

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

March 26, 2017

The clarity of the gospel is important to us at The Hills. It is the only way of salvation and it is crucial that we get it right as teaching any other gospel results in eternal suffering in hell.

The gospel is simple, even a child can understand it. Not only does it provide eternal life in heaven, it gives us God's peace on earth.

And yet, the gospel is under relentless attack. It is troubling that the most effective attacks come from within the church. As more churches abandon the teaching of the Word, doctrinal errors creep in unnoticed.

By God's grace we have a shepherd who has been clarifying the gospel for the past 48 years. Besides the verses we study, nearly every Sunday we hear about God's plan of salvation.

May we never grow tired of the clear presentation of the gospel. It is the power of God for salvation.

Good Friday & Resurrection Sunday

In less than three weeks we will gather in remembrance of

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. The evening will include special music, communion, and a message from the Word.

Resurrection Sunday will begin with Sunday school at 8:45 a.m. The worship service at 10 a.m. will have 45 minutes of music and 45 minutes of teaching from the Word.

The building will close at noon so everyone can be home in time for Easter dinner. We will not meet for Sunday Night Church.

Invitations Available

Consider who the Lord would have you invite to church and give them an invitation. Even those who don't attend church regularly are often willing to come on Easter Sunday.

We must not be shy; we are celebrating the greatest event in history. Keep in mind that God works in mysterious ways. The seed of faith may be planted in our loved one's heart upon hearing the events that transpired some 2,000 years ago.

Invitations are available at the main entrances.

Pilot Steve Scheibner to Speak April 2 World Trade Center Inferno on 9/11

American Airlines Pilot, First Officer Steve Scheibner was scheduled to fly Flight 11 on September 11, 2001 but was bumped by a more senior pilot. What he did not know was that Flight 11 would be the first plane to fly into the World Trade Center on that serene, almost cloudless 9/11 morning.



Steve and Megan Scheibner are the parents of eight children.

You will hear first-hand, Steve's close call and how his seat ended up in the inferno of the World Trade Center on 9/11.

After graduating from West Chester University with a B.S. in Economics, Steve joined the U.S. Navy and was commissioned and trained as a pilot. He was deployed three times in four years flying the P3 Orion.

Steve left active duty in 1991 and was hired by American Airlines the same year.

Speaking at The Hills on April 2, Steve's message compels the questions, "what am I here for?" and "am I making my days count for God?"

In My Seat is the title of the

message Steve will be sharing at 10 a.m. Anyone raising children will be blessed by the 4 p.m. mini-conference he will present on parenting, entitled *Parent with Purpose*. At 6:00 p.m., Steve will talk about the *Believer's Character Health*.

Child care will be provided for all services including the 4:00 p.m. mini-conference. If you will need child care for the mini-conference, please sign up at the table in the south lobby, so we know how many children to expect.

Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions. All three messages will be interpreted for the Deaf.

CHARACTER HEALTH

You Are Invited

In My Seat

A Pilot's Story from
September 10th & 11th

Living On Borrowed Time...
Sunday, April 2
10:00 AM

Interpreted for the Deaf
Indian Hills Community Church
1000 S 84th Street // Lincoln, NE 68510
402.483.4541 // www.ihcc.org

Biblical Discipleship

by Adam Flaugh

What do you think is a passage that Pastor Gil Rugh has called “key to our ministry” and “foundational to what God has called us to be and to do as His people”?

It was Matthew 28:19-20:

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

A one night introductory lesson on the *practice* of this passage will take place Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. I want to invite you to this class, but I also want to introduce this often misunderstood concept of *discipleship* by considering what Jesus Christ had to say about it in Matthew 28:19-20.

The Great Commission

In the passage known as the Great Commission, Jesus is speaking to possibly 500 people (1 Cor. 15:6) and begins His address with an all-encompassing proclamation of His authority and sovereignty. He follows this demanding statement with a commission for His followers. The commission is a command to “make disciples.” The command is aorist imperative (strong, urgent) and has three par-

ticiples: go, baptize, and teach.

It is critical that we understand and obey this foundational instruction which was given to us by the Lord of all. Let’s examine two things:

- What is a disciple?
- How do we obey this command?

What Is a Disciple?

In Matt 10:24 Jesus said, “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master.” A disciple is simply a learner or a follower who is trying to become like his teacher or master.

In Matt. 11:28-29 Jesus said, “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” A disciple of Jesus Christ is one who submits to Him and learns from Him. When someone comes to Christ in submissive faith, they find *rest* and begin the *learning* process.

In Acts 11:26 the disciples were first called Christians. In that sense, you could simply consider the word “Christian” as a synonym

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for “disciple of Jesus Christ.”

This brings us to an important point. There are not class distinctions when it comes to Christians. You don’t become a disciple after entering a discipleship program as a “disciplee.” You don’t graduate from that level of maturity upon completing the program and then obtain the higher level of “discipler.” If you are a Christian, you are a disciple and your learning will continue through this life and the next.

Obeying the Command

The three participles modifying the command to “make disciples” help us to understand how to obey this command. The participles are:

Go – Christ is telling His followers to go to all the nations and preach the Gospel. Salvation is not just for the Jews, but also for the Gentiles (praise the Lord!).

Baptize – All disciples are to be baptized in the name of the triune God.

Teach – The presentation of the gospel is the beginning of this teaching. After a person believes that message, then comes the learning necessary for maturity.

Notice that this teaching is so that they “observe” (do, practice) all that Christ commanded. Dis-

ciples are not taught just so they gain head knowledge, but so they obey and practice what they learn. That’s a fundamental reason why the Word of Christ is the basis for all of our ministries at IHCC. It’s not so that we can grow simply in intellect, it is so that we *practice* the truths of Christ and teach others to do the same. We are to be “doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves” (James 1:22).

Obedying Christ’s command to make disciples means that we should be striving to win people to Jesus and then help them follow the Master. God is the One who does the saving and sanctifying, but we do play a part in His plan. We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us. We ought to be begging people on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:20). Through the ministry of the Word, we should be patiently seeking the good of not only “one another,” but also “all people” (1 Thess. 5:14-15). By sharing the gospel in evangelism and speaking the truth in edification we can be an instrument that God uses to make an individual more like His Son.

How about the specifics then? What should each one of us be doing to see unbelievers get saved and Christians grow in sanctification? Is that only for our pastors to be concerned about? What is the

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biblical instruction to *individual Christians* when it comes to making disciples? What kind of heart attitude should we have towards these two fundamental ministries of the church: *evangelism* and *edification*? Those are the questions that our Wednesday night class will begin to address.

A Ministry of Knowing & Growing

I like to think of biblical discipleship as helping people to *know* (1 Timothy 2:4) and *grow* (2 Peter 3:18). *Knowing* starts with the Gospel. It starts with salvation when a person comes to the knowledge of the truth. That is eternal life, that they may *know* the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent (John 17:3). At that instant, they are indwelt with the Holy Spirit and they start to *grow* in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the ministry of His Word. *Knowing & growing*

is our ambition. Evangelizing & edifying in truth & love is our action and attitude.

...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love (Ephesians 4:15-16).

That's the reason for this class, "Biblical Discipleship: Building Up & Reaching Out in Truth & Love," on Wednesday, March 29—to spur one another on toward love and good deeds in the area of personal evangelism and edification. To get equipped to impart not only the gospel, but also our own lives (1 Thess. 2:7-8) as we work to lovingly edify "one another" and evangelize "all people" more effectively. We can't do all that in one night, but if you are interested in learning more about how you can make disciples of Jesus Christ, please attend!



Invitations are available at the main entrances. Please prayerfully consider who the Lord would have you invite.



Titus Tuesday

InterMission

Tuesday, March 28th

9:15-11:00am

Speaker Teresa Krieger

Special Feature

"Spring Cleaning"

Merrily Bailey and Janell Papke

Please bring a brunch item to share

Free nursery through kindergarten • Interpreted for the deaf

Indian Hills Community Church | 1000 S. 84th Street | Lincoln, NE, 68510

Kitchen Project

Dollars
Needed

\$170,000

\$160,000

\$150,000

\$140,000

\$130,000

\$120,000

\$110,000

\$100,000

\$90,000

\$80,000

\$70,000

\$60,000

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Dollars
Received

\$70,412
*has been
given to
the
Kitchen
Project to
date.*

*Official
starting
date has
not been
set, but
Kevin
Wheat
has been
preparing
the area
for work.*



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Bible Fellowship Hour

Children' Sunday School

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

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Studying Acts
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 Acts
Jim Mooberry Teaching
Room 1404

HIS

Studying Deuteronomy
Scott Bailey Teaching
Room 1423

LOGOS

Studying First Samuel
Greg Thomas Teaching
Room 1422

180° 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 Genesis
Mike Voss 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 of the Son He says, "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM" (Hebrews 1:8).

Family News

Marriage. Nathan Marra and Megan Barber were united in marriage March 18, 2017.

We thank our Lord and you for the wonderful gift of a reunion with family and friends as we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 11, 2017. Also, thanks to the Wedding & Anniversary committee for making our day a great success. Many memories will remain and we look forward to many more. Our love—Virgil and June Frahm

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children reviewed recent lessons or verses from Ecclesiastes.

Children's Church. The children studied Acts 10 and 11 and learned about the Gentiles receiving the gospel. The lesson goal is to understand that God saves all people who place their faith in his Son.

Information

Church Bushes Need a Friend that will prune and trim them when needed. This person does not need former experience as a friend to bushes. Carl Langenberg will train you on how to be a bush's best friend. You may set your own schedule and prune and trim when it works for you. If you would be

interested in this position, call Roxanne Nelsen at 402-475-8898.

Gardening Begins Monday, March 27 at 1 p.m. If you'd like to help with the church flower gardens, we'd love your helping hands. Experience and green thumbs are not required. We provide the tools. Please come and enjoy the fresh air and fellowship. Meet in the north parking lot.

Girls of Grace camp registration will be held on April 23, April 30 and May 7, before and after each service. All registrations must be turned in by May 7. Camp is May 25–28.

Door 2 Door Evangelism (in the neighborhoods of Lincoln) meets each Monday at 6:15 p.m., weather permitting. 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.

Wednesday Night Study. Adam Flaugh will be teaching on Biblical Discipleship on Wednesday, March 29. Everyone is welcome.

Ladies Titus Tuesday. We will not meet this week so everyone can attend Intermission. Join us April 4 for a lesson and fellowship.

Substitute Nursery Workers are needed for all three services on Sunday. If you're available for one or all three services, call Stephanie Dowding, 402-416-9868, and she will put you on the list.

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

Nursing Home Ministry. The highest priority in the nursing home ministry is a teacher for Legacy Arbors on the fourth Sunday of the month, starting in April. There is also a need for a piano player for this service. Contact Tom Price at mathmanprice@gmail.com for more information.

Nursing Home Brochure. We have a new, updated brochure for the nursing home ministry. If you are already involved or would like to be involved, please contact Tom Price at mathmanprice@gmail.com for a new brochure.

VBS 2017 Meeting. All VBS workers should attend the meeting today (Sunday, March 26) at 5 p.m. in the chapel.

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

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.

Weather Alert. If you are wondering if the church will be open or closed due to the weather, check www.ihcc.org.

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

Lending Library. This is a great time to introduce your kids to the church Lending Library. We have all kinds of books for both children and adults.

Last Week's Message

March 19 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 1997. *Reasons for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture 1.* Revelation; Selected Verses

March 19 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 2079. *Only One Gospel Is the Truth.* Galatians 1:8-10

This Week's Events

Sunday

VBS Workers Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Church 6:00 p.m.

Girls of Grace 6:00 p.m.

Boys of Faith 6:00 p.m.

Sonshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

Boys of Faith Dessert Social 7:30 p.m.

Monday

Door 2 Door 6:15 p.m.

Sisters 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

No Titus Tuesday 9:15 a.m.

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

Mansion Builders 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Girls' Choir 5:00 p.m.

Orchestra 6:00 p.m.

Awana 6:45 p.m.

Junior High 6:45 p.m.

Choir 7:00 p.m.

Issues . . . World 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Study 7:00 p.m.

Mansion Builders 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7:00 p.m.

Future Events

April 2

Steve Scheibner Preaching

In My Seat 10:00 a.m.

Parent with Purpose 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Character Health 6:00 p.m.

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 Cookout

May 25–28

Girls of Grace Camp

May 29

Memorial Day (Offices Closed)

June 2–5

Girls' Choir Tour

June 12–16

Vacation Bible School

July 4

Independence Day (Offices Closed)

July 9–14

High School Camp

August 5–8

Boys of Faith Camp

August 9–12

Junior High School Camp

September 4

Labor Day (Offices Closed)

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