

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

February 15, 2015

Photo Sessions Begin in 2 Weeks

With photo sessions for the new church picture book only two weeks away, it's time to schedule your session.

If you have not yet scheduled your photography session, stop by the table in the south lobby and get signed up today. Megan Allendorfer and crew will take good care of you.

You can still schedule yourself online by going to the church website (www.ihcc.org) and clicking on the picture directory link.

The photographer wants to make you happy. When you check in for your appointment, just let the receptionist know if you'd like something special, like an inter-generational family picture.

Also, don't be afraid to bring something special or extraordinary to your portrait session, like a hat, pin, scarf, musical instrument, Bible, sports gear . . . whatever is important to you.

Pictures will be taken in the unfinished area on the second floor, right next to the elevator.

No purchase is required and

you will not have to endure a hard sell.

Each family that has a picture taken will receive:

- Free 8"x10" photo
- Free picture directory
- 20% discount
- \$10 discount for scheduling online or at south lobby table
- \$5 discount for bringing a can of food for the Food Pantry



**Lula Belle says,
Stop by the table in
the south lobby
to schedule your
photo session**

Pleasing Fragrance to God

by Gil Rugh

The Old Testament sacrifices were a foreshadowing of Jesus, the Son of God, and His ultimate sacrifice on the cross. They could never take away sin, and yet they were a soothing aroma, a pleasing fragrance to the Lord.

God said to Moses, “The priest shall offer up in smoke all of it on the altar for a burnt offering, an offering by fire of a **soothing aroma to the Lord**” (Lev. 1:9, emphasis mine).

In the New Testament, Paul wrote: “[God] manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life (2 Cor. 2:14-16).

What is this sweet aroma? the pleasing fragrance that God manifests through us? **It’s the knowledge of Christ.** Telling people about His Son produces a fragrant, pleasing aroma to God. Like the Old Testament sacrifices, God is pleased with the aroma produced through the telling of His Son’s sacrifice.

Think about how important this is to God: “God so loved the

world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16). And, the greatest demonstration of love is this, “while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8).

God gave the gift of His Son knowing He would suffer and die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. As human beings, we can’t fathom the enormity of His gift.

One thing we can grasp however, is that God is pleased when we tell people His beautiful message. As believers, we want to live a life that is pleasing to God. One of the things we can do to be pleasing to God is to tell people about Jesus Christ. When we share that message, a sweet aroma ascends to God . . . and He is pleased.

On top of that, God manifests this sweet aroma of the knowledge of Jesus “among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing” (2 Cor. 2:15).

There are only two groups of human beings—those who are being saved and those who are perishing. We know this because Jesus said, “He who is not with Me is against Me” (Matt. 12:30). There are no people in the middle.

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Pleasing Fragrance

Until you place your faith in Jesus Christ, you are among the perishing, no matter how close you are to placing your faith in Christ.

Sometimes you share the gospel and a person responds negatively. You get discouraged, but do you know what is pleasing to God? **You shared the gospel!** It doesn't matter in that sense whether the person believed or not, God is pleased with the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ.

That doesn't mean we are indifferent to whether people believe and are saved. The burden of our heart is that they repent and believe in the Savior. For some, the knowledge of Christ is a life-giving fragrance. They hear, they believe, and they grow in the Truth. For others, they hear about Jesus and it confirms them in their lost condition. Even so, when we faithfully present the gospel, we are an aroma of Christ to God . . . and our heavenly Father is pleased.

For more information on producing a pleasing aroma to the Lord, go to www.ihcc.org and download GR 1795, or stop by Sound Words and pick up Gil's message *Giving Off the Aroma of Christ to God*, GR 1795. Pick up some Stop tracts to give away when sharing the gospel.

Church Leadership

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- Jim Krieger Wee Care
- Curt Kuster Communion
- Nick McElvain High School
- Tom Price Nursing Home
- Todd Smith Sunday School

Family News

Birth. Peter and Melissa Barber are the parents of a boy, Grayson Allen, born February 5, 2015. Grandparents are Rick and Marcia Willet and Richard and Janet Barber.

Hospitalization. Kathy Platt is a patient at BryanLGH East.

Hospitalization. Harvey Sejkora is a patient at the Heart Hospital.

“**Thank you**” does not begin to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love we received and continue to receive from all of you with Joe’s home going. The many meals, hugs and especially prayers were and are a true blessing to us. We truly thank the Lord for this church family.—Mimi Mogle, Robin and Tina Gould and Kevin and Tammy Wheat

Thank you for your many prayers lifted up as I travelled to Uganda. God was honored through many coming to Him, trusting and believing. I was richly blessed by the preparation of open hearts and minds. Praise to Him.—Sally Dunham

Children’s Studies

Sunday School. Our children studied Ephesians 1:15–23 and learned about Paul’s prayer for understanding.

Children’s Church. Our children reviewed recent lessons.

Information

Boys of Faith Derby Car kits are for sale for \$10 each after morning church in the South Lobby and in the gym before and after evening service today and February 22. Kits can be also be purchased during the Derby Car Workshop on February 28. Contact Michelle Piletzyk at 402-480-1347 if you need to make other arrangements.

Derby Car Workshop will be held Saturday, February 28 from 8 a.m.–Noon.

Cookie Dough. Girls of Grace will be selling Eileen’s Cookie Dough today and February 22, before and after morning and evening services. The girls are also selling the industrial strength cookie pans (small and large), as well as ice cream scoops and spatulas. Pickup date will be on March 18 from 6:00–8:30 p.m.

Men’s Retreat will be held February 20 and 21. All men high school age and older are welcome.

Ladies Missionary Prayer will meet Wednesday, February 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lending Library

Girls of Grace Camp will be held May 28–31.

Choir rehearsals are from 7:00–8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the choir room.

Creative Sewers will meet Tuesday, February 17 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing.

Titus Tuesday Ladies. Ladies, please join us Tuesday, February 17 at 9:15 a.m. for a light brunch, followed by our first hour class, “An Obedient Heart,” taught by Deb Terry. The second hour class will be “Simple Sewing Tips,” taught by Shirlene Langenberg, Heather Terry, Loree Westenburg, and Loretta Wissel. We conclude at 11:00 a.m. Child care provided.

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

Offering Envelopes. We have several offering envelopes at Sound Words which have not been claimed. We’d like to avoid the cost of mailing them out if possible. Please stop by today and pick up your envelopes.

Let us be good
stewards of the
Lord’s blessings
No Food
or Drink
in the Auditorium
or Chapel

Needs

South Information Desk Worker needed on Sunday mornings. Commitment is for two months out of the year. Contact Rachel Nuttleman at rachel.nuttleman@ihcc.org.

Nursery. Two workers are needed during the Sunday School Hour. If you’re interested in serving, please contact Esther Teele (402-467-4401) or Becky Schubert (402-430-4442).

Nursing Home Door-to-Door Evangelism. If you’d like to give it a try, contact Jeff Hermanson, 402-488-5668 or Adam Flaugh, 402-580-3014.

Cleaners Needed. If you are willing to vacuum one section of the church once every five weeks, call Tami Coffin, 402-366-3490.

Children’s Church. First grade teacher needed for the coming school year (June 2015– May 2016). Commitment begins June 1. For more information, contact Duane Nelsen at 402-483-4541.

Van Drivers and Riders are needed to transport kids to church. If you are interested, please contact Ed McClure at 402-483-4541.

Teacher and Song Leader needed. Please contact Tom Price (mathmanprice@windstream.net) if you could fill this need.

Prayer List. Go to www.ihcc.org to sign up to receive weekly prayer requests.

Ladies' Seminar

Friday, February 27
6:00-9:30 p.m.

Catered by Julie Harper

Lessons from Psalm 103
by Sheila Abresch

Interpreted for the Deaf

Register in the
south lobby today



January Report

IHCC Booklets:
276 distributed

Audio Media Outreach

Sermon Audio:
2,238 downloads & streams

One Place:
1,211 downloads & streams

Last Week's Message

Jan. 8 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 1797. *The Greater Glory of the New Covenant.* 2 Corinthians 3:6-11

Jan. 8 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1909. *Clarifying Details of Daniel's Vision.* Daniel 7:8-28; Revelation 12-13, 17

WINTER ISN'T DONE YET

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 meteorologists, Duane and Kevin will try their best to make sure we are not driving out to church 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



This Week's Events

Sunday

Girls of Grace
Boys of Faith
Sonshine Kids
Sunday Night Church
Baptism

Monday

Sisters 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Titus Tuesday 9:15 a.m.
No Mansion Builders 7-9 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Missionary Prayer 1:30 p.m.
Girls' Choir 5 p.m.
Orchestra 6-7:30 p.m.
Awana 6:45 p.m.
Jham 6:45 p.m.
Choir 7-8:30 p.m.
No Mansion Builders 7-9 pm
Issues . . . World 7 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

Friday

Men's Retreat

Saturday

Men's Retreat

Future Events

February 27

Ladies Seminar

February 28

Boys of Faith Derby Workshop
8 a.m.–Noon

March 1

Communion

March 8

Daylight Savings Time

March 14

Boys of Faith Pinewood Derby

March 15-18

High School Ski Trip

March 22

Congregational Meeting
Baptism

April 3

Good Friday Service 6 p.m.

April 5

Easter

April 14

Brunch Break 6:15 p.m.

April 26

Baptism

May 28-31

Girls of Grace Camp

June 1-6

High School Camp

September 13

Fall Kickoff

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