molder, ‘Why did you make me like this,’ will it?” (Rom. 9:20). No, the potter is not equal to the clay (Isa. 29:16). Our Creator is far above His creation. In comparison, it does not matter who we are, but who God is:

But our God is in the heavens;

He does whatever He pleases
(Ps. 115:3).

It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. He it is who reduces rulers to nothing, who makes the judges of the earth meaningless (Isa. 40:22-23).

May we as Christians never forget our proper place before our Creator. He is the absolutely sovereign One who in amazing grace has chosen to deal kindly with those who are in Christ Jesus. Now in Christ, not only are we His subjects, but we are His children. How amazing to consider that redeemed saints are fellow heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:14-17). We ought never accuse or cease to praise our sovereign and gracious God.



Adam and Elizabeth Flaugh

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



Candidate for Elder

Ray Terry



Ray Terry

Ray Terry is being recommended for the office of Elder. He gave his testimony October 28. If you have questions or comments about Ray’s candidacy, please share them with an elder.

Church Leadership

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Bible Fellowship Hour

Children' Sunday School

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

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Studying Genesis
Team Taught
Cornerstone House

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Studying the Passion
Week
Jeff Harford Teaching
Room 1430

Fundamentals of the Faith

Gordie Coffin, Jeff Horn
Teaching
Room 1102

Alpha Omega (18-25)

Studying 1 Corinthians
Duane Nelsen Teaching
Room 2311

EDGE

Studying Hebrews
Jimmy Pelton Teaching
Rooms 2211

Common Bonds

Studying Acts
Jim Mooberry Teaching
Room 1404

HIS

Studying Deuteronomy
Scott Bailey Teaching
Room 1423

LOGOS

Studying 2 Kings
Greg Thomas Teaching
Room 1422

180⁰ Fellowship

Studying Luke
Bill Cooley Teaching
Room 1100 (Chapel)

One Heart

Studying Matthew
Dick Bergt Teaching
Room 1112

LIFE

Studying Gospel of John
Jim Pelton Teaching
Room 1419

The Father Knows Best

Studying "The Bible as a Contract"
Don Goertzen Teaching
Room 1414

Standing Firm

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.

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.

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4).

Children's Christmas

C O N C E R T

December 9

6:00 p.m.

Interpreted for the Deaf

**IHCC CHOIR &
ORCHESTRA**

Christmas Concert

December 16 • 6 p.m.

Interpreted for the Deaf

*Come hear about the
greatest gift ever given!*



BAKE SALE

Tonight after Sunday Night Church

Sponsored by Girls of Grace

Christmas Eve AT THE HILLS

*Come celebrate the
birth of the Savior with us!*

YOU'RE INVITED

DECEMBER 24 · 6:00 P.M.

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED
INTERPRETED FOR THE DEAF

Family News

Thank You. I would like to thank the church family for their prayers, cards, meals, and assistance during my recovery from surgery. It is truly a blessing to be part of this family of believers.—Marcia McClurg

Children's Studies

Children's Church. The children studied 1 Samuel 18–20 and learned that God is sovereign over friendships. The lesson goal is to obey the Lord in all relationships.

Information

Church Building will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Girls of Grace Bake Sale is tonight, November 18. Stop by the table in the south lobby and pick up some baked goods. All money raised goes to reduce the cost of camp.

Christmas Cookies are needed for the Christmas concert social on December 16. Cookies can be dropped off in the old kitchen from December 12–15. If there are any questions, contact Kate Morten at 402-416-6964.

Special Tax Savers. If you are over age 70½ or own grain commodities then a couple of unique giving methods may be a good fit for you. For those over 70½,

you may want to consider giving directly to the church from your traditional IRA. In most cases it can directly reduce your taxable income. For those who own grain commodities, by giving grain directly to the church this too can reduce your taxable income. For more information, contact Jeff Horn or Carroll Lavalleur.

Cleaners Needed. If you would like to serve the Lord and this local fellowship of believers by cleaning a section of the church once every five weeks, please call Jennifer Gadeken, 402-438-4671.

Titus Tuesday. We will not meet this week, November 20, due to Thanksgiving. We will meet the following Tuesday, November 27. Carrie Smith will be teaching on *Overcoming Discouragement*.

Lost & Found in the Media Center. We have many pairs of glasses as well as water bottles and travel mugs in the Lost & Found, located in the Media Center, room 2313.

Overview of the Bible. Each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Rob Schmidt will be teaching an *Overview of the Bible* in Room 1417 of the Bible Learning Center. This class will provide a basic understanding of the Bible and how its contents are related, the progression of God's dealings with mankind, and the basic geography of Bible lands. For more information, contact Rob at 402-853-6018.

Fundamentals of the Faith. Gordie Coffin and Jeff Horn are teaching the Fundamentals of the Faith class each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1102. The class is intended to provide a good foundation for several important doctrinal areas. The class is open to everyone.

Study the Great Awakenings in America each Wednesday from 7:00–8:00 p.m. in room 1414. Everyone high school age and older is welcome. Donald Goertzen will present the lesson.

Creative Sewers will meet Tuesday, November 20, at 11:30 a.m., for lunch and sewing.

High School Mansion Builders meet Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Mike Little and Tim Pratt are the teachers. All high school kids are welcome.

Girls' Choir is open to girls in fourth through twelfth grade. We meet in the upstairs choir room from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

Choir meets Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs choir room. We will rehearse 1 hour and 15 minutes every Wednesday and sing every other Sunday morning. Anyone high school and older is welcome.

Orchestra meets Wednesday, from 6:00–7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Orchestra also rehearses on Sunday from 8:00–8:45 a.m.

AWANA meets Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. and kids three years old

through fifth grade are welcome.

Used Book section is available at Sound Words. You may contribute to or make purchases of discounted and hard-to-find books. Our stock is constantly changing in both the fiction and non-fiction categories.

Mentors for Teachers are now available. If you would like some personal guidance or would like to see if you have the gift of teaching, now is the time to step forward. Several men are willing to help you on your way. The time commitment is minimal, but the rewards are eternal. If interested, please contact one of these men: Perry Beard, 402-475-5657; Jim Pelton, 402-464-5465; or Tom Price, 402-792-9331.

Worship Service Online. If you are unable to attend church on Sunday and would like to worship with us through the internet, log on to www.ihcc.org and click on “Resources” at the top of the page. Then, click on “Live Stream.” The services start at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Last Week's Message

Nov. 11 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 2057. *God's Presence Among His People.* Revelation 21:3-8

Nov. 11 PM. GRM 1205. *Questions and Answers*, Part 9. Selected Verses

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.
Girls of Grace Bake Sale 7:30 p.m.

Monday

Pickleball 6:45 p.m.
Sisters 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

No Titus Tuesday
Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Thanksgiving Break

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day
Church Building Closed

Friday

Church Building Closed

Future Events

December 9

Children's Christmas Concert

December 16

Adult Christmas Concert

December 24

Christmas Eve Service
Communion

December 25

Christmas Day
Church Building Closed

December 26

Christmas Break
for Classes

January 1

New Year's Day
Church Building Closed

January 2

New Year's Break
for Classes

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*Have a blessed time
with your loved ones!*

*Indian Hills
Community Church*