

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

March 1, 2015

## What Are We Seeking?

Anyone who has ever read a history book knows that every kingdom on earth has either failed, or is on its way to failure. Many kingdoms have fallen in our lifetime: communist regimes in Eastern Europe and dictatorships in the Muslim world more recently. Even the greatest of kingdoms: Babylon, Greece and Rome have fallen.

Eventually our beloved America will pass away, whether it's when Jesus returns or before, but like all earthly kingdoms, America is temporary. Only God's Kingdom is eternal.

That is why Jesus tells us to "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33).

Only true believers in Jesus Christ are citizens of God's coming eternal Kingdom. Brethren, may we live in light of our heavenly citizenship and seek His righteousness. God's kingdom is the only one that will never end.

## Picture Directory

Photo sessions begin this week and will be held on the second floor in the unfinished area.

It may be easiest to enter via the northeast entrance (under the big

canopy). Then walk to the elevator (across from the high school room) and take it to the second floor.

A hostess will greet you and verify the spelling of names for the photo directory.

Comfortable seating is available while you wait for your photo session. After your picture is taken, you may pick out the picture you'd like in the directory and as your free gift.

Appointments may still be scheduled online or by calling the church, 402-483-4541.

## Peter & Melissa Barber

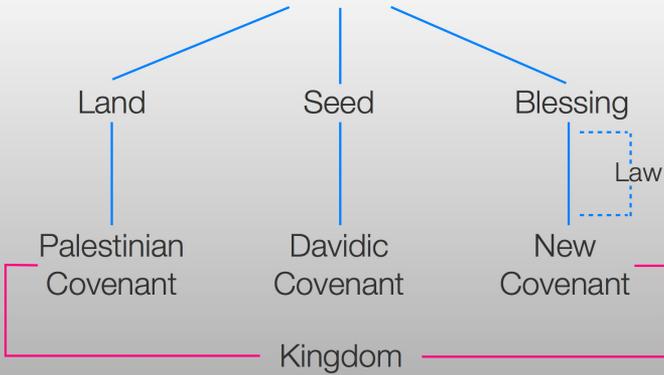
Peter and Melissa Barber and baby Grayson will be leaving soon for Montana, where Peter will take on the responsibility of senior pastor.

We have watched both Peter and Melissa grow up in this local fellowship of believers and have witnessed their love for the Savior and for His people.

With mixed emotions we bid them farewell, knowing they will be greatly missed, but also excited for the plan God has for them.

The board of elders will be presenting Peter and Melissa to the congregation on Sunday morning, March 15.

# Abrahamic Covenant



## 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](http://www.ihcc.org)



# Today Is the Day of Salvation

Gil Rugh

There are only two groups of people in the world—those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

Jesus said, “He who is not with Me is against Me” (Matt. 12:30). There are no people in the middle. Until you place your faith in Jesus Christ, you are among the perishing. If you die in that state, you have no hope, your final destination will be hell.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Behold, today is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2). That statement could not be any clearer. The day of salvation is not when you’re ready, it’s today!

Clearly we can’t tell God, “Come back tomorrow, I’ll mull it over.” God gives us the opportunity to hear the Word, hear the truth concerning Christ today. We are not promised that we will hear or understand it tomorrow or in 20 years.

We ought to fall on our face and tell God, “Thank you, Lord. I want to place my faith in Your Son, I believe He died for me.”

Tomorrow may be too late and yet, I often hear people say, “I’m going to trust Christ on my deathbed.” They think they will have their wits, they think they will understand their need and

that they will be all right.

They could not be more wrong. None of us know what will happen tonight. None of us know if we will die in our sleep before tomorrow. We don’t know whether God will give us the opportunity to believe in His Son tomorrow.

We have all shared the gospel with people who say, “I’m going to think about it, I’m not ready.” The problem is that “Today is the day of salvation! With the passing of time the perishing heart becomes harder until the person decides they don’t want to hear the gospel anymore. It is a serious thing to be exposed to God’s truth and disregard it.

When we don’t make a decision to believe the gospel, we are making a decision to remain among the perishing. That is a frightening and terrible place to be. All eternity hangs on our response to the gospel. Come to Christ now. Today is the day of salvation.

For more information on the day of salvation, go to [www.ihcc.org](http://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.

## Family News

**Death.** Lorene Friesen, mother of Carol Friesen, died February 5, 2015.

**Hospitalized.** Helen Springer is a patient at St. Elizabeth.

**Hospitalized.** Harvey Sejkora is a patient at the Heart Hospital.

**Thank you** to Pastor Eddie for your ministry of mercy and to the church family for the prayers, cookies, cards and visits. Thank you also to the Titus Tuesday ladies for your gifts of encouragement.—Carolyn Gillispie

## Children's Studies

**Sunday School.** Our children studied Ephesians 2:11–22 and learned about Jews and Gentiles reconciled.

**Children's Church.** Our children learned about God punishing Israel's idolatry.

## Information

**Hospitalizations:** If you will be staying in a hospital, call the church and let a pastor know. A pastor, or someone on the Visitation Team would love to visit you.

**Cookie Dough** pick up will be on March 18 from 6:00–8:30 p.m.

**Derby kits** can be purchased by contacting Michelle Pietzyk at 402-480-1347.

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

**Titus Tuesday Ladies.** Please join us at 9:15 a.m. on March 3 for the class, "A Heart in Training" taught by Teresa Krieger. Sarah Jacobsen will teach the second hour class, "Starting Plants from Seeds." 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.

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

## Needs

**Choir:** We need more singers! Come join us Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. A good number of singers have come down with the flu lately and (since it's difficult to sing with the flu) we're calling for reinforcements. We practice every Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and we'll sing every other Sunday until the end of May. We especially need sopranos!

**Toiletries Needed.** With the cold weather there are more people going to the city mission and there is a big need for toiletries. If you would like to donate, please leave donations in the Clothing Outlet, in the bag marked "toiletries for city mission."

**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 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.

**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](http://www.ihcc.org) to sign up to receive weekly prayer requests.

## Last Week's Message

Feb. 22 AM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1132. The Covenants of Scripture, part 1. Genesis 8-36; Romans 4

Feb. 22 PM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1133. The Covenants of Scripture, part 2. Selected Verses

# Derby Day

Check in Time: 8–10 a.m.

Cars Must Be Impounded by  
10 a.m. - NO EXCEPTIONS

Races Start at 11 a.m.

Derby Diner: open at 11 a.m.; serving a full lunch menu

## This Week's Events

### Sunday

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

### Monday

Sisters 7 p.m.

### Tuesday

Titus Tuesday 9:15 a.m.  
Mansion Builders 7-9 pm

### Wednesday

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.  
Mansion Builders 7-9 pm  
Issues . . . World 7 p.m.

### Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

## Future Events

### March 8

Daylight Savings Time

### March 10, 11

No Mansion Builders

### March 14

Boys of Faith Pinewood Derby

### March 15

Peter and Melissa Barber Farewell

### March 15-18

High School Ski Trip  
No Mansion Builders

### March 22

Congregational Meeting 5 p.m.  
Baptism

### April 3

Good Friday Service 6 p.m.  
Communion

### 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

### August 1-4

Boys of Faith Camp

### August 5-9

Junior High Camp

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