

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

March 15, 2015

Spring is just around the bend and we are reminded that time waits for no man. Therefore, let us be fervent in keeping the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, knowing that the “season” is coming when we will give an account to the Master for the days we were given.

How to Have Great Faith

We all want great faith. And, we want it without any trials, but that was never God’s plan.

We grow in faith as we are obedient in the little tests God puts in our lives.

Have you ever thought about Abraham’s willingness to offer up Isaac? Now, that was faith! But, think about the many small steps of obedience that prepared Isaac for that massive test.

Abraham wasn’t perfect, but throughout his life, he strived to obey God.

When the Lord said, “Go forth,” Abraham left his country (Gen. 12:14) and when the Lord said, “every male among you shall be circumcised,” Abraham obeyed (17:10, 23-27).

Abraham also learned that

there are consequences to not trusting God. He surely sent his son Ishmael away in sorrow (21:9-14).

When God asked Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, Abraham knew God would keep His promises. He had learned that truth over a lifetime of opportunities to trust and obey.

Like Abraham, we too grow in faith with each small step of obedience. Then, when we are given a more difficult opportunity, a firm foundation of God’s faithfulness built on past trials enables us to trust Him in a greater way.

Great faith comes from many little steps of obedience. If we neglect the small steps, we will miss precious opportunities to observe His faithfulness.

Are you having trouble trusting God for something in your life? Perhaps you have snubbed the small trials God has put in your path. God considers each of His commands important, and He faithfully rewards every act of obedience, whatever the size. Great faith begins with teeny-tiny steps.

Have a good week!

Going in the Strength of the Lord

Peter & Melissa Barber



Peter & Melissa Barber with Grayson (photo by Cori Johnson)

Peter and Melissa Barber have accepted the call to minister at Central Bible Church in Kalispell, Montana.

According to Peter, Central Bible Church is an independent Bible church with 250 people in the congregation.

While candidating, Peter and Melissa got acquainted with some of the people in the church.

“We really appreciate the people,” Melissa said. “They love the Lord and love each other and they want to hear God’s Word preached and live it out.”

Kalispell is in a valley on the western side of the Rocky Mountains and has a population

of 21,000. It is also the gateway to Glacier National Park. To top it off, Flathead Lake, the biggest natural lake west of the great lakes is just south of Kalispell.

If you’re planning on visiting Peter and Melissa, Kalispell is 1300 miles from Lincoln or about a 20 hour drive.

Church Background

Central Bible Church has an interesting history. In the 1940s there were few places where true Christian fellowship could be found in the Flathead Valley. While Christians were hungering for the truths of God’s Word, nearly all of the churches were drifting into modernistic liberalism.

Many families began meeting in their homes to study the Bible and spend time in prayer.

In the fall of 1942, several believers started a Sunday School that met in a member’s home. In 1943, the group organized and rented a building. The church incorporated as “Central Bible Church” in 1948.

The cornerstone for the present building was laid in 1953, and an educational wing, offices and all-purpose gymnasium have since

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Peter & Melissa

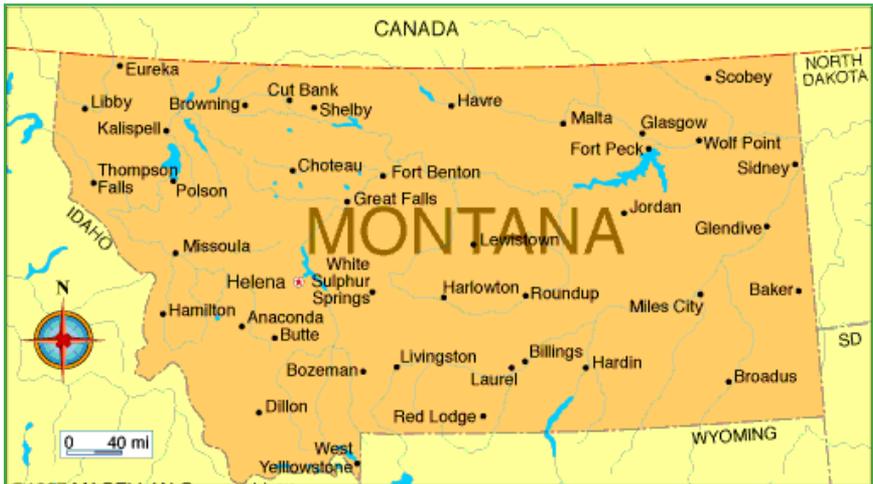
been added to the original building.

Travel Plans

Peter and Melissa have found temporary lodging and are leaving for their new home in Montana

this week.

“We are thankful for our church family at The Hills and we’re grateful for all the prayers and encouragement,” Peter said. “While we are sad to leave, we are also excited to go and we’re looking forward to what the Lord has for us in Kalispell.”



Kalispell is located in the northwest corner of Montana



Stop tracts are available at the main entrances. They’re free and they are great for sitting down with someone and going through the gospel. Pick some up today and then go out and share them!

Don't Miss Out
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and receive a FREE
8"x10" photo & directory

Schedule your appointment online (www.ihcc.org and click on the photo link) or call the church (402-483-4541) and let our receptionist help schedule your appointment.

Family News

Hospitalized. Bruce Masters is a patient at BryanLGH East.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. Our children studied Ephesians 3:14–21 and learned about Paul's prayer for strength and knowledge.

Children's Church. Our children learned about the sacrificial system.

Information

Cookie Dough pick up will be on March 18 in the south lobby from 6:00–8:30 p.m.

Missionary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the lending library. All women are invited to join us.

Photo Sessions are underway and going well. When you come for your session, take the elevator to the second floor. You will see the check-in desk as you leave the elevator. Don't forget to bring a can of food to your session and receive an additional \$5 off your purchase. 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.

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.

The Christmas Branson tour has been organized and we are expecting a wonderful time with a motorcoach full of fun-loving people who love the Lord. Our dates are November 3–6 so put this on your calendar for a future event. Details will be coming. Questions? Call Sue Ann Warkentin,

Nursing Home Meeting. The annual meeting for the nursing home ministry will be Sunday, March 29, in the Family Center, right after the morning service. All volunteers currently serving or those interested are encouraged to attend. Families with last names beginning with A through M are to bring a main dish and dessert while families N through Z should bring a main dish and salad. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Topics to be discussed include evangelism, music, visitation and updating the brochure. Contact Tom Price at mathman-price@windstream.net for more information.

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

Titus Tuesday Ladies. Please join us Tuesday, March 17 at 9:15 a.m. as LaVon Sperling teaches on "Good Habits for the Heart." "Basic Embroidery Stitches," part 2, is the second hour class taught by Ruth Porter and Wanda Goertzen. We conclude at 11:00 a.m. Child

care provided.

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

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.

Needs

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.

Nursing Home Visitor needed. We have one lady that needs a partner. Call Adam Flaugh if interested at 402-310-2070.

Deacon Candidate Adam Flaugh



Adam Flaugh

Adam Flaugh is presented to the congregation as a candidate for the position of Deacon in the Evangelism Ministry.

If you have comments regarding Adam's candidacy, please share them with an elder.

Last Week's Message

March 8 AM. GR 1799. *The Ministry of the New Covenant.* 2 Corinthians 4:1-5

March 8 PM. GR 1911. *The Scriptures Move Daniel to Prayer.* Daniel 9:1-21; Jeremiah 25, 29



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This Week's Events

Sunday

High School Ski Trip
Girls of Grace
Boys of Faith
Sonshine Kids
Sunday Night Church

Monday

Sisters 7 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Girls' Choir 5 p.m.
Cookie Dough Pick up
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.

Future Events

March 22

Congregational Meeting 5 p.m.

March 29

Children Sing Sunday Night
Nursing Home Meeting

April 3

Good Friday Service 6 p.m.
Communion

April 5

Easter
No Sunday Night Church

April 12

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jason Lisle

April 14

Brunch Break 6:15 p.m.

April 26

Baptism

May 28-31

Girls of Grace Camp

June 1-6

High School Camp

June 22-26

Vacation Bible School

August 1-4

Boys of Faith Camp

August 5-9

Junior High Camp

September 13

Fall Kickoff

September 27

Baptism

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