

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

March 4, 2018

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We worship the living Savior, Christ Jesus, and desire all to come to know Him. These are days of salvation and we live anticipating His soon return.

We're thankful for the truth of God's Word and that God is pleased to reveal His purposes and plans with us. We want to grasp these truths and live in light of His Word. We proclaim He is the sovereign God, in control of everything. May we be faithful as we await His soon return.

Gospel Message

The clarity of the gospel is important to us at The Hills. It is the only way of salvation and it is crucial that we get it right as teaching any other gospel results in eternal suffering in hell.

The gospel is simple, even a child can understand it. Not only does it provide eternal life in heaven, it gives us God's peace on earth.

And yet, the gospel is under relentless attack. It is troubling that the most effective attacks come from within the church. As more churches abandon the teaching of the Word, doctrinal errors creep in unnoticed.

By God's grace we have a shepherd who has been clarifying the gospel for the past 49 years. Besides the verses we study, nearly every Sunday we hear about God's plan of salvation.

May we never grow tired of the clear presentation of the gospel. It is the power of God for salvation.

His Purpose, My Purpose

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve" (Colossians 3:23-24).

As we go about our daily business, we must keep in mind that we are to be about His business. May God help us to live our lives in His Truth. Although we sin and fall short many times, may we never lose sight of the goal: to live for the Lord with nothing held back.

Whatever He asks us to do, may we do it with all our strength, and never look back with regret. May the Lord help us to be fully engaged with His purpose for our lives.

Fix Your Mind on Things With Eternal Value

Jeff Horn

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

In this passage Paul starts by contrasting the physical aspects of the believer's life with the spiritual aspects. He states the unfortunate reality that we all experience in our physical bodies – we are decaying. As we get older, our physical bodies deteriorate. The contrasting reality for the believer, though, is that our spiritual man is being renewed day by day. We can grow stronger in our understanding of God's Word and the experience of His grace every day until we are in His presence.

In verse 17, Paul discusses how he approaches the physical challenges in this life. Paul's focus was on the eternal glory that awaited

him at the end of this present life. He saw the trials of this life as momentary and light in comparison with the glory that he would experience which was eternal and weighty. In 2 Corinthians 11:23-29 Paul discusses what he considered to be "momentary and light." A couple samples of these afflictions from verse 25 are being shipwrecked three times and being stoned. These are the types of "light" afflictions that most people did not survive.

How was Paul able to just dismiss these significant physical challenges? He was able to do this because he evaluated these afflictions with the proper perspective. As Paul thought about the afflictions he was enduring he was counting up the eternal rewards he would receive.

Jim Elliot, a missionary who was martyred in South America, once said "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." This was the perspective of Paul as he evaluated his many death-defying afflictions.

Most of us will never face death for our faith in Christ but every day we make decisions regard-

ing faithfulness to His commands. It is just as important for us to evaluate these decisions in light of eternal reward in order to serve the Lord wholeheartedly.

How was it that Paul was able to maintain this perspective? He gives us his secret in verse 18. Paul wasn't looking for fulfillment in the things of this world. Paul's assessment regarding the "things which are seen" is that they were temporal. They last only for a moment. In Psalm 39:5 David says, "Surely every man at his best is a mere breath." Some of us may live to be 100 years old but in light of eternity that is "a mere breath" – it is nothing.

Paul goes on to say that he was looking at "the things which are not seen." These are the things which are eternal. As Paul labored faithfully in the service of his Lord he understood that he was laying up treasure in heaven that would never be disturbed. He was gaining reward which he could not lose.

How do we gain and maintain this type of perspective? This can only be achieved as we take in the Word of God and live in obedience to the Word. In 1 Corinthians 2:12 we are told that the Holy Spirit opens our eyes to understand the things freely given to us by God.

In Psalm 73, Asaph considers the success of the wicked and he



Jeff and his wife, Janice, have been married 33 years and are the parents of two grown children.

despairs. But once he comes into "the sanctuary of God," once he understands the Word of God, his perspective changes. In verse 22 he comments regarding his attitude outside the Word of God: "Then I was senseless and ignorant; I was like a beast before You." He expresses the perspective he gains from the Word in verses 23 and 24: "Nevertheless I am continually before You; You have taken hold of my right hand. With Your counsel You will guide me, and afterward receive me to glory."

When we live according to the Word of God, He takes us by the hand and leads us through the good and bad times in this life – He guides us with His wise counsel. And afterward, He receives us into glory.

Citizens of Heaven

Gil Rugh

We expect Ambassadors of the United States to represent our country honorably. Their position requires that they conduct their lives in a way that reflects well on America.



Gil Rugh

As believers in Jesus Christ, we too are Ambassadors. Jesus Christ is the one we represent and we are to live in a way that exalts Him. However, not only are we Ambassadors for Christ, we are citizens of heaven. The truth is that we are merely visitors on this earth, representing Jesus Christ, our Lord, while we are here.

People form opinions of believers based on what we say and do. Although people of this world can't peek into heaven and see how believers live in the presence of God, they do see us, citizens of heaven, living among them.

People of earth should look at us and see an accurate reflection of the God we serve, and of the

country we represent. Therefore, we are to conduct ourselves as citizens of heaven and live in a manner worthy of the gospel. As citizens of heaven and Ambassadors of Christ, our main objective is to present the truth of the gospel, and our lives are to support the message we proclaim. The gospel, after all, is the focal point of our lives.

Paul expressed his concern: "Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called" (Ephesians 4:1). His concern was that we live in a way that reflects the dignity of the office we hold.

With the same concept in mind, Paul told the Colossian believers he was praying for their spiritual wisdom and understanding: "so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might" (Colossians 1:10, 11).

We are to be walking in a manner worthy of the Lord, worthy of the gospel, and worthy of our calling. As children of God, His character should be seen in everything we do and those who

look at us should expect to see something different. This does not mean we walk around with pious expressions on our faces and a “goody-goody” attitude. But, since we are children of God, we are to have a different character.

As you look at your own life

over the past week, has it been worthy of the Lord? Has your conduct and conversation demonstrated that you are a child of God, one who represents Jesus Christ? We must not be like the world, not because we are putting on airs, but because our very nature is different and our citizenship is in heaven.

Look Around and Ask Yourself Are My Neighbors Saved?

Do they go to a Bible-teaching church? Do they know about God’s great love for them? Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ is not only a responsibility we have, but a privilege. Here are some practical ideas that may help you share Christ with your friends and neighbors.

- Find out their birthdays and send them a personal card with a warm-hearted note.
- Offer to cut their grass and get their mail when they go away on vacation.
- Take them some homemade bread or cookies, or some little goodie they would appreciate.
- Invite them to your home for coffee, a cookout, or dessert.
- Smile at them whenever you see them. You’ll be surprised how this helps.
- If a neighbor is new to the area, a little housewarming gift is a kind way of saying “welcome.”
- If they have little children, offer to baby-sit for them sometime—for free.
- If they are in the hospital, be sure to visit them and offer to take care of things at home.

Be sure to pray for your friends, neighbors and loved ones, and look for little ways to show them kindness. These little acts of friendship may provide an opportunity to share our Lord with those around you.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval" (Hebrews 11:1, 2)

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



Let us be good stewards of the Lord's blessings

No Food or Drink
in the Auditorium or Chapel

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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 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 1 Kings
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

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 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.

"Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them (Romans 4:7, 8).

Children's Studies

Children's Sunday School. The children studied Ephesians 3:1–13 and learned about Paul's stewardship of God's grace.

Children's Church. The children studied Leviticus 1-7 and learned about God ordaining the sacrificial system. The lesson goal is to understand the purpose of the sacrificial system.

Information

Ladies Retreat lessons will be online if you were unable to attend or would like to re-listen. Booklets containing the outlines for each lesson are available today in the south lobby as long as supplies last.

Cleaning Morning is Tuesday, March 6 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to help clean the church. We will clean those areas that only get cleaned once or twice a year. Meet in the south lobby for instructions. We'll enjoy a snack at 10:15 a.m.

Vacation Bible School 2018 will be held June 18–22. Mark your calendars and invite your cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Girls of Grace camp will be held May 25–28.

Awana Cubbies needs one helper to work with children 3–5 years old.

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

Pickleball meets on Monday from 6:45–9:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Vince Ganshorn at 402-440-9640.

The Great Awakenings of the Americas meets on Wednesday from 7:00–8:00 p.m. in room 1414. Donald Goertzen is the teacher. Everyone high school age and older is welcome. Cookies and coffee top off the evening.

Wednesday Night Bible Study will focus on the epistles, with a brief overview of each book/letter. Who were the writers? To whom were the letters written? Then on March 14 and 21, Adam Flaugh will teach on evangelism. Join us Wednesday night at 7:00 in room 1417 for great conversation, cookies, and coffee.

Titus Tuesday will not meet this week so everyone can help with spring cleaning on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

Nursing Home Door-to-Door Evangelism. If you'd like to help, call Adam Flaugh, 402-310-2070.

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.

Church Calendar. As you make plans for the end of the school year and summer, be sure to check the church calendar at www.ihcc.org. This will help you avoid schedule conflicts and insure that your event isn't scheduled on the same day as another ministry's big event.

Nursery Workers are needed for the second hour. Please contact Cheryl Slade, 402-770-3055, if you would like to help.

Substitute Nursery Workers are needed for all three services on Sunday. If you're available for one or all three services, call Stephanie Dowding, 402-416-9868, and she will put you on the list.

Lending Library. This is a great time to introduce your kids to the church Lending Library. We have all kinds of books for both children and adults.

Home Bible Studies. If you are looking for a Home Bible Study, or are interested in hosting a study in your home, contact Adam Flaugh at 402-310-2070 or Jeff Horn at 402-483-4541.

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

Last Week's Message

Feb. 25 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 2032.
The Battle for Worship. Revelation 13:15-18

Feb. 25 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 2113.
Fellowship with Teachers in Giving. Galatians 6:6

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.
Sunshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Sisters Cleaning 6:30 p.m.
Pickleball 6:45–9:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Cleaning Morning 9:00–11:00 a.m.
No Titus Tuesday
Creative Sewers 11:30 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.

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Future Events

March 11

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 14

Cookie Dough Pick Up

March 30

Good Friday Service
Communion

April 1

Resurrection Sunday

April 7

Dodgeball Tourney
9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

April 8

Boys of Faith Dessert Social

April 10

Intermission 6:15 p.m.

April 22

Girls' Choir Concert 2:00 p.m.

April 27–29

Boys of Faith Spring Campout

May 6

Communion

May 13

Mother's Day
Boys of Faith Last Night Cookout

May 25–28

Girls of Grace Camp

June 17

Father's Day

June 18–22

Vacation Bible School

July 15

Communion