

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

July 15, 2018

Thank you for joining us in the worship of our Creator through the study of His Word. Although life may be perplexing at times, God has given us a reliable compass to show us the way through all kinds of storms and trials.

While an earthly compass indicates four points: north, south, east, and west, God's compass points us to eternal life and shows us everything we need to know for life and godliness. We're glad you have chosen to study God's compass with us today.

Lord's Supper Observed Tonight

We will partake of the Lord's Supper tonight during the evening service. Be sure to talk with your children this afternoon about the significance of this event and how we are to prepare our hearts before partaking of the elements. It is fitting that each of us pause and remember the death of Christ on our behalf. All who have received Jesus Christ as Savior are invited to participate.

Raising Children

It's much faster and easier to pick up our children's toys than to

teach them to pick them up and put them away.

But, there is more to picking up toys, than *picking up toys*. If we don't encourage and help our little ones learn this discipline, they will not become the responsible adults we want them to become. Growing a child is a long process of teaching, encouraging, and disciplining.

Likewise, our heavenly Father is "growing" us. Have you ever wondered why God hasn't blanketed the world with the gospel message?

Instead, He chose to use imperfect, often-faithless humans to share the Good News. Why has God given us such an important task?

He is growing us into the image of His Son, like parents teach their children to pick up their toys. When sharing the gospel, we learn to trust Him more. He gives us boldness and peace. We pray more and learn to leave the results to God.

Not only is this a blessing to us, but God is accomplishing His will through us. We truly have a great God and Father.

Proper Influences in Our Lives

James Pelton

Jim Rohm, a famous American motivational speaker once said, “You are the product of the five people you spend the most time with.” As far as we know, Jim was not a Christian, but there is some truth in what he said.

Proverbs 13:20 says, “He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.” The Bible warns us that who we spend our time with will largely dictate what type of people we become. If we believe that the Bible is true, then this warning from the Book of Proverbs should not just be something that goes in one ear, and out the other, but it should change the way we live our lives. We should actively be avoiding bad influences and pursuing good influences in our lives.

Avoiding Bad Influences

The Bible gives us many reasons to avoid bad influences in our lives. Proverbs 14:7 says “Leave the presence of a fool, or you will not discern words of knowledge.” Spending too much time with a fool will make you a fool yourself.

There are two ways that bad influences affect us. The first is our character. Proverbs 22:24-25 says, “Do not associate with a man given to anger; or go with a hot-tempered man, or you will



James and Alyssa Pelton and family.

learn his ways and find a snare for yourself.” Solomon uses “hot-temperedness” as an example here. He says that if you spend too much time with a man who is given to anger, you will learn his ways. You will start becoming hot-tempered yourself.

Bad influences also affect us doctrinally. In 1 Corinthians 15, the apostle Paul is dealing with a group of people in the church at Corinth who were teaching that there is no future resurrection from the dead. Talking about this false doctrine and the problems in living that it was causing, Paul said, “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company corrupts good morals’” (v. 33).

With these dangers in mind, the Bible tells us that we will be blessed if we do not “walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers” (Psalm 1:1). 2 John

10 says that “if anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting.” Paul commands in 2 Corinthians 6:14, “Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?”

Pursuing Good Influences

The Bible also teaches that not only should we stay away from negative influences, but we should also pursue positive influences. We should put ourselves in positions to learn and grow from godly men and women that point us toward the Lord. If it is true that “we are a product of the five people we spend the most time with,” then it makes sense to surround ourselves with people who reflect the character of Christ.

Proverbs also reflects this wisdom. Proverbs 13:20 says, “He who walks with wise men will be wise.” Proverbs 27:17 says “Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Paul also in the New Testament tells the Philippians in chapter 3 verse 17, “Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.”

This should also motivate us to be good influences on other people. Paul says in Titus 2:7, “in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds.” Even for

those who are young, Paul instructs in 1 Timothy 4:12, “Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.”

A Balance

Considering how much warning the Bible gives against spending time with bad company and pursuing good company, we might think that it is best to completely stay away from all unbelievers. But that is not the best solution, because in completely withdrawing ourselves from the world, we become ineffective in evangelizing the world.

Matthew 5:14-16 says “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

The solution must be that we are to live *around* unbelievers, but not join ourselves *with* unbelievers. We engage the world around us as a light pointing them to the gospel, not as friends where we join in their darkness. This is what Jesus prays for His disciples in John 17:15-16 when He says “I do not ask You to take them [His

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disciples] out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”

Conclusion

Who we choose to spend our time with as believers is a critical aspect of our walk with the Lord. We must be very careful to surround ourselves with godly people who will help us grow, to avoid negative influences, but to not withdraw so much from the world that we are ineffective as witnesses.

We must be *in* the world, but not *of* the world. We must live our lives so that people “are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation” (1 Peter 4:4) and they ask us to “give an account for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). Then we must be ready to give a defense and share with them the good news of our salvation.

“I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world” (John 17:15, 16).

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***Wednesday
Night
Prayer Meeting***

July 18

July 25

Come pray with the
brethren in room 1414
from 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Let us be good
stewards of the
Lord's blessings

**No Food
or Drink**

in the Auditorium
or Chapel

**SUMMER
PULPIT**

August 5

Adam Flaugh Teaching AM
Duane Nelsen Teaching PM

August 12

Peter Barber Teaching
AM & PM

August 19

Mike Hulinsky Teaching
AM & PM

August 26

Duane Nelsen Teaching AM
Adam Flaugh Teaching PM

September 2

Duane Nelsen Teaching AM
James Pelton Teaching PM

**Are you
looking for
a place to
serve?**

We have a number of
young couples wanting
to be mentored by godly
Christian couples.

If you're interested or
would like more infor-
mation, please call Lynn
Young, 402-489-4674.

It's time to update our
Church Directory

Please go to www.ihcc.org/directory and fill out one form per family member.

Each family member will be entered in a contest to win a free Ryrie NASB Study Bible.

If you don't have access to a computer, please call the church, 402-483-4541, and we'll add your information to the directory for you.



Men's Cook Out

Friday, August 3

6:30 p.m. in the Family Center

Peter Barber will be speaking

All men, high school age and older are invited

Bible Fellowship Hour

Children' Sunday School

Visit the Sunday school coordinator's desk for class locations.

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Studying Genesis
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 2 Kings
Greg Thomas Teaching
Room 1422

180^o 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 the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him" (Psalm 103:17).

Family News

Birth. Joel and Rachelle Pelton are the parents of a boy, Royal William, born June 28, 2018.

Hospitalized. Marcia McClurg was hospitalized and is now home.

Hospitalized. Gerry Pool was hospitalized and is now home.

Hospitalized. Eudean Springer was hospitalized and is now home.

Thank you to those who prayed for me while I was hospitalized. Thank you also for the delicious meals, cards, and visits. I appreciated everything so very much!—Ruby Rogers

New Phone. Pastor Eddie and JoAnn Masters' new phones are home: 402-405-0319; cell: 531-333-1642.

Children's Studies

Children's Church. The children studied Joshua 7 and learned about God revealing Achan's sin. The lesson goal is to turn from sin because of God's holiness and sin's terrible consequences.

Information

Church Directory Update. It's time to update our church directory! Please go to www.ihcc.org/ directory and fill out one form per family member. An accurate church directory is a beneficial tool because it enables us to contact each other for events and ministry

opportunities. To make this even more fun, each family member will be entered in a contest to win a **free** Ryrie NASB Study Bible. If you don't have access to a computer, please call the church at 402-483-4541 and we'll add your information to the directory for you.

Boys of Faith Summer Camp.

Stop by the table in the south lobby and register for Boys of Faith Summer Camp. All incoming second through sixth grade boys and their fathers are invited. Camp will be held August 4–7. Registrations are due on July 22.

Weekly Outings. Join us Tuesday, July 17 at Antelope Park (27th & Capitol Pkwy/A Street) between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. for sweet fellowship.

Have you been looking for a ministry in the body? We have a number of young couples wanting to be mentored by godly Christian couples. If interested, please call Lynn Young, 402-489-4674.

Summer Music Camp meets at 6:00 p.m. tonight. First–third graders will learn music basics and some music theory. They will have a Bible lesson, and learn new songs and actions for the concert. Fourth–eighth graders will begin with a Bible lesson and then study their instrument. Questions? Contact Andrew Thomas at 402-483-4541 or Andrew.Thomas@ihcc.org.

Deaf Interpretation. There will not be interpretation for the Deaf on Sunday, July 22.

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 9:00 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.

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, for instructions.

Missionary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, July 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lending Library. All women are invited to join us for a time of prayer.

Creative Sewers will meet Tuesday, July 17, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing.

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.

What Does the Bible Say? Gil is discussing current issues and taking questions on Sunday nights. Questions will be received in the auditorium, through Facebook Live, or through the option explained below.

New Option for Sunday Night Q&A. Text us your question. It's easy. Text "ihcc" to 74121 and follow the instructions to submit your question to Gil Rugh. He will be answering questions on Sunday nights during our "What Does the Bible Say?" Live Q & A series.

Last Week's Message

July 1 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 2046. *Israel Coming Under Attack*. Ezekiel 36-39; Revelation 17-18

July 1 PM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1189. *Spiritual Gifts*. Selected Verses

July 8 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 2047. *Who and What Is Babylon?* Revelation 18:1-8; Selected Verses

July 8 PM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1190. *The Spirit and the Word*. Selected Verses

This Week's Events

Sunday

Sunday Night Church 6:00 p.m.
Communion
Summer Music Camp 6:00 p.m.
Sonshine 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 Outing 9:00 a.m.
Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Flower Garden Workers 9:00 a.m.
Missionary Prayer 1:30 p.m.
Praise Team, Band 6:00 p.m.
High School Summer
Super Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Junior High Sixth Grade Pool Day
Alpha Omega Study 7:00 p.m.

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Future Events

July 25

High School
End of Summer Bash

July 29

High School Senior Trip
Section J/K Potluck

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Men's Cook Out

August 4–7

Boys of Faith Summer Camp

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August 8–11

Junior High Camp

September 2

Music Camp Finale

