

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

February 7, 2016

Welcome to Indian Hills Community Church. We're glad you're here and thankful we could come together and worship our God. It is amazing that the King of Glory has provided a way for us to walk in fellowship with Him and to be guided, directed and controlled by the Holy Spirit. This time together is truly a special time as we worship and adore our King.

Decisions & Choices

Every day we make decisions. Where we are today is a result of decisions we've made throughout our lives. Where we are in ten or 20 years will depend on choices we make today.

The most important decision we can ever make is to believe in Jesus Christ. The consequence of this decision (or lack of decision) will determine where we spend eternity.

While we are free to choose, the world is always tugging at our hearts, trying to pull us away from God. If we listen to the world we will be enticed into making decisions that take us away from Him.

Therefore, beginning today, let us commit to hiding God's Word

in our heart. As we meditate on His Word, we will learn to love His law and He will make us wiser than our enemies. We will not be overcome by our emotions or the world's thinking.

Then, as decisions and choices arise, we will consider them in light of Scripture because God's Word will truly be "a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps 119:105).

Baptism

Our next baptism service will be held Sunday night, March 20. Make plans to witness this act of obedience to our Lord, in which the one being baptized is identified with Christ's death, burial and resurrection. Baptisms are encouraging to the church family.

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ and have not yet identified yourself with Him through water baptism, pick up a copy of "Water Baptism: Truth or Tradition" by Gil Rugh. The booklets are free and are available in the lobby book racks. Then, call the church and ask for a baptism interview.

Have a good week!

The Mosaic Law Could Never Save

by Gil Rugh

The Mosaic Law was never intended to be a means of salvation, and no one was ever saved by keeping the Mosaic Law. However, the Jews in Paul's day saw themselves as superior to the Gentiles because of their adherence to the Law.

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul drew a contrast between the way the Jews viewed themselves and the way they viewed the Gentiles. "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles" (Gal. 2:15). The Jews saw themselves as clean and the Gentiles as unclean. That's why they didn't eat with Gentiles. Paul went on to say:

Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the

works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we [who are not sinners like the Gentiles] have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified (Gal. 2:16).

Although the Jews had the Law, a great revelation from God and a great honor and blessing, no Jews were ever saved by keeping the Law. They were saved the same way unclean Gentiles were—by faith.

It is a tragedy that people still think they are going to heaven because they follow the Law, or parts of it.

Many people today think they are going to heaven because they try to keep the Ten Commandments, which is a summary of the Mosaic Law (see Ex. 20). Scripture is clear that this isn't a means of salvation—it wasn't for the Jews in the Old Testament and it isn't for anyone now.

Paul quoted Habakkuk (see Hab. 2:4) who lived 600 years before Christ when he wrote:

Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident;

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Mosaic Law

for the righteous man shall live by faith (Gal. 3:11).

If one could be saved by keeping the Law, then Christ died needlessly, and God made the greatest mistake ever made in time or eternity.

Paul affirmed that Jesus did not die in vain.

I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly (2:21).

Paul further clarified salvation by faith:

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified (2:16).

It is only by grace, in response to faith, that God credits to us the holiness of His Son. Both the Old and New Testaments clearly affirm that “the just shall live by faith.”



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Family News.

Hospitalized. Ruby Rogers was a patient at Bryan East Hospital.

Hospitalized. Cindy Andreesen was a patient at Lincoln Surgery Center.

Hospitalized. Liz Voss is a patient at Bryan West Hospital.

Hospitalized. Lyle Goodenkauf was a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Hospitalized. David Slaughter is a patient at Bryan East Hospital.

Hospitalized. Andy Anderson is a patient at Bryan West.

Hospitalized. Becky Schubert was a patient at Bryan East.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children studied Isaiah 52 and learned about the suffering Messiah.

Children's Church. The children studied 2 Kings 18-19 and learned that God is glorified by protecting Judah. The lesson goal is to trust the Lord to glorify his name.

Information

Clothing Outlet will be open Tuesday, February 9 from 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Cookie Dough. Girls of Grace will be selling Eileen's Cookie Dough on February 7, 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.

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.

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). There is room for you!

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 9 at 9:30 a.m. (arrive at 9:15 a.m. to pick up brunch items and settle in) as

Deb Terry teaches the Bible lesson “The Wise Woman is Diligent.” Discussion will follow. Two second hour classes will be presented on “Responsibilities of a Christian Woman at Different Stages of Life,” with Becky Sherman teaching “Newly Married/Young Children” and Marilyn Rugh and Ruth Porter teaching on “Aging Parents.” Child care and a home school class are 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. Stop by the table in the south lobby to register today.

Faith: Is It Really that Simple? The fourth lesson on “faith” is a brief look at some of the other major religions from around the world and what they do to gain God’s righteousness. From Roman Catholicism to Buddhism to Hinduism and more, we’ll take a look at man’s attempts to reach God through their own futile works. Join us this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Teacher Needed for a short gospel lesson on Sundays at The Waterford (Alzheimer’s Unit) on South 27th Street. A musician/singer is also needed.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

Last Week’s Message

Jan. 31 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 1827. *The Church Rebuked for Being Deceived.* 2 Corinthians 12:11-12

Jan. 31 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1939. *Live Ready to Testify.* 1 Peter 3:13-17

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

Tuesday

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.
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 7-8 p.m.

Friday

Girls of Grace Daddy Daughter
Date Night

Future Events

February 19–20

Men's Retreat

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 10–13

Junior High Camp