

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

May 13, 2018

Welcome to Indian Hills and to this time of corporate worship. Surely, we come before God with thankfulness and gratitude for His great love for us. Not only has He showered us with gifts, but He has provided His Son to be our Savior.

In God's great love, mercy, and grace he has provided His Word to nourish us. As we study His Word, we are strengthened and receive greater understanding of His love, care, and daily provision.

May the Holy Spirit take His Truth and carry it to our hearts and minds, and may we be eager to have His Truth mold and shape us.

## Happy Mother's Day

The Lord has generously blessed this fellowship of believers with many godly mothers who have dedicated their lives to helping, comforting, encouraging, serving, and caring for others.

Our mothers' devotion to God is modeled in their daily lives and is a testimony of God's grace year after year.

Living out one's faith is the best gift a mother could give her children, and we are blessed to have many of these extraordinary

ladies in our church.

God bless our mothers!

## Treasure God's Word

We live in an age where we have easy access to God's Word. It's on the internet, it's available on CD, and we can download it to our iPod, iPad and iPhone. Even Sound Words has an app for reading through the Bible in a year.

We can listen to the Scriptures while we're doing other things . . . like driving across town. There's really no excuse for not being in the Bible.

But, it's more than just reading the Bible . . . it must be applied to our lives. It must be mulled over, buried deep in our hearts and treasured. "Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11).

Only then will God's Word become a part of us. Only then will we be amazed to see how God uses His Word in our lives.

## Music Camp

Our Sunday night Music Camp for youth will be starting soon. Watch the newsletter for upcoming information.

# Prayer

by Duane Nelsen

“Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).

Prayer is one of the greatest privileges believers in Jesus Christ have. Think about it. The eternal, omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign God allows us to approach His throne to find the grace and mercy that we need. He not only allows and commands us to pray, but in fact, delights in His children’s prayers. “The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight” (Proverbs 15:8).

This is only true for believers though. “He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, even his prayer is an abomination” (Proverbs 28:9). The only prayer God delights in from the unbeliever is “God, have mercy on me, a sinner!” (Luke 18:13). God delights to answer that prayer and to save repentant sinners.

Believers’ prayers should not only focus on our own personal physical and spiritual needs but also the needs of others. We should pray for our physical family, our church family, the lost, and even our government leaders. “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,



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for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity” (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

We should pray for our government leaders’ salvation and that they would lead in a way that gives us the opportunity to live a godly, tranquil life. These prayers are good and pleasing to God (v. 3). His desire is that all men be saved (v. 4), and He has provided the Savior to make that possible (v. 5-6).

Since God desires all men to be saved and has provided the way for that to happen, how much more should we pray for situations to be a godly testimony in our actions and words. We should align our wills with God’s will. We should desire all those we come into contact with to come to know

the gracious God we have come to know. We should be praying for opportunities to represent Him and to present Christ Jesus our Savior, “who gave Himself as a ransom for all” (v. 6a).

May we not grow weary in praying on behalf of all men. May we be like Epaphras who was always laboring earnestly in his prayers (Colossians 4:12).

# 2018 Summer Camps

Girls of Grace  
Summer Camp  
May 25–28

Music Camp  
Date to be Announced

Vacation  
Bible  
School  
June 18–22

Senior High  
Summer Camp  
June 27–July 1

Boys of Faith  
Summer Camp  
August 4–7

Junior High  
Summer Camp  
August 8–11

Alpha Omega  
Summer Blast  
Date To Be Announced

# The Folly of Morality

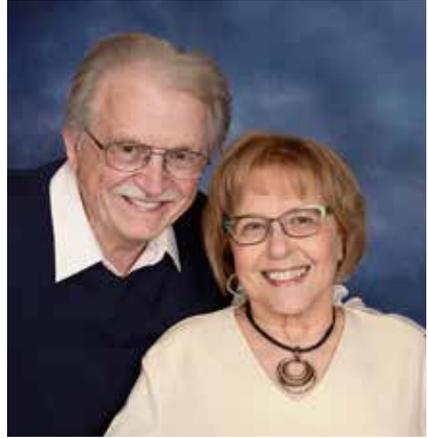
Del Strasheim

In presenting the gospel message in the neighborhood over the years, it doesn't take long to realize that most people think the essence of Christianity is a religion that conforms one to a moral code of "thou shall" and "thou shall not," which is directly opposed to the gospel of grace.

Jesus did not come down from His throne of glory to burden us with a legalistic moral code. His basic mission on earth was to seek and save those who were lost, by grace through faith in Him. "For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

Secular morality is basically behavior based on the mores of a social community. In that respect, morality is legalism, and in a sense "another gospel" since it undermines the sufficiency of the gospel of grace. It is behavior that is derived from oneself, rather than God-honoring behavior derived from the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Most of us would agree that these secular mores have become excessively liberal in recent years. But regardless, the believer's commission is not about cultural morality, for the Adamic nature brings nothing to God's glory. Further, the Scriptures deny the independent self-righteousness of man.



Del and Linda Strasheim

"There is none righteous, not even one" (Romans 3:10). The believer's commission is to share the gospel message with his lost neighbors so that they may have the opportunity to gain eternal life by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

As we believers grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:8) we should be able to make a defense to every neighbor who asks us to give an account for the hope that we have within us (1 Peter 3:15). Sometimes the penetrating questions of the unbeliever may cause us to acknowledge that living out the Christian life is difficult. Jesus never covered up the cost of following Him. The only path that the gospel takes is the hard, inflexible road to the narrow gate of eternal life.

The unbeliever needs to realize that his self-righteousness is “clothed” in secular morality, which God sees as filthy rags. It leads to a humanistic mindset and living life based on one’s own efforts. Repentance involves the unbeliever changing his mind and acknowledging that he is a sinner in need of a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Otherwise he will see no

need to repent and gain eternal life. Someone said that true repentance cannot be separated from saving faith.

Only one power can regenerate a deceitful and sick heart: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16).

## 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 kindness. These little acts of friendship may provide an opportunity to share our Lord with those around you.

# Southwest Entrance

Work on the southwest entrance began Monday, May 7, with a jack hammer breaking up the concrete and bricks.



At time of publication, the plaza was not completed.

If the rain holds off, concrete may be put down before Sunday.

The new plaza will have stained and stamped concrete.



# 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 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 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.

"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).

## Children's Studies

**Children's Sunday School.** The children reviewed recent lessons.

**Children's Church.** The children studied Numbers 21 and learned about God offering Israel healing from sin. The lesson goal is to learn of the judgment and mercy of God.

## Information

**Issues in our Contemporary World** has completed its 14th year. Thank you to those who have attended the class. We have completed our study of the Puritans, ending in the 18th Century, and will pick up with the Evangelicals in the fall. Class will resume on Wednesday, September 12 and we will begin by learning about D.L. Moody, and continue with other men up to the present day.

**VBS Teacher Training** will be held Sunday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Common Bonds classroom (Room 1404). All VBS teachers are encouraged to attend.

**Weekly Outings.** Are you looking for a new park to take your children/grandkids to? Join us on Tuesday, May 15 and meet at Cooper Park (S. 6th & D Streets) at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy some fellowship while your children are playing.

**Deaf Ministry.** There will be no interpreted services for the Deaf on Sunday, May 20.

**Girls of Grace Camp.** Stop by the table in the south lobby and get your daughter registered for camp. Girls' camp will be held May 25–28. Registration deadline is today, May 13.

**VBS Workers.** Many workers are needed for this year's Vacation Bible School. We especially need workers for the nursery, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten rooms. If you'd like to help, contact Rachel Gould, 402-483-4541 or [rachel.gould@ihcc.org](mailto:rachel.gould@ihcc.org).

**VBS Supply Closet** is open and located in the unfinished area just north of the elevator on the second floor. Please let Michelle Pietzyk know if you have any questions or requests.

**VBS Crafts.** We need empty foil, wax, and plastic wrap boxes. Our kids will be transforming them into fun periscopes. Boxes can be dropped off now through June 10 at the north or south information desks.

**Vacation Bible School.** VBS will be held June 18–22. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

**Gardening** in the church flower beds begins each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the south parking lot. Tools and gloves are provided. Bring water and a hat.

**Rainout Gardening.** When Wednesday gardening gets rained out, workers meet on Thursday at the same time they were scheduled to work on Wednesday.

**Nursery Coordinator.** One person is needed to share the position of nursery coordinator during the Sunday school hour. Each coordinator would work three months, then have three months off. For more information, call Stephanie Dowding, 402-416-9868.

**Vegetable Plants for Sale.** Our Girls of Grace are accepting donations for vegetable and flower plants today and May 20. All donations go toward Girls of Grace camp.

**Door 2 Door Evangelism** (in the neighborhoods of Lincoln) meets each Monday at 6:15 p.m., weather permitting. Meet at the north entrance of IHCC (by the security desk). Everyone is welcome to attend. If you've never been out before, we will pair you up with someone who has experience and you can learn by observing. If the weather looks unpredictable, please check the church website, [www.ihcc.org](http://www.ihcc.org), for instructions.

**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.

**Teachers** are needed at High Place Nursing Home (84th and Old Cheney) and at Sumner Place (1750 South 20th). Please contact Tom Price at 402-792-9331 or [mathman-price@gmail.com](mailto:mathman-price@gmail.com) for more information.

**Missionary Prayer** group will meet on Wednesday, May 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lending Library. All women are welcome to join us.

**Creative Sewers** will meet Tuesday, May 15, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing.

**Branson Tour.** Everyone is welcome to join us for our annual tour of Branson on November 6–9, 2018. The cost is \$377/person double occupancy; or \$754/couple; or \$472/single occupancy. Deposits of \$50 per person to reserve your space are due by September 1. Final payments due by October 1. If you have questions, please call Sandy Rathe at 402-540-6614, or email: [srathe727@gmail.com](mailto:srathe727@gmail.com).

**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](http://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

May 6 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 2041.  
*The Final Bowl of God's Wrath.*  
Revelation 16:16-21

May 6 PM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1182.  
*Questions and Answers, Part 2.*  
Selected Verses

# This Week's Events

## Sunday

Mother's Day  
Girls of Grace Plant Sale  
Sunday Night Church 6:00 p.m.  
Girls of Grace Last Night 6:00 p.m.  
Boys of Faith Last Night Cookout  
Sunshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

## Monday

Door to Door Evangelism 6:15 p.m.  
Pickleball 6:45–9:00 p.m.  
Sisters 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday

Weekly Outings (Cooper Park)  
9:30 a.m.  
Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.

## Wednesday

Flower Garden Workers 10:00 a.m.  
Missionary Prayer 1:30 p.m.  
Praise Team, Band 6:00 p.m.  
Orchestra 6:00 p.m.  
**No** Junior High  
**No** Issues . . . World

## Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7:00 p.m.

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# Future Events

## May 20

Last Day to Buy Plants  
Duane Nelsen Preaching a.m.  
VBS Teacher Training 5:00 p.m.  
Adam Flaugh Preaching p.m.

## May 25–28

Girls of Grace Camp

## May 27

Duane Nelsen Preaching a.m.  
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## May 28

Memorial Day  
Church Building Closed

## June 3

Communion

## June 17

Father's Day

## June 18–22

Vacation Bible School

## June 26

JHAM Worlds of Fun Trip

## June 27–July 1

Senior High Camp

## July 4

Independence Day  
Church Building Closed

## July 15

Communion

## August 4–7

Boys of Faith Summer Camp

## August 8–11

Junior High Camp