

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 2, 2017

Today is an exciting day as we welcome Steve and Megan Scheibner to The Hills.

Steve will be sharing *In My Seat*, during the 10 a.m. worship hour. You will hear first-hand how his seat ended up in the inferno of the World Trade Center on 9/11.

At 4:00 p.m., Steve will speak on *Parent with Purpose*.

At 6:00 p.m., Steve will talk about the *Believer's Character Health*. Everyone is welcome to attend all services.

Steve received a Master of Arts in Theological Studies and Christian Ministries from Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary in Lansdale, PA. He received his Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

## Good Friday Service

Be sure to attend the Good Friday service on April 14 at 6:00 p.m. The evening will include special music, communion, and a message from the Word.

## Resurrection Sunday

Resurrection Sunday will begin with Sunday school at 8:45 a.m. The worship service at 10:00



*Steve and Megan Scheibner*

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 that evening.

## Invitations Available

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

We are celebrating the greatest event in history. May the seed of faith be planted in many hearts this Easter season.

Invitations are available at the main entrances.

Have a good week.

# Serving the Lord in the Flower Gardens

by Gale Engle

Together, Roxanne Nelsen and Jeanne Vallicott have led the Flower Garden Ministry since 2005.

“I have learned a lot over the past 12 years,” Roxanne said, “and



Roxanne Nelsen

to be steadfast, because I need to stick with it even when it’s hot and uncomfortable. Paul’s words have taken on a deeper meaning:

I’m still learning. Working in the flower gardens has taught me a lot about flowers but it has also taught me

‘Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord’ (1 Cor. 15:58).”



Jeanne Vallicott

Roxanne grew up in a family that did not attend church. Like a lot of unchurched kids, Roxanne thought she needed to earn her way to heaven. Roxanne was in her 20s, working as an RN, when a close friend invited her to attend

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## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Communion will be served.

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## Flower Gardens

Indian Hills Community Church.

“I was trying to make some changes in my life and had accepted a job as the night nurse at the Lincoln General Alcoholism Treatment Center. That first Sunday I came to Indian Hills after I got off work (without any sleep) and my friend sat us front and center. Gil was teaching on the Melchezidekian Priesthood and I fell asleep! But I knew that I wanted to come back again.”

Roxanne began coming to church and she continued to make changes in her life. “I made new friends, cleaned up my life, stopped cursing, and had a burden for the lost. However, all my changes were exterior. I did not have a relationship with God

through Jesus Christ and was relying on many false assurances.

“I was bored with the gospel message at the end of Gil’s messages, but I thought it was necessary for other people,” Roxanne said. “I did not understand the gospel and thought all my changes made me acceptable to God.”

Roger and Roxanne began dating and were married in 1979. About six weeks later, Roxanne was reading in Romans when she suddenly knew she was a sinner, separated from God. The veil had been removed and she believed Jesus had died on the cross to pay the penalty for her sins. She repented of her sins and became a new creature in Christ.

“I was compelled to take my Bible to work with me that night,”

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# EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

April 16, 2017

Sunday school for all ages at 8:45 a.m.

Easter service begins at 10:00 a.m.

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## Flower Gardens

Roxanne said. “That evening, when a man called in on the 24-hour alcoholic hot line and asked, ‘How can I find God?’ I was able to tell him the truth for the very first time.”

God has been working in Roxanne’s life ever since that day.

“When Marilyn Garrett and Sharol Starr were retiring from the flower gardens after many years, I wondered if Jeanne and I could do this ministry together. I got busy with raising children and forgot about it for a while when Jeannie said, “What do you think about doing it together?”

Both Roxanne and Jeanne knew a little about gardening before taking on this ministry, but claim they have learned a lot along the way.

“God has allowed Jeanne to be my co-leader. We have very similar tastes and if we don’t agree on something, we don’t do it,” Roxanne said. “God has given me gratification in caring for the flower beds and I love to give Him the glory for all the beauty He has created.”

The flower gardens are a good ministry for all ages. Gardening is kept to one hour so workers don’t get too tired. The workers are currently meeting on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the south parking lot. As

the weather warms up, the workers will meet at 10 a.m. In the heat of the summer they will meet at 8:30 a.m.

The flower gardens are a good ministry for couples. Don and Carlene Hardinger have taken care of an area by themselves for many years and they garden on their own schedule.

Several areas are available for a couple or single person to care for on their own schedule. The island with hen and chicks and peonies needs someone to check on it every few weeks. Other areas need someone to check on them once a week.

Tools are provided and workers don’t need plant knowledge. It’s a “learn as you go” ministry and it’s good for all ages. Even kids can garden a little if they like. When they’re done, they can ride their bikes on the many sidewalks and play with friends. If you are retired, but not ready to sit in your rocking chair, give gardening a try.

One of the best benefits of gardening is the fellowship. It can’t be beat. Another reward is taking home extra plants when they’re available. If you would like to help with the flower gardens, come to the south parking lot on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

For more information, call Roxanne at 402-475-8898 or Jeanne at 402-483-1149. They will be happy to help.

# Using Your Spiritual Gifts

If you are not involved in the ministry at a level you know you should be serving, here are some suggestions on how to get started.

**Look around for something that ought to be done.** Look through the newsletter. Right now there is a need for gardeners, nursing home teachers, cleaners, and nursery workers. Don't limit your investigation to your ability, just find something that needs improvement.

Remember, this is not finding something for someone else to do—but something you could do.

**Ask God to show you how you may be used to meet that need.** You may feel inadequate or may not have the time to do it. However, if God wants you to do it through Him, you will find a way to accomplish the job.

If you still can't figure out what to do: contact the person in charge of a particular area and offer yourself as a helper. Then, pitch in and work in the area.

If you get into an area that is not right, try another area until you find the area of service that is right for you.

As you look for a place to use your gifts, be careful about taking on too much responsibility. God prepares His children for His work step by step, and if you have not

matured to the level needed for a particular service, you will be frustrated and ultimately unable to serve well.

A good place to start is to do what is at hand. Pick something that won't be overwhelming, like preparing a meal. Then put it in the freezer, call Loree Westenberg and let her know you have a meal ready for the next time one is needed. If meals aren't your thing, call Tami Coffin and offer to vacuum an area of the church once every five weeks.

Wherever you choose to serve, do your job well and do it faithfully. Church workers are always looking for faithful servants, those who will “do what they said they would do.”

Being faithful with the little jobs is crucial. Remember the master who said, “You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master” (Matt. 25:21). The same principle applies to the use of our spiritual gifts.

“For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another” (Romans 12:4, 5).



*Just In Time for Easter*  
**Bake Sale**

Sunday, April 9  
 In the South Lobby  
 Sponsored by Girls of Grace



## February Report

**Print Media Distributed:**  
 105 booklets

## Audio Media Outreach

**Sermon Audio:**  
 1688 downloads & streams

Let us be good stewards  
 of the Lord's blessings

**No Food  
 or Drink**

in the Auditorium  
 or Chapel

## Church Leadership

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 Carsten Scholle  
 Taysha Slade  
 Andrew Thomas  
 Zach Wheat

# 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 Corinthians  
Duane Nelsen Teaching  
Room 2311

## **EDGE**

Studying Philippians  
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<sup>o</sup> 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.

"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it" (Matt. 10:37-39).

## Children's Studies

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

**Children's Church.** The children studied Acts 12 and learned about God freeing Peter from prison. The lesson goal is that God blesses His servants but punishes his enemies.

## Information

**Girls' Choir Spring Concert** will be held Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m. in the church auditorium. Please plan on joining the girls. They will be showcasing the work that they have done over the last year. The theme for the music is hymns, both old and new. Dessert reception immediately to follow.

**Wednesday Night Study.** Tom Price is teaching on Roman Catholicism on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Bible Learning Center. The next lesson will focus on the importance Mary plays in the theology of the Roman Catholic Church. The Hail Mary, mediatrix, co-redemptrix, the rosary, the apparitions, etc. will be addressed.

**Branson Tour** is November 7-10 and everyone is welcome. We will stay at the Honeysuckle Inn and see the Statler Brothers revisited, the Haygoods, the Hughes Brothers, and Pierce Arrow. For more information, call Sandy Rathe, 402-540-6614 (cell) or 402-484-5759 (home).

**Gardening meets Wednesday** 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 south parking lot.

**Ladies Titus Tuesday.** All ladies are invited to join us on Tuesday, April 4 at 9:15 a.m. for a wonderful morning of learning and fellowship. Janice Horn will be teaching "How to Attain Contentment." Discussion group will follow. Teresa Krieger will be teaching "The Mindset of Modesty" during second hour.

**Girls of Grace Bake Sale** will be held Sunday, April 9, immediately following Sunday Night Church.

**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.

**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.

**Creative Sewers** will meet Tuesday, April 4 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing.

**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.

**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.

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

**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](http://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.

**Home Bible Studies.** If you are looking for a Home Bible Study, or are interested in hosting a study in your home, contact Duane Nelsen at 402-483-4541.

## Last Week's Message

March 26 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 1998. *Reasons for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture* 2. Revelation; Selected Verses

March 26 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 2080. *The Origin of the Gospel*. Galatians 1:11-12

# This Week's Events

## Sunday

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.

Girls of Grace 6:00 p.m.

Boys of Faith 6:00 p.m.

Sonshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

## Monday

Door 2 Door 6:15 p.m.

Sisters 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday

Titus Tuesday 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 9

Girls of Grace Bake Sale

## April 14

Good Friday/Communion

## April 16

Resurrection Sunday

## April 21, 22

AO Spring Retreat

## April 28–30

Boys of Faith Spring Camp

## April 30

Girls' Choir Spring Concert 2:00 p.m.

## 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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