

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

October 23, 2016

Ministry of Prayer

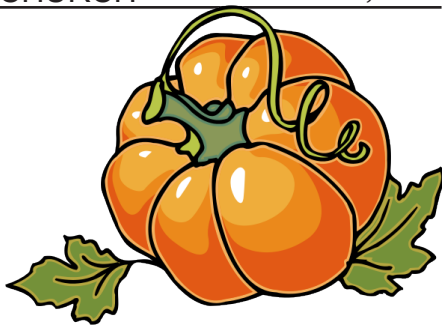
Your prayers serve as the backbone of this ministry. Many have shared how you regularly pray for the Lord's work through this local church and we are thankful for your ministry of intercession.

While we enjoy many blessings from the Lord, we must not forget that we are in a battle. The call to duty has been sent out and reinforcements are needed on the front line.

If you have retired from active prayer duty, we urge you to reenlist. Put on your spiritual armor and report to the all-mighty, all-powerful God. Prayer warriors are needed to lift up the ministry, pastors, staff, Sunday school teachers, Awana leaders, the brethren, etc.

As God's soldiers, each of us must dedicate ourselves to ceaseless intercession. The Holy Spirit will remind us of prayer items and guide us as we commune with the Father.

Prayer is hindered when we haven't been faithful, but God is quick to forgive His children, and when we come to Him with a penitent heart, intimacy is restored.



May our heavenly Father guide each of us in our commitment to pray without ceasing. Surely we will be amazed at the peace we experience, and humbled to see God's hand at work, in and through us.

Being Thankful

We have much to be thankful for, both as a local church and as individuals. It has been said that the first negative step in any person's life is in ceasing to be thankful.

Contemplating on God's blessings is a good way to remind ourselves to be thankful, remembering how God provides for us as His children. Above all, He has provided Jesus Christ as the redeemer and sin bearer for each of us as individuals.

Have a good week reflecting on the great richness of God's grace.

Wednesday Evening Study Begins October 26 In Harmony with the Spirit

Larry Riekenberg

Through the years the study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit has been neglected in some Christian circles. They echo the disciples of John the Baptist who said in the Book of Acts “we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”



Larry Riekenberg

ogy with 2,260 pages shows ten pages dedicated to the study of the Holy Spirit. One 400 page book on Systematic Theology devoted six pages, and this is tucked in the doctrine of Salvation.

The Holy Spirit and His work is an often misunderstood doctrine of Christianity and it is so very vital to our lives as believers and our growth in the Lord. This study will look at how the Spirit of God is presented in Scripture; and how He practically works in our lives to give us security, comfort and power.

A look at an evangelical three-volume set of Systematic Theol-

Larry Riekenberg will be teaching this class.

MINDING HIS BUSINESS

Christian Business Men's Lunch

Speaker: Ed Daly

Valentino's

70th and Van Dorn, Lincoln, NE

R.S.V.P. 402.483.4541 or adam.flaugh@ihcc.org

12-1 PM
11.18.16
Friday

\$8 buffet*

*Guests are free

Protecting God's Reputation

God is clear about Himself and said, "I am the Lord, and there is no other. I am the One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity. I am the Lord who does all these" (Isaiah 45:6, 7).

We think we are protecting the Lord's reputation when we claim, "It wasn't the Lord's will for that to happen," or "The Lord wouldn't have wanted that to happen."

Those statements are simply not true. We must be certain to base our theology on the Bible, not from our emotions or our own personal sense of right and wrong.

God creates the calamity. It was God's will for the house to fall upon Job's ten children. The sovereign God did that, but He does not delight in making people suffer.

As His children, we don't have to fear Him, but we do have to accept what He does with the people and the world He has created. He does what is best for His children, even though we may not understand how that is possible as we live through sometimes extremely difficult and painful situations.

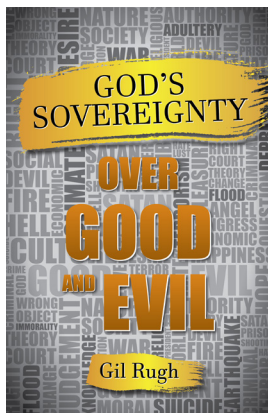
Join Pastor Gil Rugh as he searches the Scriptures to determine if God is sovereign over everything on earth, including both good and evil.

God's Sovereignty over Good

and Evil by Gil Rugh is free and available at Sound Words and in the lobby book racks.

New Book by Gil Rugh God's Sovereignty over Good and Evil

Tension exists between God's total sovereignty and man's full responsibility. If total sovereignty means that nothing happens that is not under God's sovereign control, how can man be held responsible? On the other hand, if man is responsible in making his own decisions, how can God be in control of what a person will decide to do?



Who is in charge of affairs on earth? Is it God or the Devil? It's agreed that God reigns supreme in Heaven, but with all the evil on earth, could God really be in control?

Teacher Training



All men interested in teaching the Word, wondering if they have the gift of teaching, or would like to hone their skills as a Bible teacher are invited to attend the Teacher Training Bootcamp beginning Saturday, October 29.

The four-week class is free and will meet in the conference room from 9:30–10:30 a.m. each Saturday with the last class taking place on November 19.

Duane Nelsen will be teaching the class, which will begin with an introduction to preaching and teaching.

Men should pick up the training manual from Duane, 402-483-4541, or Sound Words. Plan to read the introduction through chapter 3 before the first class.

If you are high school age or older and would like to learn more about choosing the right study tools; choosing the passage; and



Pastor Duane Nelsen

determining the context of the passage, this class is for you.

The second, third, and fourth classes will deal with determining the literary type; determining word relationships; determining word meanings; finding the main point of the passage; putting a sermon together; and selecting a plan of delivery.

A teaching lab will be available on November 19 for anyone who would like to put a message together and present it for pointers from a couple seasoned teachers.

Men are needed to teach the Word at many levels. Each week men are needed to teach in nursing homes, in the children and adult Sunday school classes and in home Bible studies.



*“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”
(Romans 10:15).*

God's Amazing Plan

Gil Rugh

God's intention from the very beginning was to prepare man for the coming of His Son. God began this preparation process with Adam and Eve, the first people on earth. As a result of disobeying God's command, they were overwhelmed with guilt. While seeking to hide themselves from God, they attempted to make themselves coverings from leaves. God came and confronted them regarding their sin and provided coverings for them made from animal skins.

The slaying of those animals and the provision of covering were a declaration to Adam and Eve that the penalty for sin was death and that God had to make provision for them. This act foreshadowed Christ coming to make provision for us.

A little later, Cain and Abel came to present their sacrifices to God. Cain brought an offering from the produce he raised. Abel also brought the best of his herd as a sacrifice. God accepted Abel's sacrifice, but He did not accept Cain's. The reason, very simply, was that Cain's sacrifice was not given in faith. This showed that God is concerned with the condition of man's heart.

Later on, Abraham was commanded to take his own son, Isaac, and sacrifice him to God. Just

as Abraham was ready to carry out that act, God intervened and provided a ram as a substitute in fulfillment of what Abraham had told his son: "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son" (Gen. 22:8).

This was a reminder to Abraham and to us that in God's time He would provide the sacrifice necessary to pay the penalty for sin.

The entire sacrificial system in Israel was designed to constantly remind people of their sinfulness and their need for forgiveness, and that the penalty for sin was death.

Yet the Bible says, "For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Heb. 10:4). The sacrifices could only remind the people of their sinfulness and of the penalty for their sins; they could not take away those sins.

God never intended that animal sacrifices should pay the penalty for sin. The sacrifice for sin needed to be one who completely identified with humanity, a human being in every way, yet without sin. That is why God provided His own Son, Jesus.

The Bible tells us that at the proper time, "God sent forth His

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Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons” (Gal. 4:4,5). It was God’s sovereign plan for all of human history to lead up to this crucial event.

Jesus Christ was born as a hu-

man being, in every way humanity as well as deity. He came to earth for one purpose—to pay the penalty for the sins of mankind through His own death on the cross so that God might offer forgiveness and deliverance to all who would believe in Him. Jesus died for our sins and then rose from the dead. That is God’s testimony that salvation is complete and that redemption is secure.



Titus Tuesday Schedule

9:15 a.m.	Light Brunch (15 minutes)
9:30 a.m.	Prayer Requests and Prayer (20 minutes)
9:50 a.m.	Class (30 minutes)
10:20 a.m.....	Break (10 minutes)
10:30 a.m.....	Discussion (30 minutes)
11 a.m.....	Dismissal

Newbie Night Is Monday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.

The TOP 3 Ways to be Involved in Door-To-Door Evangelism:

1. **Talk.** Come out to “open your mouth” (Acts 8:35) and be involved in the conversations.
2. **Observe.** Come out only to observe and learn. Your experienced partner will plan to do all the talking.
3. **Pray.** Commit to pray specifically for the outreach effort on that particular night.

Bible Fellowship Hour

Children' Sunday School

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

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Studying Matthew
Team Taught
Cornerstone House

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Topical Study
Team Taught
Room 1430

Alpha Omega (18-25)

Studying 1 John
Duane Nelsen Teaching
Room 2311

EDGE

Topical Study
Team Taught
Rooms 2211

Common Bonds

Studying John
Jim Mooberry Teaching
Room 1404

HIS

Studying Deuteronomy
Scott Bailey Teaching
Room 1423

LOGOS

Studying Judges
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 Matthew
Jim Pelton Teaching
Room 1419

The Father Knows Best

Studying "Taking the Mystery Out of Revelation"
Don Goertzen Teaching
Room 1414

Prime Time (60+ retired)

Studying Genesis
Mike Voss 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 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.

"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, 'Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it'" (1 Peter 3:9-11).

Family News

Birth. Gordie and Tami Coffin are the parents of a boy, Lane Mykel, born October 7, 2016.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children did an overview of 1 Thessalonians and focused on Christ's return.

Children's Church. The children studied Matthew 19 and learned about Jesus confronting the rich young ruler. The lesson goal is to admit our sinfulness, count the cost and follow Christ.

Information

Get Connected! If you'd like to receive a weekly e-mail of the church newsletter, prayer requests, or evangelism updates, go to **IHCC.org** and click on **Get Connected**. You'll have access to events and can pray for one another and be encouraged to be sharing the gospel.

Nursing Home Meeting. The annual meeting for the nursing home ministry will be Sunday, October 30, right after the morning service. This will be a potfaith meal and if your last name begins with A-M, please bring a main dish and a salad. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a main dish and a dessert. Drinks and tableware will be provided. We should be able to conclude by 1 p.m.

Dessert Social. Boys of Faith is sponsoring a dessert social on Sunday night, October 30 in the Family Center. Everyone is invited to come fellowship and enjoy a tasty dessert and drink for just \$3 or \$12/family.

Titus Tuesday Ladies. Please join us Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. as Sharon Riekenberg teaches *Preparing for Suffering*. Discussion group follows the lesson. Come early (9:15 a.m.) for a light brunch. Child care provided and we conclude at 11 a.m.

Newbie Night for Door to Door Evangelism will be held Monday, October 24 at 6 p.m. Meet at the north entrance. This is for anyone that would like to give D2D a try, or come watch and learn.

Pilgrims and America. Join Donald Goertzen on Wednesday at 7 p.m. to learn more about the English Reformation and the Pilgrims' ordeal. Meet in room 1414. All are welcome.

Sonshine Kids will be singing in the Children's Christmas Concert on December 11. If you have a child that will be turning four before December 11 and you would like them to sing in the concert, they are welcome to join now, a few weeks early so they will have more time to learn the songs. We will be starting to learn our Christmas songs this week. Sonshine Kids (4s & Ks) meet every Sunday evening at 6:30 in the Sonshine Kids' room.

Awana needs leaders and people to listen to verses. We need help with all ages: three years old through fifth grade. Please call Galen Pfeiffer if you are led to serve or have questions (402-613-6896).

Nursery Workers are needed for the second hour. Please contact Jennifer Lenzen, 402-435-0877, if interested.

Wednesday Night Nursery. We need an adult willing to work in the infant room and/or the toddler room. Some nights you may start in one room and move to the other, depending on which room needs the most help. If interested call Joanna Andrews, 402-465-0301.

Workers are needed to vacuum one section of the church once every five weeks. If you'd like to serve in this way, please call Jennifer Gaden, 402-438-4671.

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.

Girls' Choir (fourth–twelfth grade) meets Wednesday from 5-6:15 p.m. in the choir room.

Nursing Home Door-to-Door Evangelism. If you'd like to help, call Adam Flaugh, 402-580-3014.

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 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Hospitalizations. Please call the church, 402-483-4541, and notify Pastor Aaron Nicholson for all 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.

Learning New Songs. Would you like to learn the upcoming songs we sing each Sunday during the week? Visit our church Facebook page (www.facebook.com/IndianHillsCommunityChurch) and see the corresponding post *or* write these links down and visit these pages each week. On each page, click on the "Youtube" button to hear the song.

Sunday Morning Services Page:
tiny.cc/sundayam

Sunday Evening Services Page:
tiny.cc/sundaypm

Last Week's Message

Oct. 16 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 1979.
Perspective on Today with the Long View. Revelation 1:9

Oct. 16 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1968.
False Teachers Make Bogus Promises. 2 Peter 2:17-22

This Week's Events

Sunday

Sunday Night Church 6 p.m.
Girls of Grace 6 p.m.
Boys of Faith 6 p.m.
Sonshine Kids

Monday

Door to Door **Newbie Night** 6 p.m.
Sisters 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Titus Tuesday 9:15 a.m.
Mansion Builders 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Girls' Choir 5 p.m.
Orchestra 6 p.m.
Awana 6:45 p.m.
Junior High 6:45 p.m.
Choir 7 p.m.
Issues . . . World 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Study 7 p.m.
Mansion Builders 7 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

Future Events

October 30

Nursing Home Meeting
Dessert Social 7:30 p.m.

November 6

Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 8–11

Branson Trip

November 13

Baptism

November 16

Pie Pick-up 6–8 p.m.

November 18

Christian Businessman's Lunch

November 24

Thanksgiving (Building Closed)

November 25

(Building Closed)

December 6

[Brunch Break] Intermission

December 11

Children's Christmas Concert 6 p.m.

December 18

Christmas Concert 6 p.m.

December 24

Christmas Eve Service 6 p.m.
Communion

December 25

Morning Worship 10 a.m.
No Sunday School
No Sunday Night Church
(Building Closes at Noon)

December 26

Building Closed

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