

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 27, 2015

Greetings and blessings to you, beloved of God. We welcome each one—whatever your race, nationality or religious upbringing—the doors of this church swing wide to welcome you. May the love of Christ and the goodwill of His people draw you to a more intimate walk with the Savior.

## About Us

Indian Hills is a church that believes the Bible is the very Word of God. You will find that God's Word is the central focus, both in the worship services and in the classrooms of this local church.

If you are not familiar with the Bible, you will soon discover that it is an exciting book that has survived the passing of time. Authored by God, it reveals how we can personally know Him. Whatever your situation in life, you are welcome at The Hills and we look forward to ministering to you.

## Over-the-top Grace

As we grow in the faith, we become more like our Lord Jesus, yet, we still sin.

If our sins could be piled up,

surely they would rival the tallest mountain. That isn't surprising

when we realize that worry is falling short on faith; lack of fulfillment is a result of not delighting in the Lord; impatience is falling short on kindness; and a critical spirit is falling short on love. We could continue with: lack of self-control, lack of joy, etc., but we get the picture.

Then, consider how often we sin . . . in an hour? If we counted up all the moments of irritation, unkind words, evil thoughts, selfishness, and gossip, could we estimate ten times an hour? (for the sake of discussion). Ten sins an hour, times 16 waking hours, times 365 days a year, times 80 years comes to 4,672,000. We couldn't see the top of that mountain of sins.

It is an amazing truth, well-documented in the Bible, that God forgave every one of our sins. He didn't forgive one or two, or a few of our sins, but our whole mountain. And, He did it out of love and over-the-top grace.



# Car Wash Religion *by Gil Rugh*

The Jews in Jesus' day had an incorrect view of sin and cleansing. They thought that if someone had something against them, simply making a sacrifice would wash them clean. People believe a similar lie today. They think attending church is like driving through a spiritual car wash. If they have a bad week and get dirty, driving through the car wash will clean everything up.

Then, when they get dirty the next week, they drive through the car wash again. Many people readily acknowledge that they have lied, cheated or lusted. But they fail to understand what needs to occur for that sin to be cleansed. So when the weekend rolls around, they drive their spiritual car through the car wash and assume that makes everything right again.

Jesus said, "If you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering" (Matt. 5:23, 24).

In this context, Jesus was referring to Jews, but the idea can also be applied to non-Jewish believers. God doesn't care about external acts of worship nearly as much as the condition of the heart, and sacrifices made with an unrepentant attitude are not acceptable to Him.

When the scribes and Pharisees in Jesus' day failed to measure up to what they knew was God's standard, they simply offered a sacrifice. They had no understanding that if their hearts were not changed, their sin would not be cleansed.

Like these religious leaders, many of today's people who claim to be religious are really only interested in getting cleaned up on the outside. They sit in church while harboring grudges and resentment. They try to cover up their unrepentant sin and think that as long as they attend church and go through the motions their sin will disappear. But if their hearts are not right, their worship is not acceptable.

David wrote, "Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being" (Ps. 51:6).

What Jesus said about the Law is no different from what God demanded a thousand years earlier, through David's writing:

For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise (vv. 16, 17).

The issue is the condition of the heart—the inside rather than the outside. Wickedness harbored in the heart prevents a right relationship with God.

What is your attitude toward others? You may have anger or an attitude of contempt which you are covering up so others cannot see it. However, you cannot hide it from God.

Offering sacrifices will not remove sin. Neither will religious activity. Only those who have first been cleansed by faith and have a changed heart can come and offer an acceptable sacrifice before God.



# Girls of Grace

## Is Selling

# Pies!

Girls of Grace is selling pies and industrial strength cookie pans and spatulas to raise money for camp. This year we are featuring the unbelievable Village Pie Maker Pies. You will not believe how good these pies are. Village Pie Maker Pies use only the freshest fruit; no canned pie fillings are used.

These pies will be a hit at Thanksgiving, Christmas, dinner parties and for those very special guests. Priced at only \$14 you will want to stock up for the holidays and other special events.

Oven fresh pies are ready to bake and serve. No mess, no worries. All pies are 10" in diameter and serve eight. Featured pies include:

**Apple Pie.** The all time favorite. This homemade pie features fresh apples seasoned with just the right amount of cinnamon. Guaranteed to make your holiday guests ask you for the recipe.

**Berry Medley Pie.** An amazing mixture of berries that melts in your mouth with every bite. Don't forget to add ice cream.

**Raspberry Peach Pie.** This will quickly become your new Thanksgiving favorite. Tender raspberries with scrumptious peaches mixed throughout. Mmmm, delicious.

**Cherry Pie.** Fresh and tart cherries make this pie an amazing dessert on Thanksgiving. A dollop of ice cream and you will be the "Hostess with the Mostess."

**Peach Pie.** Okay all you peach connoisseurs. You asked for them, come and get them. You will not find a better peach pie in the country.

**Strawberry-Rhubarb Pie.** Sweet meets tangy in this family favorite. A delightful melding of rich strawberries and tart rhubarb blended together and placed inside a tender crust for ultimate satisfaction.

Stop by the table in the south lobby and place your order the first three Sundays of October. The deadline for ordering pies and bakeware is October 18.

# Girls of Grace is also selling industrial strength cookie pans and spatulas.



9x13=\$10

18x13=\$12

Stop by the table in the south lobby the first three Sundays of October and say goodbye to your old cookie sheets and hello to your new industrial strength cookie pans.

## 2015 Christian Deaf Conference *Changing Lives*



## How to Study the Bible

**SAVE  
the  
Date**

**October 2nd & 3rd**

Indian Hills Community Church  
Lincoln, NE 68510

## Family News.

**Death.** Eileen Dueck's brother, LeRoy, died September 15, 2015.

**Death.** James Davis, Gerry Pool's brother and Carroll Davis's uncle, died September 6, 2015.

**Death.** Betty Edison died September 16, 2015.

**Birth.** Adam and Jacey Rademacher are the parents of a baby girl, Selah Nicole, born September 18, 2015. Grandparents are Bryan and Barb Bulow. Great-grandparents are Maynard and Wanda Hershberger.

**Hospitalized.** Betty Scott was a patient at BryanLGH East

**Hospitalized.** Keith McDaniel was a patient at Lincoln Surgical Hospital.

**Hospitalized.** Lynn Young was a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

**Thank you.** Thank you for your prayers, cards and many visits during LeRoy's seven days in the hospital. I was encouraged. Also, thank you to the ladies who brought in delicious meals. They were very much appreciated.—LeRoy and Ruby Rogers

**Hospitalized.** Eudean Springer was a patient at BryanLGH East.

## Children's Studies

**Sunday School** Children studied Luke 14:15–24 and learned about the great supper and indifferent people.

**Children's Church.** The children studied Judges 6–8 and learned how God used Gideon to deliver Israel. The core truth we hope the students understand is to humbly and gratefully obey God, who chooses to deliver his people.

## Information

**Open House for John Jere.** An open house will be held Monday, September 28 for John Jere, a native Zambian pastor who cares for orphans and serves as a missionary in Africa.

The open house will be held at Jay and Jeanne Vallicott's home, 6521 S. 86th St., Lincoln, NE 68526, beginning at 7 p.m. Please RSVP Jeri Moser, 402-805-1651.

Light refreshments will be served and children are welcome.

## Last Week's Message

Sept. 20 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 1814. *Facing Our Conflicts Without & Fears Within.* 2 Corinthians 7:5-7

Sept. 20 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1927. *Fearing the Lord In Every Manner of Life.* 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Awana Workers Needed** on Wednesday nights. Contact Galen Pfeiffer at 402-613-6896 (leave message) or email: [gk5fer@gmail.com](mailto:gk5fer@gmail.com)

**Choir.** Men and women are needed in our choir. If you'd like to sing, come to the auditorium at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

**Titus Tuesday Ladies.** Please join us Tuesday, September 29 at 9:30 a.m. as Chris Thomas teaches "Walk in Patience, Kindness, Goodness." "Knitting Together In Love" is the second hour class taught by Sherri Machacek. Chris Thomas will moderate the discussion time. Child care for nursery, preschool, and home school children provided. We conclude at 11:00 a.m.

**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.

**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 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.

**Girls' Choir** is open to girls in fourth–twelfth grade. We meet every Wednesday night from 5-6:15 in the choir room. 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.

**Issues In Our Contemporary World** will meet Wednesday in room 1414 from 7–8 p.m.

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

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

**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.

## This Week's Events

### Sunday

Girls of Grace, Boys of Faith 6 p.m.  
Sonshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

### Monday

Door to Door Evangelism  
Sisters  
Open House: John Jere

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

Gardening 9:00 a.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 Contemporary World 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Book Study 7 p.m.  
Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

### Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7-8 p.m.

### Friday

Deaf Conference  
Alpha Omega Fall Retreat

## Future Events

### October 4

Baptism

### October 6

Cleaning Morning

### October 11

Communion

### October 31

Men's Breakfast

### November 1

Daylight Saving Time Ends

### November 3–6

Branson Trip

### November 15

Baptism

### November 18

Pie Pick Up

### November 26

Thanksgiving: Church Closed

### December 13

Adult Christmas Concert

### December 24

Christmas Eve Service  
Communion

### December 25

Christmas Day  
Church Closed

### January 1

New Year's Day  
Church Closed

### July 11–15

Vacation Bible School

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