

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

February 26, 2017

A warm welcome to each one this last Sunday of February. We're glad you're here and encourage you to eat heartily on the Word of God—our spiritual food.

## Manfred Kober

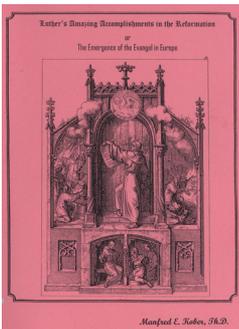
Dr. Manfred Kober was the guest speaker at the Men's Retreat. Men were blessed to learn about Martin Luther, his growing frustration with the Catholic Church, and his 95 Theses, which sparked the Protestant Reformation.

Messages were recorded and can be downloaded for free from our website ([www.ihcc.org](http://www.ihcc.org)). If you'd like a CD, pick up a loaner from Sound

Words. No matter what your technology status, Sound Words has something that will work for you.

Dr.  
Kober's

manuscript, *Luther's Amazing Accomplishments in the Reformation or The Emergence of the Evangel in Europe* is available at Sound Words. It is worth the read and ends with an inspiring conclusion. Cost is \$2.



## Derby Day

Derby Day will be held Saturday, March 4. This is a fun day and everyone is welcome.

Races start at 11:00 a.m. Check-in for cars is from 8:00–10:30 a.m. Racers should arrive early so they can make any necessary adjustments to their cars.

## Derby Diner

Part of the fun is eating at the Derby Diner. Concessions will be available throughout the day. This includes entrees, sides, snacks, and beverages. The diner will be serving concession-style food, as well as some fruits and veggies. Cash or check only, please.

## Cars

Boys and girls in first through sixth grade will be racing in Competitive Class. All others will race in Open Class.

All Competitive Class drivers will receive either a trophy or a ribbon based on their car's performance. Racer's Choice awards will be given to two Competitive Class cars that are voted best designed.

## Gospel Presentation

Tom Jordison will share the gospel. Please be praying that the gospel seed will be planted in the hearts of those attending.

# Water Baptism



*Vanessa Thomas was baptized February 19, 2017.*

Vanessa Thomas said, “I was fortunate enough to grow up in a Christian home and hear the good news at least every Sunday. I am unsure of the exact day that I became saved.

“Growing up,” Vanessa said, “I was a well-behaved child and didn’t struggle with any radical sins, although I had and still have my share of sins I battle daily.

“I have struggled with assurance of my salvation for as long as I can remember,” Vanessa said. “I have given my life to the Lord many times, and I am not quite sure which time I actually was saved. I do know, however, that I am a sinner who has rebelled

against my Creator and therefore, deserve death in hell.

“But, because of His love and compassion, Jesus died for my sins and now I am seen as righteous through Jesus’ blood. I know that my life and my desires are different than the world’s desires. I know that I love fellow believers and I see growth in my life. These are supernatural qualities that don’t come from a life without the Holy Spirit’s indwelling.

“I continually trust that He is Lord and He has saved me from my sins. After I met Andrew, I began growing even more because I got plugged into a church. I dig into the word and have a new desire to learn as much as I can about my Savior.”

*“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).*



*Andrew Thomas was baptized February 19, 2017.*

“I grew up at IHCC and was well aware of what the Bible said I must do to be saved,” Andrew Thomas said. “I tended to be a kid who knew the answers to all of the questions during Sunday school. I thought I was obviously saved because of the head knowledge I had about the Bible.

“Even though I thought I was saved, I still loved to get the attention of ‘proclaiming faith’ in front of people. At junior high camp, I was in the same cabin at Jason Vallicott. After discussion with him, I ended up saying that I believe I just got saved. It ended up being simply an attention grabber. Ashamed, knowing that I had done that simply for attention, I tried my best to truly understand what it meant to be saved, but still wasn’t able to.

“I ended up proclaiming faith yet again at my freshman year of high school camp.” Andrew

said. “I think there were about 15 proclamations during that week of camp, and I didn’t want to be left out. So, I pulled out some tears and said I was saved. It wasn’t until a night at mansion builders (which is our high school bible study) that I truly recognized the idols in my life, and placed my faith in Him.

“In January of 2011, we were all at John and Marti Carey’s house, and everyone was sitting around Sam Pelton, who was playing the piano and singing songs about our Savior. Everyone loved singing, but I found no joy in singing to the Lord. I just sat and listened. I wasn’t happy, nor did I have any intention of singing along with them. I had no desire to praise God, and right at that moment I knew I was going to hell and I deserved it.

“By myself I prayed to God about all the sins I’ve done and how thankful I am for His forgiveness. I knew it was real because the next day I felt a change and a new desire to please Him with my actions. I am thankful I now have joy when I sing to the Lord, because God has used that to allow me to help with our church music ministry.”

For more information about baptism, pick up a copy of *Baptism: Truth or Tradition* by Gil Rugh.



*Michaela Arbuick was baptized February 19, 2017.*

“I grew up with parents who taught me the Bible and I have attended Indian Hills all my life,” Michaela said. “When I was old enough to understand I prayed the sinner’s prayer every time I was invited to—just in case it didn’t work the first time.

“In Junior High I chose friends who were questionable. I tried to read my Bible, but most of it didn’t make sense to me. I was uncomfortable during small group time at church and I was afraid to look my leaders in the eye. I feared they could see through me.

“In High School I struggled with where I stood with the Lord. One night at Mansion Builders, I opened up to Deb Terry. She asked me to go with her and talk with Bill Mize.

“Bill helped me understand better the difference between what I knew and what my heart’s desire was. I believed I was a sinner deserving of hell, and Jesus’ death paid for my sins. But I was living

for me, not for His glory. I prayed with Bill that day, but I still hadn’t given Christ my whole heart.

“The tug at my heart continued. One day a friend called me out. I knew he was right. I wasn’t living what I claimed to believe and I feared the path I was taking. That day, in my car, I prayed ‘Lord, I can’t do this on my own, please change me because I don’t know how. I want to follow You.’

“That summer at camp we learned not to be friends with the world, and it clicked. When I got home I put an end to friendships that were not fruitful. I was hearing the Word and starting to grow.

“In 2002 I was married to Brent. During the first years of marriage, Gil taught on election. Suddenly I understood that I didn’t choose God, God chose me! I was overwhelmed with His love and grace, and it started a fire in me. I began to crave Gods Word, reading my Bible on lunch breaks, praying throughout the day, sharing the gospel with co-workers, and serving at church.

“I wish I could say my walk with the Lord has always been ‘on fire.’ Throughout the years there have been ups and downs, and many trials; some of which I tried to handle my way.

“I have failed and I have fallen flat on my face. But, I have a heavenly Father who loves me enough to discipline me, pick me up when

I'm broken, and wrap me in his love and forgiveness. The Lord is using my failures to teach me and grow me still.

“My desire is to love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I am so thankful for His amazing grace; that He would save a wretch like me.



*Brent Arbuck was baptized February 19, 2017.*

“I was born in a Christian home, and was raised at Indian Hills, with all its great teaching,” Brent Arbuck said. “Like a lot of kids, I prayed to God when I was about 7 to be saved, only because we had just learned about hell. I was frightened of that eternity (of course) and for years that was my testimony, but I didn’t show much fruit.

“I thought as I got older, that by being involved and doing as my parents wanted I was growing and maturing. I went to mansion builders in high school, was involved with the media ministry

for years and enjoyed it. I thought I was saved, but in high school I still didn’t see much fruit compared to others around me and I started to have doubts. I prayed to receive Christ in high school with one of the sponsors. I still would question whether or not I truly was reborn.

“In 2002, I got married to my beautiful wife Micki and I thought everything was good,” Brent said. “But, I continued having this feeling of something missing in my life. My wife and I visited with Bill Mize and I knew I needed Christ and I prayed with Bill as well. My head was in it and I believed everything I had been taught over the years but I had never made it personal. I was basically trying to live by a set of rules.

“In June 2009 my life crashed down. Sin that I had been caught up in was eating at me. I was feeling angry and guilty for things I had done. As a result, I was pushing people away I cared about, and lost a job. I was confronted about my sin and in the weeks following I fell to my knees and was humbled and broken before Christ.

“The following days I remember being in the Word and a veil had been lifted from my eyes. The Scriptures were clearer than ever before. I desired to be in the Word and my prayer life has grown. I truly am reborn. All my doubts are gone and I now have the assurance of spending eternity with my Savior!”

# Complete the Kitchen Project

\$170,000

## When will work on the new kitchen begin?

Kevin Wheat, Jerry Andrews and Gerry Pool have been cleaning out the area the last couple of weeks to get it ready for construction.

\$160,000

The construction start date has not been set, but meanwhile our guys have been taking care of preliminary items to get the area ready to go once the work begins.

\$150,000

\$140,000

## How much money is needed to start the Kitchen Project?

Since we have left-over wiring and conduit from the auditorium project, we will be able to use it on the Kitchen Project.

\$130,000

\$120,000

Once we obtain the proper permits from the city, we will start using the left-over materials we have already paid for to complete the electrical and plumbing work.

\$110,000

\$100,000

After the electrical and plumbing work is completed, we will need \$50,000 to install the stove, firehood, HVAC and make-up air unit. (This is \$10,000 less than originally anticipated.)

\$90,000

*\$44,125  
has been  
given  
to the  
Kitchen  
Project  
to date.*

## How can I give to the Kitchen Project?

You can give to the Kitchen Project by using your giving envelope. Write in “Kitchen” and the amount you wish to give under the “Other” category.

\$80,000

\$70,000

\$60,000

\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

\$0



You can also give online via the church website ([www.ihcc.org](http://www.ihcc.org)). Click on “Give” and then click on “Kitchen Project.”

## Will we do the work in-house?

Yes, we will do as much as we can of the work ourselves. Kevin will set up work days when we get started.

# Bible Fellowship Hour

## **Children' Sunday School**

Visit the Sunday school coordinator's desk for class locations.

## **Junior High** (Grades 6-8)

Studying Matthew  
Team Taught  
Cornerstone House

## **Senior High** (Grades 9-12)

Topical Study  
Team Taught  
Room 1430

## **Alpha Omega** (18-25)

Studying 1 John  
Duane Nelsen Teaching  
Room 2311

## **EDGE**

Topical Study  
Team Taught  
Rooms 2211

## **Common Bonds**

Studying John  
Jim Mooberry Teaching  
Room 1404

## **HIS**

Studying Deuteronomy  
Scott Bailey Teaching  
Room 1423

## **LOGOS**

Studying First Samuel  
Greg Thomas Teaching  
Room 1422

## **180<sup>0</sup> Fellowship**

Studying Luke  
Bill Cooley Teaching  
Room 1100 (Chapel)

## **One Heart**

Studying Matthew  
Dick Bergt Teaching  
Room 1112

## **LIFE**

Studying Matthew  
Jim Pelton Teaching  
Room 1419

## **The Father Knows Best**

Studying "Taking the Mystery Out of Revelation"  
Don Goertzen Teaching  
Room 1414

## **Prime Time** (60+ retired)

Studying Jonah  
Ed Daly Teaching  
Room 1417

Classes begin at 8:45 a.m. but everyone is welcome to come at 8:30 a.m. for a cup of coffee and fellowship.

For more information about any of these classes, contact Duane Nelsen at 483-4541, visit the class, or stop by the information center in the south lobby.

## **Information Center**

We would love to meet you! Please stop by and pick up your visitor/newcomer gift bag. We're located across from Sound Words.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law" (Galatians 5:22, 23).

## Family News

**Invitation.** Virgil and June Frahm will be celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary with an open house in the IHCC Family Center on Saturday, March 11 from 1-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Hospitalized.** Jay Vallicott was a patient at Bryan East Hospital.

## Children's Studies

**Sunday School.** The children studied Psalm 139 and learned about God's omnipresence and omniscience.

**Children's Church.** The children reviewed previous lessons this morning.

## Information

**Mowers** needed. If you would like to help mow the church grounds once every five weeks, contact Kevin Wheat at 402-483-4541, or [kevin.wheat@ihcc.org](mailto:kevin.wheat@ihcc.org)

**Cookie Dough.** If you ordered cookie dough from Girls of Grace, the pickup date is Wednesday, March 8 from 6:00–8:30 p.m.

**Door-to-Door Evangelism** (in the neighborhoods of Lincoln) starts Monday, March 13 at 6:15 p.m. We will meet at the north entrance of IHCC (by the security desk). All are welcome to attend. If you've never been out before, we will pair you up with someone who

has experience and you can learn by watching and listening.

**Ladies Titus Tuesday.** We will begin an exciting new series of lessons on being satisfied. LaVon Sperling will teach the first lesson on *Christian Happiness*. In addition to our discussion after the lesson, Mary Huff will teach a class on *Just Desserts* during the second hour.

**Cleaning Day.** Everyone is welcome to come help clean those places in the church that only get cleaned once or twice a year. Join us Tuesday, March 7 from 9:00–11:00 a.m. Treats will be provided.

**Wednesday night class.** Join Mike Voss on Wednesday, March 1 and 8 at 7:00 p.m. to learn about "Ministering in the Marketplace." Everyone is welcome.

**Roman Catholicism.** Tom Price will begin a five-week series on Roman Catholicism beginning March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bible Learning Center. If you would like more background on what Catholics believe and how to share the gospel with loved ones, plan to attend this class.

**Issues in Our Contemporary World** meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Donald Goertzen is teaching on Eretz Israel. Everyone is welcome.

**Nursery Workers** are needed for the second hour. Please contact Cheryl Slade, 402-770-3055, if you would like to help.

**Van Drivers.** We need more van drivers to transport kids to Awana on Wednesday nights. Recently, we had to turn kids away because there was not enough room in the one van that has been going out. We have more vans available! If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Dalton Dowding at 402-470-1605.

**Nursery Workers** are needed Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour. Call Stephanie Dowding, 402-416-9868.

**Cleaners** are needed to vacuum an area of the church once every five weeks. If you would like to help, call Tami Coffin, 402-366-3490.

**Choir** meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and will sing every other Sunday morning, plus sing for the Easter service.

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

**Girls' Choir** (fourth–twelfth grade) meets on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:15 p.m. in the choir room.

## Last Week's Message

Feb. 19 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 1993. *Harsh Rebuke for Being Lukewarm.* Revelation 3:14-16

Feb. 19 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 2075. *The Context of the Controversy.* Galatians 1; Acts 7-14

**Weather Alert.** If you are wondering if the church will be open or closed due to the weather, check [www.ihcc.org](http://www.ihcc.org).

**Nursing Home Door-to-Door** Evangelism. If you'd like to help, call Adam Flaugh, 402-310-2070.

**Lending Library.** Winter is a great time to introduce your kids to the church Lending Library. We have all kinds of books for both children and adults. Consider making this a “reading winter.”

**Home Bible Studies.** If you are looking for a Home Bible Study, or are interested in hosting a study in your home, contact Duane Nelsen at 402-483-4541.

**Teacher Is Needed** the first Sunday of every month at the Waterford (south) on South 48th Street. The service starts at 2:30 p.m. and usually is done in 45 minutes. A teacher and song leader are needed on the first Sunday of the month at Country House (70th and O) starting the first Sunday in February. A teacher and song leader are needed at The Arbors in north Lincoln on the fourth Sunday of every month. A teacher is needed the first Sunday at Gramercy Hill. Contact Tom Price at [mathmanprice@gmail.com](mailto:mathmanprice@gmail.com) for more information.

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

# This Week's Events

## Sunday

Boys of Faith Derby Cars for Sale  
Sunday Night Church 6 p.m.  
Communion  
Girls of Grace 6 p.m.  
Boys of Faith 6 p.m.  
Sonshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

## Monday

Sisters 7 p.m.

## Tuesday

Titus Tuesday 9:15 a.m.  
Mansion Builders 7 p.m.

## Wednesday

Girls' Choir 5 p.m.  
Orchestra 6 p.m.  
Awana 6:45 p.m.  
Junior High 6:45 p.m.  
Choir 7 p.m.  
Issues . . . World 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Study 7 p.m.  
Mansion Builders 7 p.m.

## Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

## Saturday

Boys of Faith Pinewood Derby

# Future Events

## March 7

Cleaning Day 9:00–11:00 a.m.

## March 8

Cookie Dough Pickup 6:00–8:30 p.m.

## March 10

Building Closes at 6:30 p.m.

## March 12–16

High School Ski Trip

## March 22

No Awana

## March 28

Intermission (Brunch Break) 9:15 a.m.

## April 2

Steve Scheibner Preaching

## April 14

Good Friday/Communion

## April 16

Resurrection Sunday

## April 21, 22

AO Spring Retreat

## April 28–30

Boys of Faith Spring Camp

## May 14

Boys of Faith Cook-out

## May 25–28

Girls of Grace Camp

## June 2–5

Girls' Choir Tour

## June 12–16

Vacation Bible School

## July 9–14

High School Camp

# Heartbeat

Feb. 26, 2017 • Vol. 25, No. 9

Editor: Gale Engle

Publisher: John Scholle

Heartbeat is published each week by Indian Hills Community Church for distribution on Sunday morning.