

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

January 3, 2016

A warm welcome to all who have come to worship the Lord, hear His Word and fellowship with His people. May we sense His presence as we draw near His throne of mercy and grace.

May our service this morning be a time of true worship and fellowship that will inspire us to more dedicated service for our Lord and Savior.

The Lure of Sin

Keep in mind, loved ones, that our adversary is cunning and knows just how to show only what appeals, and what brings immediate pleasure without revealing the seriousness or consequences of sin.

At first glance, sin appears exciting and thrilling—but that is only a trap. What at first appears to be wonderful, results in a sense of emptiness, loneliness, disappointment, and fear of being discovered.

Our enemy lures us into thinking that we are an exception to sin, we won't get trapped, we won't get caught, we won't become diseased . . . but sin is always entangling.

It is impossible to have an intimate relationship with God when living in sin. God's way is the best



way and we must flee sin as if running for our very lives—which we are!

From the depths of His mercy, God forgives all who come to Him in faith, repenting of their sins. Genuine repentance is a change of mind, change of heart and change of direction.

Jesus gave His life to pay the penalty for our sins; His resurrection from the grave is proof that God accepted the transaction.

By God's grace, we are cleansed by the blood of Jesus, sanctified and set aside for godly living. What an awesome God we serve!

Have a good week!

Head of Church Safety & Security

Jon Duval

by Gale Engle

Jon Duval was raised in a Christian family and recalls lots of Bible stories and Scripture memorization while he was growing up. “My parents ingrained the importance of the Bible into me,” Jon said.

Although Jon prayed the “sinner’s prayer” when he was seven years old, he believes it wasn’t until he was 19 years old that he truly repented of his sins and believed in the Savior.

While watching *The Passion of the Christ*, Jon recalled verses that stated Jesus was beaten beyond recognition. “I thought about what Jesus went through and that it was my sins that put Him there. I fell to my knees and asked the Lord to forgive me. I believed Jesus died for me and I wanted to live for Him.”

As Head of Church Security and the Security Committee, Jon takes safety and security very serious and says, “Just because we are a church, doesn’t mean everyone comes in with good intentions.”

Jon also firmly believes there is safety in many counselors, so he relies on the collective wisdom of the Security Committee, which is comprised of a former marine, corrections officer, and current



Jon and Micaela Duval with sons Felix and Cassidy.

LPD and LSO officers.

Jon is quick to point out that the church has not been threatened. “However, acts of violence can happen anywhere and their frequency is increasing,” Jon said.

“The state allows the church to legally protect herself and the elders have deemed it prudent to equip ourselves so we can protect the church body and stop violence,” Jon says. “We’ve chosen this route because it’s legal, and we are equipping ourselves because it’s necessary.”

Since the inception of a church security ministry, a lot has gone into preparing team members. Jon says, “All aspects of what we’ve been accomplishing is a team ef-

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Jon Duval

fort, and without being surrounded by great team members, we wouldn't be where we're at today. We still have more to accomplish though."

Ushers are trained in evacuation policies for fire and severe weather. Interior security members are trained for fire and severe weather evacuations, intruders, and are qualified/certified in CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator).

Parking lot security, which Jon says is extremely important because it's the first line of defense, keeps watch over the parking lots and campus.

Evacuation policies for all children's ministries from newborn babies through sixth grade will continue to be practiced so parents can have confidence that their children are safely taken care of during emergencies.

To help aid the nursery, children, young adult, and adult classrooms, evacuation maps are posted in all classrooms, and security protocols are specific to each room.

"We have a choice to either be prepared or unprepared," Jon says. "Whether we're faced with a fire, tornado, an intruder, or someone needing CPR or AED, planning and practice will make a difference."

Church Leadership

Board of Elders

- Gil Rugh, Chairman
- Jeff Horn
- Rob Jensen
- Larry Riekenberg
- Rob Schmidt
- Mike Shrader
- Randy Sperling
- Greg Thomas

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- Duane Nelsen
- Aaron Nicholson

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- Kathleen Anderson
- Twila Beck
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- Gale Engle
- Jon Sauer
- John Scholle
- Kevin Wheat

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- Jim Aust Children's Church
- Adam Flaugh..... Evangelism
- Jonathan Goodding..... Boys of Faith
- Jeff Harford..... Junior High
- Jim Krieger Wee Care
- Curt Kuster Communion
- Nick McElvain High School
- Tom Price..... Nursing Home
- Todd Smith..... Sunday School

Part-Time Staff

- Doug Andrews
- Jerry Andrews
- Rick Gloe
- Carroll Lavalleur
- Nathan Marra
- Ed McClure
- Dale McDaniel
- Michal McGrew
- Charles Muir
- Kara Papke
- Carsten Scholle
- Zach Wheat

Family News.

Hospitalized. Ruby Ann Ganzel is a patient at Methodist Hospital in Omaha.

Hospitalized. Becky Cole is a patient at Madonna.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children studied the teacher's choice.

Children's Church. The children studied 1 Kings 2-3 and learned about God giving Solomon wisdom. The lesson goal is to recognize our inability to obey God's law, turn to Christ and ask the Lord for wisdom to obey .

Information

Ladies Retreat. Registration begins today for the February 26, 27 retreat at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City. The theme is "Biblical Friends Forever" and will be team-taught by Titus Tuesday teachers. Stop by the table in the south lobby to sign up. January 24 is the last day to register.

Titus Tuesday. Ladies, please join us Tuesday, January 5 at 9:30 a.m. for a "Mug, Muffin, and Message" morning. Our format for the day will be slightly different. It will be an encouraging morning as we get back into the swing of our regular meetings. Our theme is "Sound Wisdom for the Upright" and Chris Thomas will teach, "What

Exactly Is Wisdom?" Nursery, preschool and home school classes provided.

Offering Envelopes. 2016's offering envelopes are available next to Sound Words. They are individually labeled in alphabetical order and may be picked up at your convenience. Please help the Church save postage cost by picking up your envelopes by January 10. If you don't have an offering envelope, you can have one issued to you at Sound Words.

Cash Donations. The IRS requires that to claim a charitable cash donation it must be substantiated by either a cancelled check or by a written receipt from the church. For donors who give \$250 or more, however, a written acknowledgement from the church is required. For your convenience, the church will issue a year end giving receipt to everyone who uses an offering envelope and also to those who paid using checks that totaled over \$250.

Non-cash Gifts. Separate receipts will be issued for each non-cash gift. Non-cash gifts include stocks, mutual funds, grain commodities, and IRA distributions.

Choir and Orchestra are starting back up on Wednesday, January 13. We'll lead music that following Sunday, then every other Sunday after, and for the Easter concert.

Wednesday Night Study will resume Wednesday, January 20, with a five week study on “Faith—Is it Really that Simple?” with Tom Price teaching. This will be followed by one lesson by Steve Glenn on “Bible and Business.” John Carey will then teach a couple lessons on “How we got our Bible.”

Teacher Needed for a short gospel lesson on Sundays at The Waterford (Alzheimer’s Unit) on South 27th Street. A musician/singer is also needed.

Young Adult Bible Study. A study for young adults meets every other Monday night at the home of Rob and Lynne Jensen, 7943 Hunters Ridge Road at 7 p.m. Adam Flaugh teaches. Child care is not provided. For more information contact Adam or Rob.

Lending Library. Be sure to check out the great resources for every age in the Lending Library. Many good study tools for every age.

Several workers are needed to care for children in the beginning walker’s room during the second hour on Sunday mornings. Please contact Jennifer Lenzen at 402-435-0877 if you are interested in serving in this way.

Creative Sewers will meet Tuesday, January 5 at 11:30 a.m. to work on lap quilts.

Sunday Morning Phone Receptionists are needed during the Sunday School hour at the north desk. As the receptionist for the Sunday School hour, workers should arrive between 8:30–8:45 a.m. and answer the church phone until 10 a.m. (when the worship hour receptionist takes over). We hope to have enough receptionists so each one will work on a rotation schedule. For more information, call Lori Meyer, 402-488-7015 and leave a message. She will call you back.

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

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

Forgotten Clothing. Coats, jean jackets, hats, gloves and more are waiting to be picked up by their owners. Stop by the south lobby and check the coat racks on the far end for your personal belongings.

Home Bible Studies. If you are looking for a Home Bible Study, or are interested in hosting a study in your home, contact Matt Sherman at 402-465-8030.

Last Week’s Message

Dec. 27 AM. PB 22. *Messiah the Conqueror: Prince and Priest.*
Psalm 110. Peter Barber

This Week's Events

Sunday

Church Closes at Noon
No Sunday Night Church

Monday

Sisters
Young Adults Study 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Titus Tuesday 9:30 a.m.
Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.
Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

Wednesday

Awana 6:45 p.m.
Junior High 6:45 p.m.
Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7-8 p.m.
Church Opens at 8 a.m.

February 14

Baptism

February 19–20

Men's Retreat

February 28

Communion

February 26–27

Ladies' Retreat

March 5–9

High School Ski Trip

March 19

Boys of Faith Pinewood Derby

June 13–18

Senior High Camp

July 11–15

Vacation Bible School

August 10–13

Junior High Camp

Future Events

January 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6
Boys of Faith Riflery Clinic

January 13

Girls' Choir 5–6:15 p.m.
Orchestra 6–7:30 p.m.
Choir 7–8:30 p.m.

January 20

Wednesday Night Study Resumes

January 23

JHAM Ski Trip

January 29–30

Boys of Faith Lock-in



November Report

Print Media Distributed:
199 booklets

Audio Media Outreach

Sermon Audio:
1650 downloads & streams
in 46 states and 43 countries

Let us be good
stewards of the
Lord's blessings

No Food or Drink

in the Auditorium
or Chapel

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WINTER INSTRUCTIONS

As cold, snow and ice storms move
in, Duane Nelsen and Kevin Wheat will
try to keep abreast of the weather and
road conditions.

Weather forecasting is tricky—even
the professionals don't always get it
right—but with the help of local meteo-
rologists, Duane and Kevin will try their
best to make sure we are not driving
when it would be best to stay home.

Of course, each of us must use good
judgment with the weather, drive safely,
pray, and watch out for the other guy!

Church cancellations or delays will
be posted on the church website: www.ihcc.org

