

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

January 7, 2018

A hearty welcome to you, beloved of God. An exciting, new year is ahead and we look forward to all God has prepared for us in 2018, along with the privilege of serving Him together.

A special welcome is extended to our visitors and guests. We are glad you are here and invite you to check out all the activities we have available throughout the week.

Begin the year right by returning tonight for a time of singing and a study in the Word. The fellowship will encourage us, the singing will inspire us and the study of the Scriptures will mature us in our spiritual growth.

## January Groove

Now that we have had our fill of sugar cookies and eggnog, it is time to put the holidays behind us and get into the January groove.

All the weekly classes and programs resume this week. Be sure to take advantage of all the opportunities available for every age—from Sonshine Kids to Prime Time, as studying God's Word and serving together helps build godly character.

## Looking to the Rapture

Scripture reveals that the next major event in the Christian's future is the rapture of the Church. This term describes the bodily removal of all believers from the earth by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Bible lays out some of the major events of the future. We can see how some of the events could occur quickly, and we are reminded that our time on earth has an end. We need to be faithfully sharing the gospel.

Someone will be the last to trust Christ for salvation before Christ comes for His Church. Will it be your neighbor? Will it be your friend? Will it be your family? Will it be you?

Please don't delay.

## We Believe

We believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son, and in an act of great love, God sent His Son to redeem us. As the perfect Son of God, Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin. Those who turn from their sin and place their faith in His finished work on the cross are forgiven their sins and brought into God's family.

*A group of elders and other teachers have gotten together to write a weekly article for the newsletter. Our plan is to have an article every week on a specific topic. The first topic we will address is sanctification. We will have articles related to this topic for the next several months. We start this topic area with the article below from Ed Daly, "The New Nature."*

# The New Nature by Ed Daly

## 2 Corinthians 5:17

Imagine how the Corinthians, a troubled and sometimes raucous church, must have marveled to read the words penned to them by the Apostle Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit:

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come (2 Corinthians 5:17).

If they were "in Christ," they were new creatures! Paul's words surely reminded them that their former lives—"the old things"—had passed away, and that "in Christ... new things [had] come." These two words, "in Christ," expressed the total and complete transformation that God had effected in their lives: having believed by faith that Jesus Christ had died for their sins, they now had a new nature that was free from the penalty and the power of sin. Sin was no longer their master. They served a new Master who had set

them free, and they could abide in Him and be sure of His protection from the destructive effects of their previous sin lives, the world, and of Satan. They were no longer guilty for their sins, for Jesus Christ had taken the full wrath of God on their behalf as the spotless Lamb of God. It was new life, and they could rejoice in the fact that they had a new nature. In the freedom of their new nature, God was transforming them into the very image of Jesus Christ Himself, as Paul had earlier pointed out to them in 2 Corinthians 3:17-18:

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Given all of the problems that the Apostle Paul had to address with the Corinthian church, it's hard to conceive of their new nature shining forth in the middle of the dark, pagan culture that surrounded them. Yet, this was the work of God in their lives. Their standing "in Christ" was sure. But, it's not as if God waved a wand and caused all of their challenges to disappear, or as if they were no longer responsible for their own actions, or even as if they could just start over again with a clean slate and continue to live in their old ways. Paul challenged them to live according to their new nature. They now had the power of God to set aside their old self and live righteous lives. They could and were called to live new lives that reflected the image and glory of their Savior.

As living demonstrations that "new things [had] come," they were illustrations to all around them of the power of God to change someone's life. Paul directly instructed the Ephesians,

that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in



*Ed Daly*

righteousness and holiness of the truth (4:22-24).

Note that Paul is commanding them to "lay aside the old self... be renewed in the spirit... and put on the new self." Being "in Christ" and having this new nature means that you are empowered by God to live a righteous life that manifests the glorious image of the Savior to the world. As believers lay aside their old selves (former sinful ways that killed them spiritually), are renewed in the spirit of their mind by taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5), and put on the new self by embracing and pursuing holy living, God is molding and shaping them "in righteousness and holiness of the truth" into the image of Jesus Christ (see also Colossians 3:10).

How about you? Are you "in

Christ?" Have you recognized that sin brought death and that you were separated from God, bound for judgment and eternal Hell as the just penalty for your sins? Have you turned to Jesus Christ in repentance and faith so that you might be saved by Him and be born again as a new creature with a new nature and a glorious eternal destiny? If you haven't, recognize that God is calling you to Himself to do a wonderful work of grace in your life. He offers you new life, a life of righteous living that is free from sin and eternal life abiding in Him.

If you have experienced this grace of God in your life, it means that you possess the power to set aside your former self and take up a new self which reflects the image of Jesus Christ. Is that your zeal in life? Is that what others see in your life? If not, repent of falling short

of the sin that plagues you, and ask God to give you the power of His Spirit (the Spirit who already indwells you) to put on display your new nature to the praise of His glorious grace!

*Ed and his wife Anne have been married 31 years and they are the parents of four grown children.*

## Save the Date

### Men's Seminar

February 16 & 17

Speaker: Randall Price

The Stones Cry Out:  
Archeology and the Bible

Held at Indian Hills Community Church

## 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*

Registration begins today (January 7) in the south lobby and continues January 14 & 21.

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

# Women's Retreat Is February 23 & 24

Carrie Smith

Together. To be with each other. To be characterized by affectionate closeness. What can happen when Indian Hills Church women are together at our overnight retreat? Friends can spend time with each other. New people can be met. Names can be related to faces. Those not usually nearby in our rather large church building can be close by during meals, in the hallways, lobby, snack area, and in the meeting room.

Many women can apply their minds and hearts to a Bible topic, together. Women can praise and worship God throughout the entire weekend, together. When we are together, love can be practiced, and encouragement can take place as we put attention on each other in a way that honors our Lord.

We encourage you to come together with the other ladies of our church at the Women's Retreat, February 23 & 24, at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City. This year

especially, the lessons build on one another and while it is not mandatory, it is highly recommended that you attend both Friday and Saturday sessions, whether you spend the night on site or back home.

To facilitate this, we will work to provide a van ride to and from Lincoln for the Friday evening session for those who do not like to drive at night.

Please sign up at the registration table. Registration forms are available at the table in the south lobby and will be accepted today and January 14 & 21. After January 21, registrations will be accepted as rooms are available at the Lied. Registrations may also be mailed to the church or given to a church receptionist.

General questions? Carrie Smith (402)489-8857.

Registration questions? Shelley Pratt (402)486-1611.



*Lied Lodge in Nebraska City*

# 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 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.

"Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:21, 22).

# Church Leadership

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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

**Thank You.** Thirteen members were surprised this Christmas when Pastor Eddie and JoAnn visited them and gave them hickory smoked hams. The hams were provided by one of our members. This is an annual Christmas event, and the Masters enjoyed seeing the surprised, smiling faces of all who received the 14 pound hams. Throughout the coming year, grocery gift cards will be given to those in need. Thank you to the generous member.

**Death.** Marsha Chapman's sister, Marie Chapman, died December 24, 2017.

## Children's Studies

**Children's Sunday School.** The children studied Romans 12:3–8 and 14:1–15:12, and learned about living with other believers.

**Children's Church.** The children studied Exodus 14 and 15 and learned about God parting the Red Sea. The lesson goal is to praise God for His power and deliverance.

## Information

**Choir Rehearsal** resumes January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. We would like to have more singers join us. We'll rehearse every Wednesday and sing every other Sunday until April 1.

**Girls' Choir** will be starting up January 10 at 5:00 p.m. and is open to all girls in grades 4-12.

**Clothing Outlet** will be open Tuesday, January 9 from 8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Donated clothes may be dropped off any time the church is open. Please place clothing inside the box in the Clothing Outlet closet (NE corner, by big canopy). Donated clothes should be in bags or boxes. Please put children's clothes in a separate bag or box. Clothes should be clean and in good condition. Questions? Call Brenda Turner at 402-486-1898.

**Wednesday Night Study** resumes January 10 at 7 p.m. Perry Beard will be 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 13, 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.

**Two Van Drivers** needed (must be 21 or older). One is needed until March and one until June. For more information, call Dalton Dowding at 402-470-1605.

**Titus Tuesday** will meet Tuesday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m. We are starting 2018 with a new series, *Eternal Priorities in Prayer (and Life)*. Chris Thomas will be teach-

ing *Learning from the School of Prayer*. Our schedule will be different this week. We will start the semester with “Mug & Muffin,” which includes warm drinks and muffins, along with an extended time of fellowship before the lesson. We will not have a discussion group this week. Titus Tuesday will end at 11:00 a.m.

**Tom Price/Adam Flaugh auditorium sections.** Our PotFaith lunch is today, January 7, in the Family Center. Please bring a main dish and a salad/dessert. Everything else will be provided. Questions? E-mail Tom at mathmanprice@gmail.com.

**Offering Envelopes** for 2018 are available by Sound Words. They are individually labeled in alphabetical order and may be picked up at your convenience. If you used an offering envelope during 2017, a new one has been prepared for you. We tried to make sure no one got missed, but if we did miss you, or if you simply want to start using an offering envelope for next year, please go to Sound Words and they will issue one to you.

**Cash Donations.** To claim a charitable cash donation, the IRS requires that it be substantiated by either a cancelled check or by 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 also 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.

**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.

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

## Last Week's Message

December 31 AM. Peter Barber. *God's Presence, Paraclete, and Peace*. John 14:22-31. PB 27.

# This Week's Events

## Sunday

Duane Nelsen Preaching 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night Church 6:00 p.m.  
Bill Cooley Preaching 6:00 p.m.  
Boys of Faith 6:00 p.m.  
Girls of Grace 6:00 p.m.  
Sunshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

## Monday

Sisters 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday

Clothing Outlet 8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Titus Tuesday 9:00 a.m.

## Wednesday

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 20

Boys of Faith Riflery Clinic

## January 26, 27

Boys of Faith Lock-in

## February 3

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.