

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

January 31, 2016

A warm welcome to each of you this morning. As we fellowship together in song and the study of the Word, keep in mind that worship is a personal matter that occurs on an individual basis. Our ability to worship God is a direct result of being personally related to Him through Jesus Christ.

## Spiritual Victory

God's desire for His children is for each one to walk in holiness. However, our enemy does not want us to experience daily spiritual victory and knows where to aim his fiery darts.

Perhaps the greatest obstacle to daily victory over sin is the secret sin in our lives. We justify our bosom sins, keep them hidden and secretly feed them.

Hidden sins drain us physically and emotionally. They destroy our witness, ruin our relationships and wound us spiritually. On top of all that, Scripture says that we must deal with our sin before God hears our prayers

There is only one way to deal with our secret sin and that is to attack it full force. This is warfare. The moment the sinful thought or desire enters the heart or mind,



we must give it the ax. When we sincerely ask for God's help, He will deliver us.

## What Lies Ahead?

Admittedly, we do not know what the future holds. We know not what a day may bring forth (see Prov. 27:1). We cannot predict the outcome of the present world crisis. We do not know what the end of these things shall be. And yet, is the future entirely a blank? For the Christian the answer is plain. The Bible has revealed what lies ahead—not to satisfy curiosity, but to move men to repentance and faith and to strengthen the hearts of His people.

# Warning Against Putting Tradition Above Scripture

by Gil Rugh

It is always dangerous to come to the Word of God with preconceived ideas and convictions and attempt to support them with Scripture.

Jesus gave a warning that is fitting for us to heed.

“And he answered and said to them, ‘And why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?’” (Matt. 15:3).

Jesus was addressing religious people—the Scribes and Pharisees. They were experts in Jewish religious beliefs and practices and claimed to support and teach the Scriptures. Yet, these earnest and diligent religious leaders

were guilty of violating the Holy Scriptures because of the unbiblical traditions they developed and enforced.

“And thus you invalidated the Word of God for the sake of your tradition” (Matt. 15:6).

Christ said that because the traditions they had developed were contrary to the Scriptures, they were rebelling against the Word of God. This is the danger. When we hold onto certain convictions or beliefs that are not consistent with God’s Word, we are guilty of nullifying the Word of God.

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

“You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men’” (Matt. 15:7-9).

We must be careful to come to the Word of God desiring to know what God has said and obey it. We should allow Scripture to shape our beliefs and practices, not vice versa. If that is not the way we approach the Scriptures, then Jesus says we are hypocrites, professing with our lips something that we deny with our hearts.

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# Bible Resources

The church website (www.ihcc.org) has many resources for the Bible student. We currently have 1,800 of Gil's messages available as well as messages from other speakers and classes. These messages can be listened to, watched or downloaded at your convenience.

If you would like to get Bible teaching on your mobile device, download the Sound Words app to your iphone or Android device. You will have access to a multitude of resources for your personal Bible study.

It is our hope that these study materials will aid you in your study of the Scriptures and bring you to a closer understanding and walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.



**Call the church  
402-483-4541  
to schedule a  
baptism interview.  
The next baptism  
will take place on  
Sunday night,  
February 14.**

# Church Leadership

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## Family News

**Birth.** Jon and Micaela Duval are the parents of a boy, Jaxon Frederick, born January 26, 2016.

**Hospitalized.** Leif Anderson is a patient at Bryan West

**Hospitalized.** Sherian McGerr was a patient at Bryan East.

## Children's Studies

**Sunday School.** The children studied Isaiah 7:14 and learned about the promised Messiah and His Kingdom.

**Children's Church.** The children studied 1 Kings 17-18 and learned about Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The lesson goal is to realize the greatness of God through humble obedience.

## Information

**Choir.** We need singers! If you'd like to make a joyful sound, we'd love to have you join us. Come to the choir room (upstairs) on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We'll prepare for Sunday services and the Easter concert.

**Boys of Faith** pinewood derby cars are available for purchase in the south lobby. The cost is \$8 per kit. The BOF pinewood derby will be held on Saturday, March 19. If you have any questions, contact Ben Teele or Jonathan Goodding.

**Ladies Retreat** will be held February 26, 27 at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City. The theme is "Biblical Friends Forever" and will be team-taught by Titus Tuesday teachers. If you would still like to register, please contact Shelley Pratt (402-486-1611) or Carrie Smith (402-489-8857). There is room for you!

**Issues in Our Contemporary World** meets Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. in room 1414. Donald Gortzen is teaching on Eretz Israel—the Land. Everyone is welcome.

**Titus Tuesday.** Ladies, please join us Tuesday, February 2 at 9:30 a.m. (arrive at 9:15 to pick up brunch items and settle in) as Sheila Abresch teaches "The Power of Words." The second hour class, taught by Jen Huff and Amy Johnson, is "Make and Take Wooden Plaque." Child care and home school class provided.

**Offering Envelopes** for 2016 are available at Sound Words through today. Envelopes not picked up will be mailed to you. If you don't have an offering envelope you can have one issued to you at Sound Words.

**Men's Retreat** will be held Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20 at the Leadership Center in Aurora, NE. Stop by the table in the south lobby to register today.

### **Faith: Is It Really that Simple?**

The third lesson in the five-week “Faith” series will be from a variety of passages in the New Testament. Learn how the rest of the New Testament writers viewed faith in a variety of contexts, but always the same result: salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Join us this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**Creative Sewers** will meet Tuesday, February 2, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing lap quilts.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Weddings & Funerals.** Please call the church, 402-483-4541, and ask for Pastor Duane Nelsen or Pastor Aaron Nicholson for wedding and funeral arrangements.

**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.

**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.

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

## **Last Week’s Message**

Jan. 24 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 1826. Strength In Weakness. 2 Corinthians 11:30-12:10

Jan. 24 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1938. Godliness In All Relationships. 1 Peter 3:8-12

# This Week's Events

## Sunday

Sunday Night Church  
Girls of Grace, Boys of Faith 6 p.m.  
Sunshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

## Monday

Sisters

## Tuesday

Titus Tuesday 9:30 a.m.  
Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.  
No Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

## Wednesday

Girls' Choir 5–6:15 p.m.  
Orchestra 6–7:30 p.m.  
Awana 6:45 p.m.  
Junior High 6:45 p.m.  
Issues in Our Contemporary World  
Choir 7–8:30 p.m.  
Faith: Is it Really that Simple? 7 p.m.  
No Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

## Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7-8 p.m.

## Saturday

Boys of Faith Riflery Clinic  
Boys of Faith Lock-in

## February 26–27

Ladies' Retreat

## February 28

Evangelism Prayer 3:30 in Chapel  
Communion

## March 5

Visitation Training Class 9 a.m.

## March 5–9

High School Ski Trip

## March 14

Door to Door 6:15 p.m.

## March 19

Boys of Faith Pinewood Derby

## March 20

Baptism

## March 25

Good Friday  
Communion

## March 27

Resurrection Sunday

## April 2

Outreach Garage Sale  
at Event Center

## April 12

Brunch Break 6:15 p.m.

## May 26–29

Girls of Grace Camp

## June 13–18

Senior High Camp

## July 11–15

Vacation Bible School

## August 10–13

Junior High Camp

# Future Events

## February 12

Girls of Grace Daddy Daughter  
Date Night

## February 14

Baptism

## February 19–20

Men's Retreat