

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## Believers & Water Baptism

by *Gil Rugh*

Few issues throughout church history have been as widely debated as the issue of baptism. Shortly after the time of the apostles, conflicting views began to arise about baptism. Many different views on baptism still exist today. Some teach infant and child baptism, some teach baptism for salvation and some teach that baptism is not necessary at all.

The Bible, however, clearly teaches that baptism is public identification with Jesus Christ. In Matthew 28, Christ instructed His disciples to baptize people “in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” A person’s name represents all that he is and all he stands for. So to be baptized “in the name of” someone means to be identified with that person.

Water baptism is also based on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit baptism identifies a person spiritually with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection, the moment that person believes. The Apostle Paul wrote: “Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come” (2 Cor. 5:17).

As believers, we have died and have been given new life—but it was a spiritual transaction. When a

person recognizes and believes that Christ died for him personally, the baptism of the Spirit takes place. He is instantly transformed into a new creature and is identified spiritually with Christ. Although no one sees it happen, God sees a changed heart.

Water baptism testifies to the world that this spiritual transaction has taken place. It is not necessary for salvation, but it is very important because it shows obedience to God’s direct command.

Some people argue that there are many other ways of being identified with Christ. “I could write a speech and testify of my salvation that way. It doesn’t have to be done by baptism,” they claim.

It is true that there are many good ways of testifying about one’s new faith, but Jesus said we are to make disciples and baptize them. Other ideas may be good, but Jesus Christ is the Lord of the Church, and He said we are to be baptized.

Believers can testify about their faith however they like. But, a believer is not obedient to the Word until he does what Jesus commanded—identifying himself publicly with Christ through water baptism.

# Enjoy Breakfast With the Guys

Eggs • Pancakes • Bacon • Sausage • Juice • Coffee

## Saturday, October 31

**Ray Terry, Speaking on  
“Kill the Drift”**



**Family Center**

**8–10 a.m.**

**Cost: \$3**

**Men's  
Breakfast**

**Guests Eat  
for Free!**

**All men (high school  
age and older) welcome**



# 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.

*Fall* CLEANING  
Tuesday Morning,  
October 6

Everyone Is Invited  
to Come Help

Meet in the South  
Lobby at 9 a.m.

## Family News.

**Birth.** Wyatt David was born September 24, 2015 to Brendan and Sara Williams.

## Children's Studies

**Sunday School.** Children studied Luke 14:25–35 and learned about the unfinished tower and the unwaged war.

**Children's Church.** The children studied Judges 13-16 and learned about how God used Samson to deliver Israel. The lesson goal is that the students will praise God who delivers His people and that they will use the gifts that God gives them for His glory.

## Information

**Titus Tuesday Ladies.** Please join us Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. as we work together to complete fall cleaning of our church building. Child care provided.

**Several workers** are needed to care for children in the beginning walkers 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, October 6, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing.

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

**Men.** IHCC is sponsoring a Christian Businessman's Lunch, "Minding HIS Business" on Friday November 13 from noon to 1 p.m. at Valentino's (70th & Van Dorn). This is an outreach event and IHCC men are encouraged to bring a guest for lunch and to hear the Gospel. The buffet is \$8, but guests eat for free. The speaker is Dr. Curt Kuster. His topic is "God's Diagnosis; Prognosis; and Treatment Plan for Mankind." Please RSVP 402-483-4541 or [adam.flaugh@ihcc.org](mailto:adam.flaugh@ihcc.org)

**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.

**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.

**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.

## Last Week's Message

Sept. 27 AM. GRM 1143. *Contrasting Catholic Dogma & the Bible*, Part 1. Selected Verses

Sept. 27 PM. GRM 1144. *Contrasting Catholic Dogma & the Bible*, Part 2. Selected Verses

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**Sonshine Kids** (4s & Ks) meet every Sunday evening at 6:30 in the Sonshine Kids' room.

**Bible Resources.** The church website ([www.ihcc.org](http://www.ihcc.org)) has many resources for the Bible student. We currently have 1,750 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.

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

## This Week's Events

### Sunday

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

### Monday

Door to Door Evangelism  
Sisters

### Tuesday

Fall Cleaning Morning 9 a.m.  
Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.  
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.  
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.

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## Future Events

### October 11

Communion

### October 23–24

Girls of Grace Overnighter

### October 31

Men's Breakfast

### November 1

Daylight Saving Time Ends

### November 3–6

Branson Trip

### November 7

Dodgeball Tourney

### November 13

Minding His Business Noon–1 p.m.

### November 15

Baptism

### November 18

Pie Pick Up 6–8 p.m.

### 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

### February 26–27

Ladies' Retreat