

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 13, 2015

Welcome to Indian Hills. We're glad you're here to worship the Savior through the study of His Word. Our hope is for everyone to know and all to remember . . .

When your child is in a foreign land; when the one that committed their life to you leaves you for another; when friends forsake you; when shame weighs heavily . . . remember the one who gave His life for you.

Alone and cold in the dungeon, knowing death was near, Paul encouraged his son in the faith with these words: "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead."

Never forget, beloved. When you're misunderstood; when you're disgraced; when no one will listen . . . there is one who sticks closer than a brother (Prov. 18:24).

## Spiritual Drifting

If you've ever been in the ocean, you noticed the constant tug of the current. Even a warship will drift if it hasn't dropped anchor.

Likewise, if we aren't anchored in the Word, we can drift from a close relationship with our Lord. While the current will swiftly guide an unsecured ship

to a new location, a spiritual drift may occur so subtly that we may not notice.

It doesn't take much. A few seemingly small decisions: like neglecting prayer, not spending time in the Word, or not worshipping with the church family will produce devastating results over time.

As the current takes us, it's easy to be enticed by a bitter spirit, vanity, power, materialism, selfishness, gossip and other worldly values that will never satisfy. Sin pushes us further away from God until we lose interest in spiritual things. Little by little, being obedient seems unimportant and our conscience loses sensitivity.

It's easy to adjust and just go with the flow, but we will have missed God's best for us. Not only that, but our willfulness grieves the Father.

Yet, God graciously offers forgiveness to those who repent. His arms are open wide, waiting to embrace us to His bosom.

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it" (Hebrews 2:1).



# FALL KICKOFF

PICNIC & CONCERT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

4:30  
PM

FREE PICNIC

FREE CONCERT

Interpreted for the Deaf

6:00  
PM

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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Today is the **Fall Kickoff Picnic & Concert**. Bring the whole family and invite your friends and neighbors. Interpreted for the Deaf. **Everyone is welcome.**

# Being Thankful for One Another

by Gil Rugh

We live in a world beset with problems, and we often fail to experience the joy that God intends for us as believers. One reason for that lack of joy is our failure to practice thankfulness, specifically thankfulness for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

From prison, the Apostle Paul wrote to the believers in the small city of Philippi, saying, “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you” (Phil. 1:3), and he exhorted them to “join in following my example” (3:17). Paul wanted these believers to follow his example of giving thanks for fellow believers.

As we examine ourselves we must ask: Have I taken time recently to be thankful for other believers? How much time have I spent rejoicing and praising God for the Christians with whom I am privileged to serve? When we pray for other believers, we often spend much of our time asking God to change things about them. It is easy to take one another for granted and focus our attention on the shortcomings and flaws we see in our fellow believers, but this is sin and must be stopped.

If we compared the amount of time we spend thinking critically with the time we spend being thankful, would we be embarrassed?

It is easy to look at others and pick them apart, but God does not want us to be mired down in criticism by focusing on the things we don’t like about others.

Instead, He desires for thankfulness to characterize our lives. Paul recognized the bond he had with God and with other believers. He was thankful for them and appreciated the work God had done in their lives. This helped stir his love for them. This holds true in our lives as well. It is a lot harder to dislike someone when we spend time thanking God for them.

May we “join in following Paul’s example” and give thanks to God for one another. Our obedience will bring glory to God and our wellspring of joy will be deep and wide.

*“Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:28, 29).*

# Ministering Door to Door

by John Carey

## **Open doors.**

That's what we regularly find.

## **Opportunities.**

Sharing Bible verses for 5, 10, 15, 20 or maybe even 30 minutes with a person who has no clue about grace, the cross, faith, or the deadliness of sin.

An evening of challenges and encouragement and joy.

I approach each door to door evening with a certain fear and trembling. But I also am prompted with a "holy" confidence if you will, instilled from God's Word, that sharing the gospel is always the right thing to do. That being found a faithful sower is essential. But the results, the conversions, are not up to me—that is God's responsibility.

If it is possible to write to you what it is like, please read the following example of a recent evening:

These are some of the reasons people gave why they think they will get into heaven: "I walk the talk," "I've lived a good life," "I don't know," "I have a personal religion but am not sure," "I've lived a long life."

(How would you respond to them?)

These folks actually opened



*John and Marti Carey*

up their doors and let us visit with them about the nature of salvation, about spiritual things. Two of these folks were not going to church at all, the others were attending denominational churches. Two of these conversations were with retired folks. The other three were middle aged. We visited between the hours of 6:30 to 8 p.m. and they all interrupted their evening to visit with us.

Three of these conversations are what I would call long conversations where we had good opportunity to clarify and restate the importance of believing what Christ has done for them, inviting them to consider His claims.

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Two of the conversations ended abruptly as we began to point out that your “good works” will not get you into heaven—“that we may be found in Christ not having a righteousness of our own” ( Phil 3:9) “that our prayers before Him are not according to any merit of our own, but according to Gods compassion” (Daniel 9:18).

We had two other homes that did not want to talk at all. One was just getting into their home from shopping, but the other was a young man who said “there is nobody in this house who wants that stuff.”

We ended the evening, walking through the neighborhood, back to our car, and along the way stopped to visit and share the gospel with a lady pushing a baby carriage. Reminded again that

there are many opportunities.

Knocking on doors with a fellow IHCC saint is a blessing all its own. There is a certain joy in seeing people respond to the Word of God. And there is encouragement and instruction from your fellow saints watching how they share the gospel with the lost.

In closing, we find ourselves in conversations complaining about the current political environment. In the context of evangelism I am reminded that the freedom of speech is the freedom to reach. We still have that freedom.

Won’t you please join us. Exercising your political and biblical freedoms. It will bless your socks off.

Open Doors. What more could we ask for? (Col. 4:3).

# Door to Door

## *Evangelism*

**Mondays at 6:15 p.m.**

**Meet at the Church’s North Entrance**

## Family News

**Death.** Pastor Dale Oswald, brother of Dean, died on August 31, 2015.

**Hospitalized.** Zoe Groff is a patient at Omaha Children's Hospital.

**Hospitalized.** Richard Behrens is a patient at Clarkson Hospital, Omaha

## Children's Studies

**Sunday School** Children studied Luke 13:1–9 and learned about the barren fig tree.

**Children's Church.** The children reviewed previous lessons this morning.

## Information

**AWANA** leaders meeting will be held today, September 13 in the high school room (1430) immediately following the morning worship service. The meeting will conclude in 15 minutes or less.

**Clothing Outlet** will be open Tuesday, September 15 from 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

**Ladies**, please join us for Titus Tuesday, on Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. Our Bible lesson is "Walk in Love," taught by Sharon Riekenberg and the second hour class is "I Can Because I Can," taught by Nancy Price and Jeanette Titus. Nursery, preschool and a home school class are provided. We end the morning at 11:00 a.m.

**Awana Workers Needed** for Awana on Wednesday nights beginning September 16. If you would like to teach, assist, listen to verses, work with crafts, treats, or recreation, please contact Galen Pfeiffer. Call 402-613-6896—leave message—or e-mail: [gk5fer@gmail.com](mailto:gk5fer@gmail.com)

**Choir and Orchestra.** Rehearsals resume Wednesday, September 16. Orchestra will rehearse from 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Choir will rehearse from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Choir will meet in the EDGE Room (Choir Room). Talk to Aaron Nicholson about joining orchestra ([aaron.nicholson@ihcc.org](mailto:aaron.nicholson@ihcc.org)). Come "Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy" (Ps 33:3).

**Boys of Faith Fall Campout** will be held Friday–Sunday, September 25–27 at Wildwood Lake. Registration is due Wednesday, Sept. 23.

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

**Sound Words** is open on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until Noon and Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:30. The bookstore is also open weekdays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sundays before and after morning and evening services.

**Better than Cod Liver Oil.** "A joyful heart is good medicine" (Proverbs 17:22), and there's no bitter aftertaste.



## Wednesday Night Book Study.

If you plan to attend the five-week book study on "Putting Jesus in His Place," starting Wednesday, September 23, please consider picking up the book and getting a head-start on the reading. The five lessons will be covering the five "units" in the book. The first unit covers chapters 1–5. It is not necessary to purchase a book or do the reading, but the class will be more beneficial if you read the book. There will also be time at the end of the lesson for questions. Jot them down as they come to mind when you are reading.

**Deaf Conference.** Many volunteers are needed for the Friday-Saturday, October 2, 3 conference. If you would like to help, contact Perry or Lori Beard at 402-475-5657.

**Branson Trip.** There are five seats left on the bus to Branson for the November 3–6 trip. If you would like to go, call SueAnn at 402-483-6671 or 402-419-6465.

**Gardening.** Please meet in the south parking lot on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

**Door to Door** evangelism meets Mondays at the church's north entrance at 6:15 p.m.

## 2015 Christian Deaf Conference *Changing Lives*



## How to Study the Bible

**SAVE  
the  
Date**

**October 2nd & 3rd**

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Lincoln, NE 68510

**Home School Class.** Each Titus Tuesday morning, a homeschooling class will be offered for children whose mother is attending Titus Tuesday. This class is for students, Kindergarten–sixth grade. We will begin our organized mornings in the gym, south side. Please plan on sending 15-20 minutes of independent work and needed supplies (some direction reading and help will be available) for your child, each time.

If you are planning on your K–sixth grader joining our class, or if you have any questions, please contact Shannon O’Neal at 402-420-9986. Also, any ladies (homeschooling or not), who have a

special desire to help in our homeschool room, please call Shannon. We need rotational helpers each week, and women who might be interested in teaching a lesson (art, science, etc.) to our students on occasion.

**Girls’ Choir** is an opportunity to minister and learn about God through vocal music. We are open to girls in fourth–twelfth grade. We meet every Wednesday night from 5-6:15 in the choir room. The girls have a half-hour dinner break before other Wednesday night activities begin. We minister to churches, hospitals, and nursing homes throughout the year. Girls’ Choir will be starting on

# Fall Registration

**Awana  
Girls of Grace  
Boys of Faith**



**Two ways to register:**

- 1. Register online at [www.ihcc.org](http://www.ihcc.org). Simply click on the registration link and type in the information.**
- 2. Stop by the table in the Family Center today or September 13 to register in person.**



September 16. If you would like to join, please come to the choir room that night. Due to size restraints, attendance is key to continued participation. If you have questions, please call Teresa Krieger at 402-417-2852 or Peggy Cline at 402-560-6697.

**Cleaners** are needed to vacuum and wipe down surfaces of a section of the church once every five weeks. If you'd like to serve the Lord in this capacity, please call Tami Coffin, 402-366-3490.

**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 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**Issues In Our Contemporary World** will begin September 16 in room 1414 from 7–8 p.m. Donald Goertzen will continue our study of the Land (Israel) commencing with the formation of Zionism, the role of World War I and II and the subsequent establishment of the Jewish State.

## Last Week's Message

Sept. 6 AM. Mike Hulinsky. MHU  
1. *Living In Step With The Spirit.*  
Galatians 5:16-25

Sept. 6 PM. Mike Hulinsky. MHU  
2. *Actions Do Bear Eternal Fruit.*  
Galatians 6:7-10

## Church Leadership

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Carsten Scholle  
Zach Wheat

## This Week's Events

### Sunday

Awana Meeting 11:30 a.m.  
Fall Kickoff  
Registration for Awana,  
Girls of Grace, Boys of Faith  
Sonshine Kids 6 p.m.

### Monday

Door to Door Evangelism  
Sisters

### Tuesday

Clothing Outlet 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m.  
Titus Tuesday 9:30 a.m.  
Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

### Wednesday

Gardening 9:00 a.m.  
Ladies Missionary Prayer 1:30 p.m.  
Girls' Choir 5–6:15 p.m.  
Orchestra 6–7:30 p.m.  
Awana 6:45 p.m.  
Junior High 6:45 p.m.  
Choir 7–8:30 p.m.  
Issues in our Contemporary World  
Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

### Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7-8 p.m.

## Future Events

### September 20

Girls of Grace, Boys of Faith  
Begin

### September 23

Wednesday Night Study

### September 25–27

Boys of Faith Fall Campout

### October 2, 3

Deaf Conference  
Alpha Omega Fall Retreat

### October 4

Baptism

### October 6

Cleaning Morning

### October 11

Communion

### October 31

Men's Breakfast

### November 3–6

Branson Trip

### November 15

Baptism

### November 26

Thanksgiving: Church Closed

### December 13

Adult Christmas Concert

### December 24

Christmas Eve Service  
Communion

### December 25

Christmas Day  
Church Closed

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