

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 20, 2017

The doors of this church are always open to those who wish to participate in the worship of our Lord and Savior and fellowship with His people.

We are glad you are here and trust you will receive rich blessings from the study of God's Word.

If you do not have a church home, we hope you will prayerfully consider "growing in the likeness of Christ" with this local fellowship of believers, known as Indian Hills Community Church.

If you have not worshipped with us before, you will find an active ministry for each age with plenty of activities and opportunities to develop friendships and encourage one another in the faith.

Knowing God's Word is crucial for the believer. The Bible says of such a person, "he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither, and in whatever he does, he prospers" (Psalm 1:3).

Wouldn't each of us like to be described as such a tree? A good start in becoming firmly planted in the Word is to take advantage of all

the Bible classes available throughout the week, beginning with the Sunday morning worship service and Bible Fellowship Hour.

## Dr. Gary Gilley

We welcome Dr. Gary Gilley to the Indian Hills pulpit today. Gary comes to us from Southern View Chapel in Springfield, Illinois, where he has pastored since 1975.

## Peter Barber

Thank you to Peter Barber for bringing us the Word last Sunday. May God bless your ministry in Kalispell and bring you back soon to share the Word with us.

## Worship Night

Everyone is invited to Worship Night on Friday, August 25 at Tower Square (13th & P Streets). The music begins at 8 p.m.

Mike Jeffers will be sharing the gospel. Be sure to bring your friends and neighbors to this special event held in downtown Lincoln.

## Two Things

My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior.—John Newton

## Home Grown Boy to Teach August 27 and September 3

# Duane Nelsen *by Gale Engle*

Duane Nelsen will be teaching in the morning worship service on August 27 and September 3.



*Duane and Laura Nelsen with Isaiah and Paxton.*

When speaking about love, Duane freely admits, “Before my salvation, I loved only myself. I only cared about others as far as they could serve me.”

“My life was tied up with sin and selfishness” Duane said. “I had grown up in the church and had lots of head knowledge, but no heart knowledge. I wanted nothing to do with believers. One day an Alpha Omega student called and invited me to retreat. I wanted to get off the phone as fast as possible. I didn’t want anything to do with God, His Word, or His people.

“A verse that sums up my life before salvation is Titus 3:3: ‘For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and

pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.’

“Then God saved me,” Duane said. “My desires changed. I wanted to know God and I wanted to be in the Word. My attitude toward the God of the Bible and His children changed. I wanted to be around believers and do anything I could to help them.”

Duane was a new creature in Christ. “God supernaturally changed me,” Duane said. “He put His love in my heart. Now, I’m not perfect in my love for others, but I’m growing in Christ’s image day by day. I’m challenged by what Peter wrote: ‘Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart’ (1 Peter 1:22).

“The Lord put His love in my heart but that doesn’t mean love is automatic. We are commanded to love and that takes some thought and effort. We are taught: ‘Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma’ (Ephesians 5:1, 2).

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want to love others and I am commanded to love others. I am to love others when they harm me, and when they aren't loving me like I want them to love me. It is difficult when others sin against me, but still I am to function in biblically-defined love. We are to love like Christ loves us.

"A passage that has meant a lot to me is Philippians 2:3, 4: 'Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.'

"God put love in my heart," Duane said, "the Word has deepened that love, and I am exhorted to grow in that love even more. 'Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more' (1 Thessalonians 4:9, 10).

"Loving others is impossible in our own strength, but the Word challenges and encourages us to love others. Our love grows as we look to the great love He has for us. 'Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you' (Ephesians 4:32).

"God's love for us is the beginning point and the standard for our love," Duane said. "John wrote: 'We love, because He first loved us. If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also' (1 John 4:19, 20, 21).

"Scripture reminds me of God's great love for me. It is seen in Jesus' sacrificial death on my behalf. The love that required Christ's death is the same standard God requires of me. This is encouraging because I see God's love for me. I don't want to be satisfied with a little love for others, I want to excel still more.

"The world defines love as doing what the other person wants you to do, or by what you think is best," Duane said. "However, we can't define love in our terms. True love is doing what God says is best for another. The best thing we can do for someone else is to obey God in every area of our lives. 'And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it' (2 John 1:6).

"May each of us challenge ourselves to love one another like Christ loves the church," Duane said. "And, God will be glorified."

# Adam Flaugh to Speak Sunday Night, August 27

by Elizabeth Flaugh

Adam Flaugh will be teaching the evening service on August 27. Adam came to know the Lord in 2008 through the outreach of the college-age group, Alpha Omega, and has been actively involved in evangelism at The Hills ever since.

After giving his life to Christ, Adam had a strong desire to know God's Word and share it with the lost. As he continues to learn, his conviction that the Word of God is authoritative and sufficient continues to grow. His passion is to make known those life-giving, timeless truths through teaching and sharing the Gospel.

Over the last couple years,



*Adam and Elizabeth Flaugh*

Adam has had the privilege and joy of teaching a home Bible study for young adults. "For a year and half we have been working through the book of Ephesians and as a group we've been growing in our understanding of doctrine as well as discussing and learning how to apply those doctrines that we know to be true," Adam said.

Adam's desire is that the saints at IHCC would all learn and live the truths of God's Word. That we would all be doers of the Word, not merely hearers as James 1:22 talks about. It's from this study of Ephesians that Adam is excited to teach August 27.



## July Report

**Print Media Distributed:**  
**284 booklets**

## Audio Media Outreach

**Sermon Audio:**  
**2,357 downloads & streams**

# 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 25 at Tower Square Worship Night

Excitement is in the air as we prepare for Worship Night on Friday, August 25, at Tower Square, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Located at 13th & P Streets, Tower Square is a busy intersection. People will be walking by on their way to and from restaurants, clubs, and theatres.

We'll have great music for people to listen to and Mike Jeffers will share how a sinner can be saved.

This may be the first time some have heard that there is a sin penalty, or that Jesus died to pay for the sins of the world. It is astounding, but many people have not even considered that they will die one day. But for God's grace, this could be each one of us and we are compelled to reach them with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Many workers will be needed that evening as we anticipate a lot of opportunities to share the Truth with people milling about. Please be praying for hearts ready to embrace the gospel and for wisdom, kindness, and boldness for our workers. May each one go out in the strength of the Lord.

The evening has a simple purpose—to worship God. Since praising God through music is



*Tower Square is located at 13th & P Streets.*

worship, sharing the gospel is worship, and praying is worship, we're calling it worship night.

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to this special evening downtown.

Invitations are available at the entrances. You can also share worship night with friends online. See our ad at [facebook.com/IndianHillsCommunityChurch](https://www.facebook.com/IndianHillsCommunityChurch).

## Worship Night

### Friday, August 25

### 8:00 p.m.

### Tower Square

### 13th & P Streets

### Interpreted for the Deaf

### Everyone Welcome

## Identified With Christ Through

# Water Baptism



*Karl Nelsen was baptized August 13, 2017*

“I grew up in a godly family with believing parents,” Karl Nelsen said. “I don’t remember a time when I didn’t know the way of salvation. I knew Jesus died on the cross for my sins, but as time passed I realized that I didn’t believe. I was in love with my sin and living selfishly.

“I may have appeared to be a “good” kid because I did good deeds, but everything I did was so people would notice me. It wasn’t until high school camp my freshman year that the Lord saved me.

“For the first time I realized that I am going to die one day, maybe fifty years from now or maybe tomorrow. Psalm 139:16 says, ‘Your eyes have seen my

unformed substance; And in your book were all written the days that were ordained for me.’ If I would have had to answer to God, I’m not sure what I would have said.

“I knew that Jesus died on the cross for my sins, but I didn’t truly believe it. I came to truly believe the gospel message at the end of a lesson at camp when the gospel was shared. The teacher explained that everyone is a sinner, and the penalty for sin is death, but Jesus Christ paid that penalty for death on the cross for all of mankind. This gift is completely free, and all we have to do is accept it by placing our faith in his finished work on the cross. Ephesians 2:8-9 ‘For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.’

“At that moment I repented of my sin and placed my faith in Jesus Christ’s finished work on the cross. My life and my motives began to change. It was no longer for me; it was to please the Lord. I began to be more active in ministry, and God’s Word is now my guiding light.



*Lauren Nelsen was baptized August 13, 2017*

“I grew up in a God-fearing home. I had a wonderful childhood and I always knew that my family loved me deeply,” Lauren Nelsen said. “I was a good kid who never really got into a lot of trouble, but that wasn’t because of God. The reality is that I didn’t really care about God or what He said. I simply cared about my appearance and not disappointing my parents.

“Throughout elementary school I was a good kid, but my sinful nature became more blatant as I entered middle school. I was a good person at church and at my Christian school, but when I came home I didn’t care about the act anymore. I was consistently disobedient and judgmental throughout middle school and into high school.

“Thankfully things started to change the summer after my freshman year of high school. I specifically remember high school ski trip that March. Mike Little was preaching on the topic of devotions

and why they were a necessary part of a true Christian’s walk with the Lord. I remember thinking to myself, ‘Maybe I should try this out and see if it makes sense.’

“I don’t remember a specific moment that I was saved, but there was a gradual change in my thoughts and in my actions. I started reading the Bible frequently and it came alive. After that ski trip my view of God and His Word did a complete 180°.

“Throughout the rest of my high school years and into marriage I have seen growth that can only be attributed to His work. In some of the darkest times, He has been my rock. Looking back on the trials in my life I can see God working through them to mold and shape me into the servant that He desires me to become. I thank the Lord every day for His mercies and blessings in my life.



**Wednesday Night  
Prayer Meeting**

**August 23**  
**August 30**

**Come pray with the brethren in room 1414 at 7:00 p.m.**

## Family News

**Thank You** for all the prayers, calls, and cards following our recent surgeries. Thank you to the Girls of Grace for the delicious meal and to Loree Westenburg for delivering the meal. Sincerely—  
Steve and Sharon Rohn

**Thank You** for your prayers, words of comfort, cards, memorials, and the lunch provided after Dad's service. We were blessed to have our Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa be a part of our lives for so many years. It's such a comfort to know he is now with his Savior.—the Richard Goodding, Sr. family

**Card Shower.** Dorothy Gunn will be celebrating her 90th birthday on September 8, 2017. Her address is 5621 Prescott Ave., Lincoln, NE 68506. Phone: 402-483-6115.

## Children's Studies

**Children's Sunday School.** The children studied John 20 and 21 and learned about Jesus rising from the dead.

**Summer Church.** Matt Marra and the AO group will be teaching our kindergarten through fifth grade children through September 3 (while our Children's Church workers take a much-deserved break).

The children will be studying Ephesians 4–6 and learning about a different aspect of walking with

the Lord each week. On September 3 they will study the Armor of God.

## Information

**AWANA workers needed!** Would you be interested in helping kids memorize and understand God's Word? The AWANA ministry is built around 2 Tim. 2:15: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."

In addition to Bible verse memorization, there is a Bible-centered lesson, praise of our amazing Savior through song and game time too. If this ministry interests you, please pray about serving. If not, would you please pray for the salvation of the kids and for the leaders to effectively share their love for Christ? If you do feel led to serve, or have questions, please contact Galen Pfeiffer at: [gk5fer@gmail.com](mailto:gk5fer@gmail.com) or 402-613-6896.

**T&T Leaders meeting** will be held Sunday, August 27th at 11:30 a.m.

**SPARKS Leaders meeting** will be held Sunday, August 27th at 5:30 p.m.

**Newbie Night** is for anyone who would like to get involved with sharing the gospel. Come to Door 2 Door on Monday, August 28 at 6:15 p.m. Meet by the security desk in the north lobby. You can accompany an experienced

evangelist and watch and learn if you'd like, or you can go out with another evangelist and share the gospel. This night is for you. Come and learn.

### **Used Books “By the Pound”**

**Sale** will begin on the Saturday of Fall Kickoff Weekend (September 9). That is also the first Saturday Sound Words will resume being open on Saturday mornings. If you are fall cleaning or down-sizing, please consider donating books to Sound Words.

**A Teacher** is needed the first Sunday of the month at The Waterford (South 48th St.); and the third Sunday at Sumner Place (near 20th and South). Also, up to six other teachers could be used in this ministry. Contact Tom Price at 402-792-9331 or mathmanprice@gmail.com.

**Hospitality Ministry** needs two workers. One person is needed to help at the information desk and one is needed to greet others at the southwest doors on Sunday mornings. Please let Brian Willet (brian.willet@outlook.com) know if you're interested.

**Teacher Needed** at The Arbors in north Lincoln on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please e-mail Tom Price at mathmanprice@gmail.com or call 402-792-9331.

**Teacher Needed** on the first Sunday of the month for a Bible study at Homestead Alzheimer's Unit. Please e-mail Tom Price at

mathmanprice@gmail.com or call 402-792-9331.

**Music Camp** meets at 6 p.m. tonight. All children going into first through eighth grade in the fall are encouraged to attend.

First–third graders will begin the evening in the Family Center.

Fourth–eighth graders will begin the evening in the choir room. For more information about Music Camp contact Andrew Thomas at andrew.thomas@ihcc.org or visit [www.ihcc.org/smc](http://www.ihcc.org/smc)

**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.

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

## **Last Week's Message**

August 13 AM. PB 25. *What Is Christ's Glory in the Cross?* Part 1. John 12:20-36

August 13 PM. PB 26. *What Is Christ's Glory in the Cross?* Part 2. John 12:20-36

# This Week's Events

## Sunday

Gary Gilley Speaking  
Sunday Night Church 6:00 p.m.  
Summer Music Camp 6:00 p.m.  
Sunshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

## Monday

Door 2 Door 6:15 p.m.  
Sisters 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday

Gardening 9:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7:00 p.m.

## Friday

Worship Night (13th & P)

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# Future Events

## August 27

Duane Nelsen Speaking (AM)  
Adam Flaugh Speaking (PM)  
T&T Leaders Meeting 11:30 a.m.  
Sparks Leaders Meeting 5:30 p.m.

## September 3

Duane Nelsen Speaking (AM)  
Ed Daly Speaking (PM)  
Summer Music Camp Finale

## September 4

Labor Day (Offices Closed)

## September 10

Fall Kickoff

## September 12

Titus Tuesday Resumes

## September 13

Girls' Choir Resumes  
Choir & Orchestra Resume  
Awana Resumes  
Junior High Study Resumes  
Issues in our Contemporary World  
Wednesday Night Bible Study

## October 1

Baptism

## October 6, 7

Deaf Conference

## October 24

Intermission 6:15 p.m.

## November 7–10

Branson Tour

## November 23

Thanksgiving

## November 24

Offices Closed