

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

November 1, 2015

## Welcome to The Hills

A warm welcome is extended to you, beloved of God, this November morning.

May our time together be more than a mere “Sunday obligation,” and instead be a memorable occasion in each of our lives as we study God’s amazing love letter to us. May we clear our minds of unworthy distractions and draw near to Him in worship and adoration.

## Being Thankful

We have much to be thankful for, both as a local church and as individuals.

It has been said that the first negative step in a person’s life is in ceasing to be thankful. Contemplating on God’s blessings is a good way to remind ourselves to be thankful, remembering how God provides for us as His children. Above all, He has provided Jesus Christ as the redeemer and sin bearer for each of us.

## Thanksgiving Is Coming

With Thanksgiving Day just three weeks away, the holidays are approaching and soon many of us will be embracing loved ones we have not seen for some time. This truly is a wonderful time as

children return home from college and relatives come for Thanksgiving dinner.

As Americans, Thanksgiving Day is part of our culture, but as believers in Jesus Christ, we are to give thanks at all times and in all situations—and God is the one to whom our gratitude is due.

Not only is God the source of all good things, but He has redeemed our very souls at great expense to Himself. He could have created us and then abandoned us, but He didn’t.

This is the grace of God. May we never forget the price of our redemption and be thankful, remembering to give thanks for everything.

## November 1

Today is the first day of November and we are reminded that time waits for no man.

Therefore, let us be fervent in keeping the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, knowing that the “season” is coming when we will give an account to the Master for the days we were given.



# Reaching Out With the Word

This past year, IHCC has given out 5,403 of Gil's booklets. These booklets are free for everyone (thanks to God's grace and your faithfulness). Besides being available in the church lobbies, these booklets are sent around the world—to everyone that requests them.

distributed in the last 12 months.



## Booklets & SermonAudio.com

### Past 12 Months:

Booklets Distributed: 5,403

Sermons Downloaded: 20,554\*  
(All 50 states and 99 countries!)

\* Does not include downloads through [www.ihcc.org](http://www.ihcc.org)

Gil's Bible-teaching messages are available on Sermon Audio. This past year 20,554 sermons were downloaded (not including sermons from our church website or apps). People from every state of the Union and from half the countries in the world have downloaded sermons from SermonAudio.

We currently have 54 different booklets available. The most requested title is *Isaiah's Prophecy of the Christ*. In addition to booklets, 6,000 Bible tracts have been

This technology allows individuals anywhere in the world to download sermons for personal study. We have also heard from pastors and Bible teachers that

# MINDING HIS BUSINESS

## Christian Business Men's Lunch

Speaker: Dr. Curt Kuster

Valentino's  
70th and Van Dorn, Lincoln, NE  
R.S.V.P. 402.483.4541 or [adam.flough@ihcc.org](mailto:adam.flough@ihcc.org)

12-1 PM  
11.13.15  
Friday

\$8 buffet\*

\*Free for guests.

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New Jersey  
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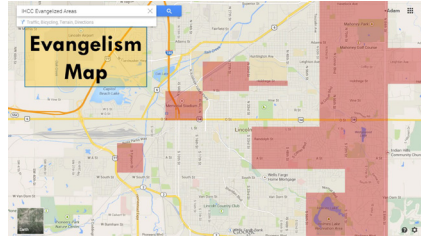
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We receive e-mails from people around the world thanking us for the Bible teaching they have downloaded free of charge. They are thankful for the teaching from the Word that has been instrumental in their understanding and spiritual growth.

It is our joy to see God's Word

going out and being used to accomplish His Will. The vastness of the ministry of the Word is humbling and we are grateful for the way He uses each of us to accomplish His purposes.



The above graphic represents seven years of work in which the Door to Door Ministry has canvassed homes (represented in the pink area) with the gospel

Door to Door will be starting up again next spring with the goal of reaching out to people where they live.

# Six Days and a Flood

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Scripture has the answers



Class taught by  
Larry Riekenberg.

Everyone high school age and older welcome.

*"Faithful are the wounds of a friends..."*  
**Coming Soon for Ladies...**

*A friend loves at all times*  
**BFF**

*"You are my friends if you do what I command you."*  
**Biblical Friends Forever**

**2016 Women's Retreat**

**Lied Lodge  
Nebraska City**

**February 26-27, 2016**

*"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."*  
**Registration All Sundays in January!**

*A friend loves at all times*  
4 people/room (quad) \$100.00 each

3 people/room (triple) 108.00 each

2 people/room (double) 122.00 each

*"Honor & counsel is sweet to his friend."*  
Friday w/supper 36.00

Friday no meal 10.00

Saturday w/lunch 35.00  
*"You do what I command you."*

## Last Week's Message

October 25 AM. Gil Rugh. *Giving According to Ability*. GR 1818. 2 Corinthians 8:10-15

October 25 PM. Gil Rugh. *Jesus Christ, the Chief Cornerstone*. GR 1931. 1 Peter 2:6-8



## Two Week's Ago Message

October 18 AM. Gil Rugh. *Grace as the Foundation of Giving*. GR 1817. 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

October 18 PM. Gil Rugh. *Christ's Spiritual House of Living Stones*. GR 1930. 1 Peter 2:4-5

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

Church cancellations or delays will be posted on the church website: [www.ihcc.org](http://www.ihcc.org)

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# Thankfulness Unites Believers

by *Gil Rugh*

Divisions can easily infiltrate bodies of believers. They can happen for various reasons, but one important way for believers to maintain unity is to practice thankfulness for one another.

Paul constantly encouraged the churches to be thankful for one another. And he set the example of thankfulness. To the believers in Rome he wrote:

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world (Rom. 1:8).

Every single Roman believer caused Paul's heart to be filled with appreciation. The Romans did not become prideful because of Paul's praise. His thanksgiving was directed to God because he realized God was behind everything good that had been accomplished in the lives of those believers. This same thankfulness should characterize our attitudes toward other believers.

Have you taken time recently to be thankful for other believers? It is easy for us to take one another for granted. It is also easy for us to focus on other's shortcomings, rather than appreciate each other.

How many times this week

have you thanked God for the believers in this local body? Conversely, how much time have you spent thinking about what is wrong with the believers around you?

Paul's letter to the Corinthians was addressed to a church that was far from perfect; it was beset with all kinds of problems. Yet in writing to them, Paul said,

I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge (1 Cor. 1:4, 5).

According to verse 4, if a person is a believer in Jesus Christ, the grace of God has been given to him. That means we can give thanks to God for all believers because God enriches their lives and, therefore, the manifold grace of God is displayed in them.

It is easy for us to look at God's children and pick them apart piece by piece. We can become discouraged and depressed if we focus on the things we do not like about each other. Instead of doing that, we need to give thanks to God for what He is doing in the lives of other believers.

To the believers at Thessalonica Paul wrote:

We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers (1 Thess. 1:2).

He also wrote:

And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe (1 Thess. 2:13).

When he wrote to the same believers later he said,

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you all toward one another grows even greater (2 Thess. 1:3).

Paul constantly gave thanks to God for what He had done and was doing in the lives of those believers.

In 2 Thessalonians 2:13, Paul wrote:

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

This passage shows us that God has chosen us from the beginning, and the means of that salva-

tion is twofold: "sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth" (v. 13). Paul says we should be giving thanks to God because of what He is doing in that process.

## **Does thankfulness characterize your attitude toward believers?**

It is easy to become mired down in difficulties and to focus on problems and trials that are being experienced in the body of believers. If that is our focus, we lose sight of the great work of grace that God is doing in believers' lives.

Paul letters show that if someone is a believer, there is always something about them for which we can be thankful. Spend time thanking God for other believers.

This thankfulness will have extraordinary unifying results in the body of Christ. Paul recognized the bond that he had with God and with other believers.

He was thankful for them and appreciative of the work that God had done in their lives. This attitude helped to stir his love for them.

May we be a people characterized by thankfulness to God for one another.





## Family News.

**Death.** Mary Smith's brother, Clifford Schroeder, of Fort Bridger, Wyoming, died October 23, 2015.

**Hospitalized.** Bill Peery was a patient at St Elizabeth.

**Hospitalized.** Eudean Springer was a patient at St. Elizabeth.

**Hospitalized.** Shirlene Langenberg was a patient at Lincoln Surgical.

**Hospitalized.** Dick Bergt was a patient at St. Elizabeth.

**Hospitalized.** Gerry Pool is a patient at St. Elizabeth.

**Hospitalized.** Marilyn Muir is a patient at Bryan East.

**Hospitalized.** Lanna Shrader is a patient at Bryan East.

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

**Thank You** for your prayers, cards, phone calls, supporting gifts and words of encouragement in the loss of my father. I am blessed to be part of the body of Christ at IHCC.—Marcia McClurg

**Thank You.** Lynn and Becky Young would like to thank all those in the Body who prayed, sent cards or letters, visited, and provided meals during Lynn's surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Eddie for his vigilant prayer and to Jon Sauer and Aaron Nicholson for their kind help. It is a blessing and a joy to be part of such a body of believers in Christ.

## Children's Studies

**Sunday School.** The children studied Luke 16:1–15 and learned about the unfaithful steward.

**Children's Church.** The children studied 1 Samuel 13 and 15. They learned about Saul disobeying God. The lesson goal is to submit to God's Word and obey it completely.

## Information

**Dessert Social.** Boys of Faith will be sponsoring a dessert social tonight, November 1, immediately following Sunday Night Church. Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Come, enjoy dessert and fellowship with the brethren.

**December Fun Money.** If you shop at Earl May Nursery or Garden Center and receive December Fun Money, please don't throw it away. Our garden ladies have a list of off-season chemicals they would like to purchase and the December Fun Money allows them to buy items at half price. You can give the Fun Money to Roxanne or Jeanne or put it in the gardening slot in the mail room.

**Dodgeball Tournament** will be held Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Cost for the Fourth–Eighth Grade League is \$5; Adult League is \$10. All proceeds go toward the cost of Boys of Faith camp



**Parking Lot Security.** Two men are needed to help with security in the parking lot. Contact Jon Duval or Kevin Wheat to help.

**Titus Tuesday Ladies.** Please join us Tuesday, November 3, at 9:30 a.m. as Carrie Smith teaches our Bible lesson, “Spirit-led When Anger Threatens,” followed by discussion. Loree Westenburg will teach a class on “Cooking as a Second Language,” second hour. Child care provided and we conclude at 11:00 a.m.

**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.

**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). 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.flough@ihcc.org

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

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

**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 Flough, 402-580-3014.

**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.

**Creative Sewers** will meet Tuesday, November 3, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing.

**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.

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

**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.

**Parents.** We have been practicing fire/tornado and lock-down drills in the children’s classes. We are thinking about safety for all ages and working hard to be prepared if an emergency should arise.

## This Week's Events

### Sunday

Girls of Grace, Boys of Faith 6 p.m.  
Sonshine Kids 6:30 p.m.  
Dessert Social 7:30 p.m.

### Monday

Sisters

### Tuesday

Branson Trip  
Titus Tuesday 9:30 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.  
Six Days & a Flood 7 p.m.  
Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

### Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7-8 p.m.

### Saturday

Dodgeball Tourney

## Future Events

### November 13

Men's Outreach Lunch 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

### June 13–18

Senior High Camp

### July 11–15

Vacation Bible School

### August 10–13

Junior High Camp

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