

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

February 14, 2016

Welcome to Indian Hills Community Church, the worship of our Lord, and fellowship with the people of hope.

Whatever your circumstances, we welcome you. Perhaps you've messed up badly and blown it with your spouse, kids, or parents, and wonder if there's any hope for you. The answer is yes.

No matter what has happened in our lives, no matter how unfaithful we have been, Jesus Christ promises us hope. His invitation is extended to all: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Be encouraged to come to Christ today. By turning from our sins and placing our faith in Jesus' death and resurrection, we are born into God's family.

Jesus' yoke is not heavy and yet we often refuse to be yoked with Him because our flesh wants an easy, comfortable life. We want to do things our own way. (A yoke

is a wood log, shaped to harness two oxen. The yoke keeps the oxen locked together so they share the load being carried.)

However, without yielding to Jesus and submitting to His will, how will we learn from Him and become the person He wants us to become? This is a choice each of us must make.

When our will is yoked together with the Lord's, He is our gentle teacher. Our load is light, and we find rest for our souls.

Foundation of Our Faith

Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of every ministry at Indian Hills Community Church. His Word is the foundation of our faith. If you know Christ as your Savior and Lord, then you know the peace and blessings that come from walking with Him.

If you do not know Jesus Christ in this way, it would be our joy to share the truths of Scripture with you. Simply call the church during the week at 483-4541 and ask to speak with a pastor. We will be happy to assist in any way we can.

Have a good week!

The Word Will Endure

Gil Rugh

A time capsule was buried at the 1939 World's Fair in New York. As you might imagine, a lot of thought went into choosing which items to include that would best represent life at that time in history.

Only one book was included in the capsule—the Bible! When asked why the Bible was included, a member of the committee said, “The Bible, of all books familiar to us today, will most likely survive through the ages. It will be a link between the past, the present, and the future.”

The capsule is to be opened in 5,000 years, in 6939—should the Lord tarry. I can't imagine what life will be like then. I don't know what life will be like in 50 years, let alone 5,000.

One thing I do know, however: God's Word will endure. Isaiah, the greatest of the Old Testament prophets, wrote: “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever” (Is. 40:8).

People have been trying to disprove the Word for centuries. One common idea is that “everyone has their own interpretation.” As if the infinite God was unable to communicate in a way that mere mortals could understand. That's an insult to the eternal God.

We are told “God spoke” more than 2,000 times in the Old Testament. God used human instruments with various writing styles to record His Word, but there is no doubt—Scripture has a divine Author.

Jeremiah wrote: “Then the Lord stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, ‘Behold, I have put My words in your mouth’” (Jer. 1:9).

The psalmist wrote: “Thy law is truth” (Psalm 119:142) and “The sum of Thy word is truth” (v. 160). The Bible can be summarized with one word: Truth. From beginning to end, it is eternal truth.

Part of the Bible is fulfilled, and we read it as historical fact.

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Word Will Endure

Part of it has yet to be fulfilled. How do we know God will keep His promises? Because He said He would. The psalmist wrote: “Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven” (v. 89).

Powerful empires have come

and gone. All we do, everything we attain, our homes, cars and bank accounts will bloom and fade because “All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field” (Is. 40:6).

Religions, philosophies and psychologies will come and go, but the Word of our God will stand forever.

New Book from Gil

God’s Intention for the Mosaic Law

When we think of God, we think of His great love. And yet, there is another aspect of God’s character that is just as great—His holiness.

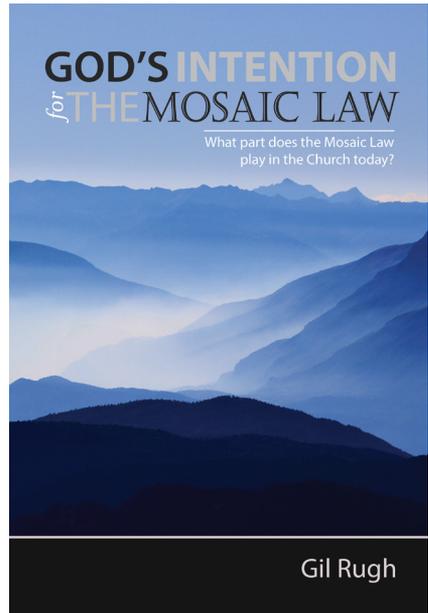
Not only is God holy, but he requires that His children be holy too. One of the purposes of the Mosaic Law was to reveal God’s holiness and the lack of holiness in His people.

Join Pastor Gil Rugh as he considers the question, “What part does the Mosaic Law play in the Church today?”

Controversy over this question raged in the Early Church and has continued to this day. There is much confusion over the purpose and intention of the Mosaic Law in the Church today. There are some who want to wed the Law of Moses to the Law of Christ. However,

is that God’s purpose and intention?

God’s Intention for the Mosaic Law is free and available in the lobby book racks.



Family News

Hospitalized. Caralynn Cornell was a patient at Saint Elizabeth.

Death. Sharon Riggs' brother, Richard Lloyd, died February 10, 2016.

Thank you for the prayers, visits, food, and phone calls during and after my recent hospital stay—
Ruby Rogers.

Thank you. I want to thank you all for your prayers while I was in the hospital and rehab. Thank you to Pastor Eddie and Pastor Aaron for coming to pray and share spiritual thoughts with me. Thank you to our ladies for taking time out of your day to prepare meals for us. Thank you for all the phone calls and visits. God bless you all.—
Fred and Ruby Valenta

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children studied Isaiah 44:9–45:7 and learned about idols and how there is only one true God.

Children's Church. The children studied 2 Kings 21–25 and learned about God punishing the nation of Judah. The lesson goal is for students to fear God, who hates and punishes all sin.

Information

Cookie Dough. Girls of Grace will be selling Eileen's Cookie Dough

on February 14 and 21 in the south lobby before and after morning and evening services. We are also selling industrial strength cookie pans (small and large), as well as ice cream scoops and spatulas. Pickup date will be March 16 from 6–8:30 p.m.

Visitation Training Class: Ministering to the Mourning. If you would like to grow in your ability to minister to the mourning, please join us Saturday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room.

In 2 Corinthians 1:3, we read that the God of all comfort has given us the special ministry of comforting the afflicted.

Romans 12:15 tells us to, “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”

We will look further into what the Bible says about comfort and take part in a panel discussion with believers who have experienced deep loss in their own lives.

Join us to benefit from these discussions and hear about serving opportunities in this area.

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.

Missionary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, February 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lending

Library. All women are invited to join us. For more information, please contact Nancy Dwiggin.

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).

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

Titus Tuesday. Ladies, please join us Tuesday, February 16 at 9:30 a.m. (arrive at 9:15 a.m. to pick up brunch items and settle in) as LaVon Sperling teaches the Bible lesson, *Wisdom Concerning Thoughts, Feelings, and Desires* with discussion to follow. Part 2 of the second hour series on *Responsibilities of a Christian Woman at Different Stages of Life* will be presented with Vanessa Riekenberg and Teresa Krieger teaching on “School Age Children” and Lynne Jensen and Connie McElvain teaching on “Empty Nest/

Adult Children/Grandchildren.” Childcare and a home school class provided.

Offering Envelopes may be 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.

Faith: Is It Really that Simple?

The last of the five-part series on “faith” will focus mainly on the Book of James, chapter 2. Does this section conflict with Paul’s writings on faith and works? We will wrap up the study covering a topic called “lordship salvation” and what that means in regards to faith. Join us this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Teacher Needed for a short gospel lesson one Sunday each month at The Waterford (Alzheimer’s Unit) on South 27th Street. A musician/singer is also needed. If you can spare one hour a month, contact Tom Price at 402-792-9331.

Creative Sewers will meet Tuesday, February 16, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing of lap quilts.

Last Week’s Message

Feb. 7 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 1828. *Love Doesn’t Give Up On the Wayward.* 2 Corinthians 12:13-21

Feb. 7 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1940 *The Work of Salvation Is Done.* 1 Peter 3:18

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 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Missionary Prayer 1:30 p.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.
Issues in Our Contemporary World
Choir 7–8:30 p.m.
Faith: Is it Really that Simple? 7 p.m.
Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

Friday

JHAM Friday Night Life
Men's Retreat

Saturday

Men's Retreat

Future Events

February 26–27

Ladies' Retreat

February 28

Evangelism Prayer 5:30 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 16

Cookie Dough Pickup 6–8:30

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 6–9

Boys of Faith Camp

August 10–13

Junior High Camp