

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

May 27 , 2018

Welcome beloved of God. We are glad you're here and invite you to join in imitation of the psalmist who wrote, "Incline my heart to Your testimonies" (Psalm 119:36). Like the psalmist, we too want to read and meditate on God's Word.

Safety in the Storm

During his second missionary journey, Paul ran into overwhelming hostility from the Jews in Corinth. Although this was not unusual for Paul, "He shook out his garments and said to them, 'Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles' " (Acts 18:6).

Later Jesus appeared to Paul in a dream and said, "Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; for I am with you" (vv. 9-10).

Jesus didn't remove the opposition for Paul. Instead Jesus reminded Paul that He was with him.

Are you discouraged or facing difficulties? Instead of asking God to remove the problem, pray for deeper awareness of the peace that comes from His presence. Remember, He is with you!

Jesus gave us an incredible promise when He said, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Helping Our Children Choose Friends

The Apostle Paul wrote: "Do not be deceived: 'Bad company corrupts good morals' " (1 Corinthians 15:33).

Rarely will a child rise above his closest friend, which is why we must teach our children to select companions that love God.

Children generally want to be accepted. Enticements from friends who do not love God can be strong. We may live in nice neighborhoods with little crime, but we must not let that fool us.

There is tremendous peer pressure on our children to conform to the people they hang out with. We do not want our children to be influenced by those who delight in being deceitful, dishonest, or who gossip, lie, and steal.

We must help our children select friends that love God and desire to obey Him.

Have a good week.

Prayer That Can Change Weather

Aaron Nicholson

No one enjoys suffering, but suffering is an inevitable part of our lives. We meet it on all levels. From illnesses, to financial hardships, to mourning the death of our loved ones—experiences in suffering are inescapable no matter how valiant our attempts to avoid them.

So what can we do? How should we handle suffering? Are we simply to bear it in our own strength or work it out in our own wisdom? As believers in Jesus Christ, there is something we can do. It is something we must do.

The Apostle James, our Lord's half-brother, prescribes the antidote to suffering in James 5:13. He writes, "Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray." While praying at all times is a command for believers (see 1 Thessalonians 5:13), James gives a present tense command to pray specifically in response to suffering.

Why? Because prayer is powerful. Prayer is the act of communicating with the omnipotent holy God. How can we even begin to grasp such a privilege?

James goes on to demonstrate this power of prayer by giving two examples. One looks at the present and the other looks at the past.

First, he says that prayer will heal the one who is sick because of sin. "Is anyone among you



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sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him."

From the context, we see that this is a unique situation. An unrepentant believer is sick because of sin. We see this can be a very serious sickness because verse 20 mentions death as a possible outcome.

Notice the solution; it is the prayer offered in faith. It alone will restore. This fits right in line with James's charge in chapter 1.

When asking God for wisdom, one must "... ask in faith without

any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways” (James 1:6).

God wants our prayers to be offered in complete faith. We must approach Him humbly but yet confidently, believing that He will answer us as we pray according to His will.

Second, James gives the example of Elijah. Elijah was a man just like us. There was nothing special about him. He had no power over the weather. Yet he approached the God of the Universe with a petition for a drought on the land. God answered him and lifted the drought when he prayed again. 1 Kings 18:41-45 gives the account of this answer. How amazing it must have been for Elijah to see God’s answer in such a visible and tangible way!

This is the power available to us to handle every episode of suffering and every season of weakness. The same power that can heal the sick and change the weather!

“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much” (James 5:16b). We must remember this power, not so we can use it for our own will but for God’s will (see 1 John 1:14). If we are suffering, we must call out to Him earnestly in faith knowing

that He hears our prayers and has the power to deliver.

As we pray, we must trust His will. If we do not receive the answer we are hoping for we must remember that we are receiving the answer that is best.

Joseph M. Scriven, a man who had seen plenty of illness, poverty, and death in his lifetime, wrote these words in 1855:

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!



The poster features the word "Summer" in large, multi-colored letters (blue, purple, pink, orange, green). Below it, "Wednesday" is written in a dark blue serif font, "Night" in a green serif font, and "Prayer Meeting" in a red serif font. A list of dates follows: June 13, June 20, June 27, July 4 (No Meeting), July 11, July 18, and July 25. At the bottom, it says "Come pray with the brethren in room 1414 from 7:00–8:00 p.m." in blue text.

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Teaching Alpha Omega and Edge James Pelton

by Gale Engle

James Pelton is teaching the Alpha Omega Thursday night Bible study and the Edge group on Sunday morning. “I love teaching men and women that are at a critical point in life,” James said. “The AO students are making their faith their own, and the Edge group is shaping the direction for their lives.”

Both classes are studying Hebrews. “I love the Book of Hebrews because it is 100 % devoted to Jesus, who He is and what He has accomplished. One of the greatest ways to grow in our Christian walk is to learn about Jesus Himself. That will change our lives in all sorts of different ways.”

Hebrews is applicable to each of us. It was written to Jews who were thinking about going back to Judaism. “The main point of Hebrews is that Jesus is supreme over everything,” James said. “Even though we aren’t considering going back to Judaism, there are all sorts of things we consider making supreme in our lives: money, career, looks, sex appeal, spouse, kids, reputation, or sexual conquests, but they all take us away from Jesus. On top of that, Hebrews is full of the Old Testament and it is the best commentary on Leviticus.”

James grew up in a Christian



James and Alyssa Pelton and family.

home and has attended Indian Hills his entire life. “I’m very thankful I was taught biblical truths from a young age,” James said. “When I was saved as a senior in high school, I already had truths tucked away that were useful and real.”

While he was growing up, James thought he was saved, although he often felt empty and sad. “When I broke up with my girlfriend as a senior in high school, I wondered, ‘What do I live for now?’ I realized that is not how a Christian should feel. I should not be this empty.”

One evening, James read through the first 42 chapters of Psalms and said, “I wondered, ‘What does David have that I don’t

have?’ It struck me that I hadn’t given myself completely to God. He’s been on the side, never my all in all. I needed to give myself 100% to Him. That’s when the Scriptures I had been learning all my life fell into place.”

That night James turned from his sins and believed in the Savior. He was born again and became a new creature in Christ. God began molding James into His image and James had a new purpose in life—to glorify God.

James and Alyssa were married in 2008. James started his own company based on software he wrote that sends out mass text messages. God has blessed the company, which has grown to six employees.

“As God was blessing the company, I went through a phase where I focused on making money,” James said. “However, once I started making money, I realized how meaningless it is. I saw what Solomon said is true, striving after money is like striving after the wind (see Ecclesiastes 2:11). God showed me to devote my life to Him, not to making money.

“I think one reason God purposed me to be successful was to teach me that it’s all vanity. I know myself, and if I hadn’t been successful, I would be obsessed with being successful. He taught me, and I’m thankful that He did.”

Besides teaching the Alpha

Omega study and Edge class, James attends a Saturday morning men’s book class. They are currently reading *The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit*. James also enjoys singing in the choir and said, “Music is a great way to worship the Lord and teach others Truth through song.”

Once a month, James takes his daughter to a nursing home where he teaches a Bible study. “For many residents, my monthly church service is their only exposure to God’s Word. It is a great way to teach Ella to serve as well. It is a small commitment, one hour per month, but it has eternal dividends!

James and Alyssa have been married ten years and they are the parents of three children: Ella, Hayden, and Everett.

Summer Music Camp

Begins

**Sunday, July 1
6:00 p.m.**

Finale will be presented
Sunday, September 2
at 6:00 p.m.

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REPORT FOR DUTY:

JUNE 18-22

9-11:45 A.M.

FOUR YEARS - SIXTH GRADE

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2018 Summer Camps

Vacation
Bible
School
June 18-22

Girls of Grace
Summer Camp
May 25-28

Music Camp
July 1-Sept. 2

Boys of Faith
Summer Camp
August 4-7

Senior High
Summer Camp
June 27-July 1

Junior High
Summer Camp
August 8-11

Alpha Omega
Summer Blast
Date To Be Announced

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.

"But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Hebrews 10:3, 4).

Family News

Hospitalized. Carroll Lavalleur was a patient at Bryan East Hospital.

Thank You for your prayers and concern for Curt after his heart procedures. We greatly appreciate the many acts of kindness from this body of faithful servants.—Curt & Peg Kuster

Children's Studies

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

Children's Church. The children reviewed recent lessons.

Information

Sound Words Summer Hours are: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Sundays before and after morning and evening services. We will be closed on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings until September 8.

Church Building will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Deaf Ministry. There will be no interpreted services for the Deaf on Sunday, June 3.

Weekly Outings. On Tuesday, May 29, meet at the playground at Mahoney Park (Fremont and North 70th Street). Come for some free fun and fellowship from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Security Training. The church building will close at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8 for security training.

Van Drivers and Riders are needed for Sunday nights beginning June 3. A driver and two riders are also needed for VBS week. Contact Dalton Dowding at 402-470-1605 for more information.

Summer Music Camp will begin Sunday, July 1, at 6:00 p.m. The finale will be presented on Sunday, September 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Kids (1st–6th) Study with AO. Our first through sixth grade boys and girls have a study with the Alpha Omega group each Sunday night. Children should sit with their parents for the music portion of the worship service, then go to the high school room where they will have a Bible lesson, snacks, and games. Parents can pick up their children in the Family Center after Sunday Night Church. The study will run through June 24.

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.

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.

Cleaners Needed. If you would like to help clean a section of the church once every five weeks, please call Tami Coffin at (402) 366-3490.

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.

Teachers are needed the second and third Sundays at High Place Nursing Home (84th and Old Cheney). A teacher is also needed on the third Sunday at Sumner Place (1750 South 20th). Please contact Tom Price at 402-792-9331

or mathmanprice@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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.

Door 2 Door Evangelism will not meet on Monday, May 25.

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

Last Week's Message

May 20 AM. Duane Nelsen. DN 22. *See the Greatness of God's Love.* 1 John 3:1-3

May 20 PM. Adam Flaugh. AF 2. *Standing Firm in the Battle.* Ephesians 6:10-13.

This Week's Events

Sunday

Duane Nelsen Preaching a.m.
Sunday Night Church 6:00 p.m.
Duane Nelsen Preaching p.m.
Kids' (1st–6th Grade) Study
with AO 6:30 p.m.
Sonshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Memorial Day
Church Building Closed
No Door to Door Evangelism
No Pickleball
No Sisters

Tuesday

Weekly Outings 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Flower Garden Workers 10:00 a.m.
Praise Team, Band 6:00 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7:00 p.m.

Friday

High School Freshmen Welcome

Future Events

June 3

Communion

June 8

Building Closes at 6:00 p.m.
Security Training

June 10

Section “F” Potluck

June 13

High School Worlds of Fun
Wednesday Night Prayer

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 1

Summer Music Camp
Begins 6:00 p.m.

July 4

Independence Day
Church Building Closed

July 15

Communion

July 29

High School Senior Trip

August 4–7

Boys of Faith Summer Camp

August 8–11

Junior High Camp

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