

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 24, 2016

When Mom brought home TV Dinners for the first time, we were impressed. All we had to do was put them in the oven and they baked in 25 minutes.

Now microwave dinners bake in about 2 minutes and we drum our fingers while waiting for the timer to ring.

Computers have simplified our lives and make it possible to accomplish more in less time. But when there's a lag, we forget to be thankful.

Let's face it. We are impatient people. Our attention spans are getting shorter. If a book, sermon, hymn, or lesson doesn't grab us and keep our attention, we space out.

If God doesn't change our circumstances, avenge us, or correct injustices, in our impatience we wrongly think we need to take things into our own hands.

But God doesn't work that way. Scripture tells us to wait on the Lord. He doesn't need us to taint the waters, or move everyone to our way of thinking via gossip and slander.

To the Lord, a thousand years

are like a day, and a day is like a thousand years. He dwells in eternity and He's not in a hurry.

God knows all things, and He works in His time to do what's best. Have we forgotten that God waited 400 years after the Old Testament was completed to send the Messiah?

Surely we remember that Jesus waited until the fourth watch to rescue His disciples on the Sea of Galilee. How could we ever forget that at the proper time Jesus said, "It is finished."

The Bible tells us to wait on the Lord. God is not inactive. While we wait He is working all things for good—in His time.

Spring Storms

Spring is here and with the warmer temperatures we must prepare for the occasional spring storm or tornado.

Kevin Wheat has posted maps (with both fire and tornado escape routes noted) in each of the classrooms. Should an emergency arise, teachers will lead their students to safety using the prearranged route.

Have a good week.



Girls of Grace CAMP



Dates: Thursday, May 26–Sunday, May 29

Place: Covenant Cedars Bible Camp near Hordville, NE (a beautiful, well-kept campground with great facilities, and only 1.5 hours away!)

Who: All girls currently in second through fifth grade are welcome.

Cost: \$125

Teacher: Tyler Morten

Theme: Run to Win

Activities: Bible time in morning and afternoon, crafts, game time, canoeing/kayaking, paddle boating, swimming, zip line & climbing adventure center, hiking, camp fire on last evening

Registration: Stop by the table in the south lobby.

Deadline: May 1.

Questions: Call Jeff/Denise Harford, 402-540-6073.

Hope for the Worst of Sinners

Gil Rugh

A billion years from now, what will you be doing? Does it matter? Can you know?

Yes, it matters, and yes, you can know. How you recognize and respond to the following facts will determine your eternal destiny.

FACT: Nearly 2,000 years ago Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was crucified on a cross.

FACT: Three days later that same man, Jesus Christ, was raised from the dead.

The Bible says, “It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15).

FACT: Jesus Christ came into this world for one purpose—to save sinners!

Who are these sinners who need to be saved?

The Apostle Paul, a man uniquely prepared by God to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ, identified himself as a sinner when he said: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all” (1 Tim. 1:15).

The Worst of Sinners

Paul, the great persecutor of Christians, saw himself as the worst sinner who ever lived. God

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MINDING HIS BUSINESS

Christian Business Men's Lunch

Speaker: Jeff Harford

Valentino's

70th and Van Dorn, Lincoln, NE

R.S.V.P. 402.483.4541 or adam.flaugh@ihcc.org

12-1 PM
5.13.16
Friday

\$8 buffet*

*Guests are free

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had declared that the penalty for sin is death, and Paul fully understood that he deserved no mercy or grace from God. Yet when Paul believed in Jesus Christ, his sins were forgiven and he received eternal life. Why would God save a sinner like Paul?

“For this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost [sinner], Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life” (1 Tim. 1:16).

God saved Paul—the chief of sinners—so the rest of humanity might have hope.

The Best of People

No one would question that a person who does vile, wicked deeds needs a savior. However, what about those individuals who have done their best to be good, the religious people who have been baptized or confirmed or received the sacraments? Aren't those people acceptable to God?

Examine the other side of the Apostle Paul's testimony. This same man who called himself the greatest of sinners wrote, “If anyone has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more” (Phil. 3:4). If anyone had reason to be confident they would be accepted by God on the basis of their efforts and religious activities, Paul was that man. Paul was considered

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WORK NIGHT

CHANGING OUT LIGHTS

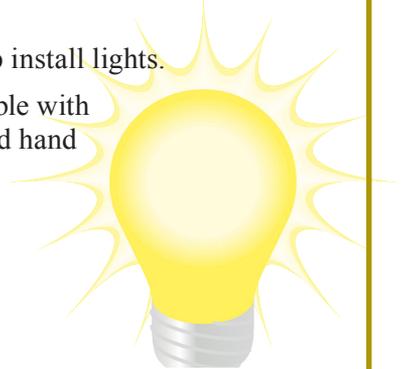
We're looking for a dozen people to help install lights.

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 28, May 5, 12, 19

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



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Hope for the Worst of Sinners

among the best of men because he was:

- circumcised on the eighth day
- of the nation Israel
- of the tribe of Benjamin
- a Hebrew of Hebrews
- a Pharisee, the strictest of the religious Jews
- zealous in persecuting the church
- blameless concerning righteousness, which is in the Law

God demands righteousness from people. As much as was humanly possible, Paul maintained that standard. But as long as Paul saw himself as the best of men, one who had accomplished something by his own efforts, he could not receive God's salvation.

It didn't matter how good or bad he was in the world's eyes. He was lost and on his way to eternal hell.

After his salvation, a grateful Paul looked back and said,

“Whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and

count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith” (Phil. 3:7-9).

The best of men came to see himself as the worst of sinners. All his best efforts, all his religious activities, all his accomplishments were nothing but rubbish. They were utterly worthless.

Tragically, millions of people will never make the transition from seeing themselves as good people to seeing themselves as hell-deserving sinners.

Hope for You

The wages of sin is death. You, like Paul and every other person ever born, are a sinner, on your way to an eternal hell. There is nothing you can do to change that before a holy God. There is no bargaining with God on this point.

The good news is that the eternal Son of God came to earth and died so that you—the best of men or the worst of sinners—can receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life in God's very presence.

When God's Son hung on a cross, your sins were placed on Him. Jesus Christ paid the penalty for you. When you place your faith in Him, you are given new life,

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Hope for the Worst of Sinners

forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life in His very presence.

How can you know this is true? Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. Jesus' resurrection is

God's testimony that He alone has provided salvation for everyone who will believe in His Son. There is no other way. Eternity hangs on your response.

In a billion years it will make a difference how you personally responded to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Will you believe in Him today?



Girls' Choir Celebrates 15th Anniversary Concert

Thursday, April 28

7 p.m. in the Auditorium

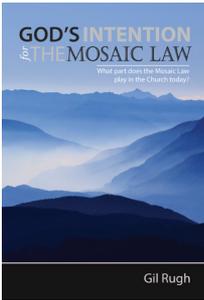
Everyone Welcome

Featuring our fourth through twelfth grade girls' choir

Reception to follow

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.

Let us be good stewards of the Lord's blessings

No Food or Drink

in the Auditorium or Chapel

Church Leadership

Board of Elders

- Gil Rugh, Chairman
- Jeff Horn
- Rob Jensen
- Larry Riekenberg
- Rob Schmidt
- Mike Shrader
- Randy Sperling
- Greg Thomas

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- Gil Rugh, Senior Pastor
- Duane Nelsen, Associate Pastor
- Donald Goertzen
- Eddie Masters, Pastor Emeritus
- Aaron Nicholson

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- Kathleen Anderson
- Twila Beck
- Gale Engle
- John Scholle
- Kevin Wheat

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- Jim Aust Children's Church
- Adam Flaugh..... Evangelism
- Jonathan Goodding..... Boys of Faith
- Jeff Harford..... Junior High
- Jim Krieger Wee Care
- Curt Kuster Communion
- Nick McElvain High School
- Tom Price..... Nursing Home
- Todd Smith..... Sunday School

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- Doug Andrews
- Jerry Andrews
- Rick Gloe
- Carroll Lavalleur
- Nathan Marra
- Ed McClure
- Dale McDaniel
- Michal McGrew
- Charles Muir
- Kara Papke
- Jon Sauer
- Carsten Scholle
- Zach Wheat

Family News.

Hospitalized. Cathie Leach is a patient at Nebraska Heart Institute.

Hospitalized. Ray Reetz was a patient at Lincoln Surgical Hospital.

Hospitalized. Bob Kitchen was a patient at Bryan East.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children studied Ezekiel 36–37 and learned about prophecies of Israel's restoration.

Children's Church. The children studied Ezra 1–6 and learned about God moving the Jews to restore worship. The lesson goal is for students to recognize the blessing of worshiping God and submitting their hearts in worship.

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.

Ladies. Be sure to sign up for the Ladies Day Out events. Sign up sheets will be at Titus Tuesday. Any questions, call Loree Westenburg, 402-389-5141.

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.

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.

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

Parents of Incoming Freshmen. A short meeting for parents of incoming freshmen will be held today (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.

Girls' Choir will be holding an end-of-the-year auction to reward the girls for all their hard work. Auctioned items are won with the points they earn throughout the

year. Donations are accepted and include anything a fourth through twelfth grade girl would like. Use your imagination; gift cards are always a hit. Questions? Contact Teresa Krieger at 402-417-2852, or Peggy Cline at 402-560-6697. Donations may be left in the choir room. Please clearly mark them “Girls Choir.”

Titus Tuesday. Ladies, please join us Tuesday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m. for our final regular TT meeting of this year. Teresa Krieger will be teaching on “Beauty/Charm vs. Fear of the Lord,” with discussion to follow. Child care and a home school class are provided.

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.

Worship Service Online. If you are unable to attend church on Sunday and would like to worship with us through the internet, log on to www.ihcc.org and click on Resources at the top of the page. Then, click on Live Stream. The services start at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Parents. We have been practicing fire/tornado and lock-down drills in the children’s classes. We are thinking about safety for all ages and working hard to be prepared if an emergency should arise.

Last Week’s Message

April 17 AM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1155. *Check Up On Your First Love.* Revelation 2:1-7

April 17 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1949. *Shameless Suffering for the Gospel.* 1 Peter 4:14-19

This Week's Events

Sunday

Parents of Incoming Freshmen
Meeting 11:35 a.m.

Congregational Meeting 5 p.m.
Sunday Night Church

Girls of Grace, Boys of Faith,
Sonshine Kids
Baptism

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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
Choir 7–8:30 p.m.
Mansion Builders 7–9 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.
Girls Choir 15th Anniversary
Concert

Friday

Boys of Faith Spring Campout

Future Events

May 1

Senior Recognition/Banquet

May 4

Cubbies Awards 7 p.m.

May 11

Awana Awards 7 p.m.

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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