

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 17, 2016

Welcome to Indian Hills and to this time of corporate worship. Surely we come before Him with thankfulness and gratitude for His great love for us. Not only has He showered us with gifts, but He has provided His Son to be our Savior.

In God's great love, mercy, and grace he has provided His Word to nourish us. As we study His Word, we are strengthened and receive greater understanding of His love, care, and daily provision.

May the Holy Spirit take His Truth and carry it to our hearts and minds, and may we be eager to have His Truth mold and shape us.

## Quote

“There, but for the grace of God, go I”—John Bradford, Reformer who was martyred (burned at the stake) under Queen Mary's reign on July 1, 1555 at the age of 45.

## Come Grow With Us

Indian Hills is a church which believes the Bible is the Word of God. At Indian Hills you will find the Bible is always the central focus, both in the worship services and the classroom. Whether you have children who need Bible training, or are a parent or grandparent who would like to know more about what the

Bible says, the ministry of Indian Hills has a place for you!

For many people the Bible seems to be a closed book—a book full of literary figures and ancient history—but with little relevance to personal lives in this day and age.

However, this is really not so. The Bible is an exciting book which has survived the passing of time because God authored it—especially for us to understand how we can personally know Him.

Please accept this invitation to join us for a God-centered worship service designed to acquaint you with the Lord God of the Universe.

## Before We Speak

We are to give careful consideration to everything that comes out of our mouths. Before we speak, we must make sure:

- Our words are true. (Are our thoughts based on gossip or slander?)
- Our words are helpful. (Are we building up or tearing down?)
- Our words are necessary. (Are we finding fault with something of little importance?)
- Our words are kind. (Are we humble in our approach?)
- We've removed the log from our own eyes.

# Enjoy Breakfast With the Guys

Eggs • Pancakes • Bacon • Sausage • Juice • Coffee

## Saturday, April 23

### Aaron Nicholson, Speaker



Family Center

8–10 a.m.

Cost: \$3

## Men's Breakfast

Guests Eat  
for Free!

All men (high school  
age and older) welcome

# Wrath of God

Gil Rugh

The penalty for sin is death (see Rom. 6:23), and God demands that the penalty be paid. Those who reject Christ's sacrifice on the cross have nothing to look forward to "but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES" (Heb. 10:27).

The one true, holy and righteous God demands justice. This leaves only two possibilities for mankind—salvation in the finished work of Jesus Christ for those who believe in Him, or terrifying judgment for those who do not believe in Him. The penalty will be paid, either by Christ's death being credited to sinners or by sinners who reject Him suffering eternity in hell. If men reject Christ's acceptable sacrifice, they are left bare and naked before the wrath of Almighty God.

The word which is translated "fury" in Hebrews 10 is related to jealousy and anger. The fire will be a result of the jealous anger of God because of the unbeliever's sinfulness and unwillingness to receive His Son as Savior.

The destiny of those who are under the judgment of God is fire, destruction and ruin. "Neither

**their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them on the day of the Lord's wrath"** (Zeph. 1:18).

No one will be able to buy forgiveness with silver or gold. Zephaniah went on to describe God's judgment on those who reject His provision of forgiveness: "And all the earth will be devoured in the fire of His jealousy, for He will make a complete end, indeed a terrifying one, of all the inhabitants of the earth" (Zeph. 1:18).

The only alternative to eternal destruction is to accept the salvation provided by God through faith in Jesus Christ.



## March Report

**Print Media Distributed:**  
**469 booklets**

## Audio Media Outreach

**Sermon Audio:**  
**1663 downloads & streams in**  
**43 states and 45 countries**

# Effective Evangelism: Pray & Pursue

John Carey

We all have seen evangelism opportunities staring us in the face, but didn't take advantage when they came along. Maybe we wondered, "What am I going to say?" or "What if I can't answer their questions?" or "What will this do to my relationship with that person?"

**The Apostle Paul gives us some basic reminders for effective evangelism.**

He starts with prayer.

Colossians 4:2–4 "Devote yourself to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving, praying . . . that God will open up to us a door for the word so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ . . . that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak."

I have a friend who is an example to me of someone who shares the gospel faithfully. And one essential element to his "success" is he starts out each day praying for gospel opportunities—praying for the people who will hear him speak the "good news" that day.

So at the top of Paul's prayer list, he precedes his gospel opportunity with a healthy dose of prayer, fully acknowledging that God needs to author the effort—to superintend the open door. We shouldn't barge ahead without

bathing our effort in prayer. Prayer can prepare us. Be devoted and committed to prayer.

Paul is also looking to God for help to be able to speak clearly the mystery of Christ. We may know the Romans Road or some other effective gospel presentation. And we can imagine Paul had plenty to share. But at times we know we could have been clearer, we may have forgotten what we needed to say, got tongue tied, nervous. Paul must have had those moments too. It's often hard to anticipate the resistance and objections people have as we share the gospel with them, but with prayer and preparation, we trust that God will make it clear.

Have you often wanted to know what to say as you share your faith? Begin the day in prayer.

**Paul ends this section admonishing us to pursue opportunities.**

Colossians 4:5, 6 "Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity, let your speech always be with grace, seasoned as it were with salt, so that you will know how to respond to each person."

Be wise in conduct and speech. Each day presents its own

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## Effective Evangelism

unique set of circumstances. Are you looking to take advantage of the circumstances—yes the open doors—and respond appropriately with a gospel message as the situation allows?

I know many who either hand out tracts during the day, looking to take advantage of their daily contacts at business, at a grocery store, over coffee with a neighbor, serviceman at their homes, tellers at the bank. Or perhaps it's a gospel opportunity that is the result of long term prayer and special efforts. All these cases were looking to make the most of the opportunities to share the gospel. God works through a prayerful "believer" dedicated to purity in speech and conduct—a believer looking for opportunities to share, and asking God to help respond in graceful speech.

Effective Evangelism starts with prayer and pursues opportunities.



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*Girls of Grace*

**CAMP**

We will have a short meeting for all Girls of Grace Counselors and Junior Counselors in room 1101–1102 (across from the chapel) today, (April 17) at 5 p.m.

Please call Jeff and Denise Harford, 402-540-6073, if you cannot attend.



Camp will be held May 26–29 at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp near Hordville, Nebraska.

All girls currently in second through fifth grade are welcome.

Cost is \$125.

Stop by the table in the south lobby to register.

The registration deadline is May 1.

Questions? Call Jeff and Denise Harford, 402-540-6073.

# Christian Businessmen's Lunch



When: Friday, May 13, Noon–1 p.m.

Where: Valentino's, 70th & Van Dorn

Cost: \$8 for buffet & drink (pay at the door) Guests eat for free!

RSVP 402-483-4541 or [adam.flaugh@ihcc.org](mailto:adam.flaugh@ihcc.org)  
by Wednesday, May 11

## Eradicating the Cancer in our Lives

Jeff Harford has worked at LI-COR Biosciences, a local biotech company for the last 25 years. In his role, he has traveled the world helping scientists improve their research and understanding of many diseases, including cancer. Outside of work, he enjoys traveling with his wife and following his three daughters' activities. He has a passion for youth ministry and currently serves as a deacon and Sunday school teacher for his church.

## WORK NIGHT

## CHANGING OUT LIGHTS

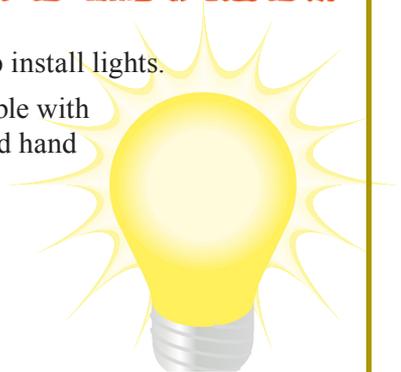
We're looking for a dozen people to help install lights.

We need a few people that are comfortable with electricity and a few people to unbox and hand parts to workers.

Work nights are April 21, 28

Plan to work from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

If you'd like to help, let Kevin know at:  
[Kevin.Wheat@ihcc.org](mailto:Kevin.Wheat@ihcc.org)

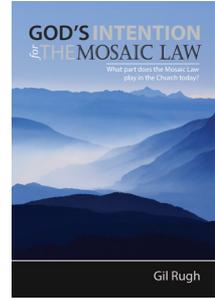


# God's Intention for the Mosaic Law

When we think of God, we think of His great love. And yet, there is another aspect of God's character that is just as great—His holiness.

Join Pastor Gil Rugh as he considers the question, "What part does the Mosaic Law play in the Church today?"

*God's Intention for the Mosaic Law* is free and available in the lobby book racks.



## *Girls' Choir Celebrates 15th Anniversary Concert*

**Thursday, April 28**

**7 p.m. in the Auditorium**

**Everyone Welcome**

**Featuring our fourth through twelfth grade girls' choir**

**Reception to follow**

## Family News.

**Birth.** Duane and Laura Nelsen are the parents of a boy, Paxton Roger, born on April 11, 2016.

**Birth.** Ed and Allison McClure are the parents of a boy, Charles Edward, born April 12, 2016.

**Death.** Sandy Rathe's step-father, Elmer Dorn, died April 9, 2016.

**Hospitalized.** Wyman Dughman is a patient at Homestead Rehabilitation Center.

## Children's Studies

**Sunday School.** The children studied Ezekiel 8–11 and learned about the glory departing.

**Children's Church.** The children reviewed recent lessons.

## Information

**Gardening.** If you would like to help with the church flower gardens, meet in the south parking lot on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

**Missionary Prayer** group will meet on Wednesday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lending Library. All women are invited to join us.

**Plant Sale.** Girls of Grace is having a plant sale on May 8 and 15 in the south lobby, immediately following Sunday Night Church. Tomato and pepper plants will be available.

**Media Center** needs help during the worship hour one Sunday

a month. Please call Gary or Carol Goodding, 402 475-8429, if interested.

**Creative Sewers** will meet Tuesday, April 19, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing of lap quilts.

**Promotion Sunday.** All students (K through high school) are promoted to the next grade on Sunday, June 5.

### **Van Drivers & Riders Needed.**

If you would like to serve as a driver or rider (helper) for the van ministry, please contact Ed McClure by calling the church, 402-483-4541 and leave a message with the receptionist, or e-mail him at [Ed.McClure@ihcc.org](mailto:Ed.McClure@ihcc.org).

**Senior Recognition & Banquet** for our high school seniors will be held Sunday, May 1.

**How to Study the Bible.** Perry Beard will be teaching "How to Study the Bible" on Wednesday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Bible Learning Center. Everyone is welcome.

### **Parents of Incoming Freshmen.**

A short meeting for parents of incoming freshmen will be held Sunday, April 24, immediately following the morning worship service. Meet in the high school room.

### **Issues in Our Contemporary**

**World.** Join Donald Goertzen for a pictorial study of the Holy Land, including its geographical and historical sites on Wednesdays from

7–8 p.m. in room 1414. Everyone is welcome.

**Sonshine Kids** will be singing in tonight's children's program. Please arrive in the auditorium at 5:15 pm for rehearsal. The children will go to their room as usual after the program.

**Titus Tuesday.** Ladies, please join us Tuesday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. (arrive at 9:15 a.m. for brunch items and to settle in) as Sandy Rathe teaches "The Composite 'Perfect' Woman" with discussion to follow. Child care and a home school class are provided.

**First–Sixth Grade Parents.** Boys of Faith and Girls of Grace (1st–6th) will be singing in the evening service tonight, April 17. Sixth graders will join K-5 when they are dismissed to Children's Church this morning. They will rehearse today at 11 a.m. in the choir room after the puppet presentation.

We will then meet at 4:55 p.m. in the auditorium to go over the songs with the words on the screens, and get lined up before the Sonshine Kids practice at 5:30. We'll then go to the choir room for prayer and final preparations.

**Remember the date:** Branson trip will be November 8–11. Come and have a great time with us. More information to follow.

**Teacher Needed** for a short gospel lesson one Sunday each month at The Waterford (Alzheimer's Unit)

on South 27th Street. A musician/singer is also needed. If you can spare one hour a month, contact Tom Price at 402-792-9331.

**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.

**Door-to-Door Evangelism** meets Monday at 6:15 p.m.

**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.

**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.

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

## Last Week's Message

April 10 AM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1154. *Pray and Keep Watching for God's Answer.* Psalm 5

April 10 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1948. *With Our Sufferings Comes God's Blessings.* 1 Peter 4:12-13

# This Week's Events

## Sunday

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

## Monday

Door-to-Door Evangelism 6:15 p.m.  
Sisters 7 p.m.

## Tuesday

Titus Tuesday 9:30–11 a.m.  
Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.  
Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

## Wednesday

Missionary Prayer 1:30 p.m.  
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  
How to Study the Bible 7 p.m.  
Choir 7–8:30 p.m.  
Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

## Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

## Saturday

Men's Breakfast

# Future Events

## April 24

Parents of Incoming Freshmen  
Meeting 11:35 a.m.  
Congregational Meeting 5 p.m.  
Baptism

## April 28

Girls Choir 15th Anniversary  
Concert

## April 29, 30, May 1

Boys of Faith Spring Campout

## May 1

Senior Recognition/Banquet

## May 2–6

Ladies Day Out

## May 13

Christian Businessman's Lunch  
Junior High Banquet

## May 26–29

Girls of Grace Camp

## June 5

Promotion Sunday

## June 13–18

Senior High Camp

## July 11–15

Vacation Bible School

## August 6–9

Boys of Faith Camp

## August 10–13

Junior High Camp

## November 8–11

Branson Trip

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