

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

November 4, 2018

Welcome to this local fellowship of believers known as Indian Hills Community Church.

When a sinner turns from his sin and places his faith in Jesus' death on the cross, he is born into God's family. Regarding our new life, Paul said,

Now you are Christ's body,  
and individually members of it  
(1 Corinthians 12:27).

As the Body of Christ we have a spiritual family on earth—united by the blood of Christ.

This is an amazing truth. Every single believer in this local fellowship of believers is a brother or sister in Christ.

We love our earthly families, but there is nothing like the love and common bond we have in our spiritual family, the Body of Christ.

Immerse yourself in the love of this local fellowship. The blessings will be out of this world.

## Looking Ahead to Thanksgiving Week

Since Thanksgiving Eve is traditionally the time to do last minute grocery shopping, baking,

and cleaning, all classes will be cancelled on Wednesday evening, November 21.

## Thanksgiving

With Thanksgiving Day just 19 days away, the holidays are nearly upon us and soon many of us will be embracing loved ones we have not seen for some time.

This truly is a wonderful time as children return home from college and relatives come for Thanksgiving dinner.

As Americans, Thanksgiving Day is part of our culture, but as believers in Jesus Christ, we are to give thanks at all times and in all situations—and God is the one to whom our gratitude is due.

Not only is God the source of all good things, but He has redeemed our very souls at great expense to Himself.

He could have created us and then abandoned us, but He did not abandon us. This is the grace of God. May we never forget the price of our redemption and be thankful, remembering to give thanks for everything.

Have a good week!

# The Impossibility of Fully Understanding God

Gordie Coffin

The Book of Job begins with a scene in heaven where God contests with Satan about Job. God asserts that Job is a blameless and upright man, while Satan claims that Job's faith is questionable and intact insofar as God blesses him. Satan believes Job will curse God as soon as adversity hits. God then gives Satan permission to test Job through a variety of ordeals that lead to the loss of his fortune, family, and health.

Over the next 35 chapters of the book, Job and his friends attempt to explain his sufferings through a variety of debates. They analyze Job's situation and determine causes for his pain. Their conjecture leads to God inserting Himself in chapter 38. Over the next four chapters, God interrogates Job through a variety of rhetorical questions. The interrogation drives home the point that God is all-wise and all-powerful, and Job has no right to speculate, let alone question, God. The book concludes with Job repenting of his ignorance and in verse three of chapter 42 he says, "I have declared that which I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know." Job was not granted the knowledge to account for his sufferings and his speculation dem-

onstrated his lack of trust in God. Fortunately, Job acknowledged his sin and trusted God in his circumstances.

Job's account ought to serve as a reminder that God is sovereign in determining what is important to know about Him and what is not. God is gracious in that He has made Himself known. If He had not initiated this revelation, there would be no way for man to know Him. God has limited that revelation to what He has deemed necessary (i.e., the Bible). This leads to an element of mystery, as the pages of Scripture may not answer all of man's questions about God. Deuteronomy 29:29 addresses this sentiment:

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

Israel was not to spend their time speculating on those secret things, but to uphold the law given to them. Similarly, Christians must adhere to the Scriptures as the only source of information about God and acknowledge that there is some information left to God alone.

In Romans 11:33-36, the apostle Paul expresses a beautiful perspective on the mystery of God:

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Rather than complain about his desire to have more information, Paul praises the fact that it is impossible to fully understand the wisdom, knowledge, judgments, and ways of God. He then cites two Old Testament passages. The first passage is from Isaiah 40:13 where the prophet asks the rhetorical question about who can know the mind of God to which the answer is that no one can know the mind of God but God Himself. 1 Corinthians 2:16 also cites Isaiah 40:13 and establishes that God has given believers access to His mind by the Word and the Holy Spirit. Paul's second Old Testament passage comes from Job 41:11 where God makes the point that nothing has been given to Him, but everything comes from Him. Both passages refer to God's sovereignty to which Paul responds with praise.

Job learned a hard lesson. He admitted to declaring what he did not understand, and it took God's rebuke to get him back on track. On the contrary, Paul rejoiced in the impossibility of fully knowing God and used it as an occasion to worship. Rather than speculate about God's intentions, the believer is to trust in the sufficiency of what God has revealed and acknowledge that we will never fully understand all there is to know about God.



*Gordie, Tami, and Brooke Coffin*

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

## Family News

**Thank You.** A most heart-felt thank you to our church body for all you have done for us during Dave's extended stay in rehab, during the sale of our home, and the big move. The Lord has blessed us beyond measure with the most kind, generous, compassionate, and loving body. Our hearts are overflowing. Special thanks to our son, Aaron Nicholson, who made it all happen (under the direction of the Lord) and his wife, Audree; our daughter Audrey; Anne Daly;

## 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.

Rob and Lynn Jensen; John and Tammy Lyons; and Sid and Ann Havekost. Also, thanks to those who helped prepare the house for sale: Brad Andreesen; Austin Rugh; and Scott Bailey. Your friends in Christ—Dave and Cindy Nicholson

## Children's Studies

**Children's Church.** The children reviewed previous weeks' lessons.

## Information

**Auditorium Section "I"** will have a potluck on Sunday, November 11, immediately following the morning worship service. The potluck is hosted by Tom and Nancy Price. Meet in the Family Center. Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share.

**Titus Tuesday.** Join us Tuesday, November 6, as Nancy Butterfield shares her lesson on *Doubt* in our *Purifying Our Emotions* series. Discussion Group follows. We will also have a toy swap.

**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.

**Creative Sewers** will meet Tuesday, November 6 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing.

**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 generally runs about four months and 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.

**Door 2 Door Evangelism** is done for the season. We will start up again next spring.

**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.

**Branson Tour.** The Branson travelers will be gone November 6–9, 2018.

**Weddings & Funerals.** Please call the church, 402-483-4541, and ask for Pastor Duane Nelsen for wedding and funeral arrangements.

## Last Week's Message

Oct. 28 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 2056.  
*The Last Judgment in Scripture.*  
Revelation 20:11-15

Oct. 28 PM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1203.  
*The Biblical Doctrine of Hell.*  
Selected Verses

# This Week's Events

## Sunday

Sunday Night Church 6:00 p.m.  
Communion  
Boys of Faith 6:00 p.m.  
Girls of Grace 6:00 p.m.  
Sonshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

## Monday

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

## Tuesday

Titus Tuesday 9:15 a.m.  
Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.  
Mansion Builders 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday

Girls' Choir 5:00 p.m.  
Orchestra 6:00 p.m.  
Praise Team, Band 6:00 p.m.  
Awana 6:45 p.m.  
Junior High Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
Mansion Builders 7:00 p.m.  
Issues . . . World 7:00 p.m.  
Overview of the Bible 7:00 p.m.  
Choir 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7:00 p.m.

# Future Events

## November 11

Section "I" Pot Luck

## November 14

Pie Pick-up

## November 21

Thanksgiving Break  
for Classes

## November 22

Thanksgiving Day  
Church Building Closed

## November 23

Church Building Closed

## December 9

Children's Christmas Concert

## December 16

Adult Christmas Concert

## December 24

Christmas Eve  
Communion

## December 25

Christmas Day  
Church Building Closed

## January 1

New Year's Day  
Church Building Closed

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