

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 23, 2017

A warm welcome to you, loved ones, this April morning. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today and pray that our time together will be used of God to mold each one to the likeness of His Son.

Ministry of Prayer

Your prayers serve as the backbone of this ministry. Many have shared how you regularly pray for the Lord's work through this local church and we are thankful for your ministry of intercession.

While we enjoy many blessings from the Lord, we must not forget that we are in a battle. The call to duty has been sent out and reinforcements are needed on the front line.

If you have retired from active prayer duty, we urge you to re-enlist. Put on your spiritual armor and report to the all-mighty, all-powerful God. Prayer warriors are needed to lift-up the ministry, pastors, staff, Sunday school teachers, Awana leaders, the brethren, etc.

As God's soldiers, each of us must dedicate ourselves to ceaseless intercession. The Holy Spirit

will remind us of prayer items and guide us as we commune with the Father.

Prayer is hindered when we haven't been faithful, but God is quick to forgive His children, and when we come to Him with a penitent heart, intimacy is restored.

May our heavenly Father guide each of us in our commitment to pray without ceasing. Surely we will be amazed at the peace we experience, and humbled to see God's hand at work, in and through us.

One Certainty

One day every tongue will confess Jesus is Lord and every knee will bow before Him (see Phil 2:10, 11). If you have not bowed the knee, we beseech you, come to the Lord now, while there is yet time.

Repent (turn away from your sins) and believe Jesus died to pay your penalty for sin. Upon believing this, your sins are forgiven and you become God's child.

Please don't put this off—you may awake to find it is too late. Take care of your soul, dear one.

Deaf Ministry Signing the Truth

Gale Engle

The purpose of the Deaf Ministry is to “Sign the Truth” and Lori Beard has been signing for the Deaf since 1986.



Perry and Lori Beard

“The Deaf and hard of hearing cannot hear the Word in the traditional sense,” Lori said, “but God has provided a way through sign language, so the Deaf can see the Word of God, and come to believe in the Savior.”

Gil preaches to the Deaf and hearing each week. The Deaf receive the same message from the Bible as everyone else, just in ASL (American Sign Language).

“We would love to see more Deaf people at Indian Hills,” Lori said. “We have signers who work very hard at translating the music into a visual interpretation of what we hear and sing and we are able to interpret the message of hope. Gil’s messages are very clear. If you know a Deaf person, please

tell them we have an interpreter for all services.”

A Deaf person is not likely to attend church or any event without an interpreter since he would not be able to hear or understand anything spoken. That is why we need to be intentional in inviting the Deaf to church. All the Deaf people that have come to IHCC have come because of an invitation. If a Deaf person needs more information, or wants to confirm that there will be an interpreter, give him Lori’s number (402-560-1380 text and voice).

Lori grew up in a suburb south of Chicago and attended a Baptist church with her family. “I heard the gospel at church and from my parents ever since I can remember,” Lori said. “When I was four years old, I got into trouble, and for the first time I realized I was a sinner. Although I prayed for salvation at that young age, I don’t think that’s when I truly was born again. But, a seed was planted and



God worked in my life in many ways over the years to bring me into His family.”

Although Lori cannot pinpoint her actual day of salvation, she believes Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for her sins and her desire is to honor God in everything she says and does.

As a child, Lori would occasionally get into trouble for talking in school. But it was in high school that, “My best friend and I thought it would be fun to learn sign language so we could talk without getting in trouble.”

Lori and her family moved to Lincoln just before her sophomore year. “The first time we visited Indian Hills we knew we were home,” Lori said.

In high school, Lori wanted to be a legal secretary and learned how to use a Dictaphone machine. “My goal was to see how far ahead the speaker could dictate with me remembering it.” Lori did not know it at the time, but God was

preparing her to listen to interpret for the Deaf.

Deaf ministry workers are attending a Christian Interpreter Workshop in Omaha today. They are attending workshops to learn more about accurately signing the Bible, signing music, ethics and what Deaf Ministries look like with an interpreter. Those attending the workshop are: Ili Lefler, Carol Schroer, Luke Pelton, Perry Beard, and Lori Beard.

The Deaf Ministry is planning a Deaf Conference at The Hills on October 6 and 7. Those attending will learn about Lordship Salvation: What does it mean to make Jesus the Lord of your life?

Please be praying for wisdom and endurance for the upcoming IHCC Deaf Conference on Lordship Salvation. “Also, please pray that the Lord will be honored in our service of Him in all that we do,” Lori said, “and that the Deaf will come to a true, saving knowledge of Jesus and make Him Lord of their lives.”

Upcoming Deaf Conference

The theme is Lordship Salvation: What does it mean to make Jesus the Lord of your life?

Friday, Saturday, October 6, 7, 2017

Indian Hills Community Church

Girls of Grace—A Graceful Garden

Gail DeRiese

Girls of Grace started their six-week gardening unit at the end of March. In this unit the girls are taught about different soil types, seeds, caring for plants, and options for what to do with the harvest.

One of the most important things we learn is that God is sovereign over it all – the soil, the seeds, and the rain. Without Him, and His goodness and faithfulness, there would be nothing; so, we must trust Him with our garden!

Nancy Price volunteered to kick-off this unit on March 26. She taught our first through sixth grade young ladies how to start seeds indoors, to later plant outside once we are safely past the frost date. That Sunday evening was quite chilly and we quickly decided to move our planting work



upstairs to the unfinished area!

After the girls planted the seeds, Nancy took them home to nurture into the young plants Girls of Grace will be selling starting on April 23.

A big “thank you” to Tom and Nancy Price for teaching the girls about gardening, and for donating all of the plants for the sale!



Girls' Choir Spring Concert

Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m.

IHCC Auditorium.

The girls will be showcasing the work they have done over the last year. The theme for the concert is hymns, both old and new.

Dessert reception to follow

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 6

8:00–10:00 a.m.

Adam Flaugh speaking

Cost: \$3.00

Menu includes:

Rolls
Donuts
Bagels
Juice
Milk
Coffee



Is Baptism Part of Salvation?

by Gil Rugh

On Pentecost Sunday, Peter presented the gospel and showed how the Old Testament prophesied the death of the Messiah and His subsequent resurrection. He said to the Jews:

Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

This verse is confusing for many because it appears that Peter commanded repentance *and* baptism to receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Spirit. However, Peter preached the message of salvation without mentioning baptism several times, so clearly baptism is not required for salvation.

After healing the lame man, Peter said to the gathering crowd:

Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away (Acts 3:19).

Peter didn't say anything about baptism at that time. He told the people to repent, to change their minds about their sin, and turn to God through faith in Jesus Christ, and their sins would be wiped away.

After telling the Jewish Council that they had hung the Messiah on a cross, Peter said:

He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins (Acts 5:31).

Peter presented forgiveness of sins in the context of repentance. The theme, “repentance for forgiveness of sins” runs throughout the Book of Acts. Repentance was to be publicly declared through water baptism.

We find Peter preaching to the Gentiles at the house of Cornelius:

Of Him [Christ] all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins (Acts 10:43).

After the Gentiles believed, and the Holy Spirit was poured out on them, Peter said:

Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he? (v. 47).

In Acts 2:38, Peter was instructing the Jews to be baptized as a testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ. Baptism proclaimed a person's identification with Christ—no secret disciples were allowed.

Repentance alone brings forgiveness and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The water baptism that follows is a testimony to that repentance. Water baptism is not necessary for salvation, but it is an important part of a believer's testimony. Peter called on the Jews to believe in Christ for forgiveness of sin and to testify to that faith through water baptism.

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
Jimmy Pelton Teaching
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.

He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46, 47)

Family News

Hospitalized. Carlene Hardinger was a patient at the Lincoln Surgical Hospital.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children reviewed recent lessons.

Children's Church. The children studied Acts 16 and learned about the Philippian jailer. The lesson goal is to understand the joy that comes from knowing Christ.

Information

VBS Craft Team needs Pringles, Lays and Baby Puff containers with the lids. Please drop them off at the north or south information desks.

No Interpreted Services for the Deaf today (April 23) as the Deaf Ministry team is at a Christian Interpreter conference. Please keep the team in prayer as they grow and learn how to be more accurate in signing and serving the Deaf community so each will come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, May 6 from 8:00–10:00 a.m. Adam Flaugh will be speaking and rolls, donuts, and bagels are on the menu. Cost is \$3.

Plant Sale. Girls of Grace will be selling tomato, pepper, squash, melon and other plants on April 23, after morning and evening

services. Proceeds go to camp.

Pickleball is starting on Mondays from 7–9 p.m. in the Family Center. Everyone is welcome and every age and ability can play. Questions? Call Vince at 402-449-9640.

VBS Teacher Training meeting on Sunday, May 7 from 4:00–5:30 p.m. All teachers should attend. We will go over the new curriculum, give instructions, and provide training. Meet in rooms 1101-1102.

VBS Workers Needed. If you would like to help with this year's VBS, call Kathleen Anderson, 402-483-4541. Workers are needed in all areas. Classroom teachers are especially needed.

Girls of Grace Camp Meeting. There will be a short meeting for all Girls of Grace Counselors and Junior Counselors in rooms 2209-2210 (across from the Girls of Grace desk) today, (April 23) at 5 p.m. Please call Jeff and Denise Harford, 402-540-6073, if you cannot attend.

Girls of Grace Camp Registration begins today and runs through May 7. All girls currently in second through fifth grades are welcome. Camp is May 25-28 at Covenant Cedars Bible camp near Hordville, NE. Cost is \$125. Please stop by the registration table in the south lobby and sign up your daughter. Questions? Call Jeff and Denise Harford, 402-540-6073.

Titus Tuesday. Join us Tuesday at 9:15 as Nancy Butterfield will be teaching the lesson, How Christ Teaches Contentment – Part 2. Discussion group follows.

Prescription Glasses are in the Lost & Found, room 2313. Many of the glasses are for children. If you are missing other items, be sure to stop by the Lost & Found in the Media Center.

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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.

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

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.

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.

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).

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

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). Everyone is 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.

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

Last Week's Message

April 16 AM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1174.
What the Resurrection Means.
Selected Verses

This Week's Events

Sunday

Plant Sale

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.

Monday

Door 2 Door 6:15 p.m.

Sisters 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

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.

No Choir

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.

Friday

Boys of Faith Spring Camp

Saturday

Boys of Faith Spring Camp

Future Events

April 30

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

May 3

Cubbies Award Night

May 6

Men's Breakfast

Adam Flaugh Speaking

May 7

VBS Teacher Training 4:00–5:30

May 10

Awana Award Night

May 14

Boys of Faith Cookout

May 20

Basketball Camp 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

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

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