

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 9, 2017

This day is noted on our Gregorian calendar as Palm Sunday, in honor of Christ's triumphal ride in to Jerusalem some 2000 years ago.

The Jews crowded along the road Jesus was travelling—simply to see Him. Shouts of “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,” rang out as He passed by.

We have each experienced a similar sensation at some time in our lives, when we craned our necks to see someone we loved or admired—a hero, great leader, athlete, or beautiful bride—and yet that anticipation and joy is nothing compared to the exuberance we will experience when we finally see our Savior.

One day, we will stand in the very presence of Jesus Christ for the very first time. He will be more beautiful than we ever imagined and His presence more majestic than anything we ever dreamed.

As believers we long for that day. Until then, may He find us faithful, walking each moment with Him, and looking forward to the day we will see Him face to face.

Good Friday Service

The focus of the Good Friday service will be in remembering the death and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, without forgetting the resurrection. Come with a prepared heart, desiring to worship on Friday, April 14 at 6 p.m.

Resurrection Sunday

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

Invitations are available at the main entrances.

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. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring powerful, biblical truth to people who desperately need it.

The Triumphal Entry by Gil Rugh

Matthew's gospel repeatedly emphasizes that Christ fulfilled Old Testament prophecy. One of those prophecies is Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. "This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet" (Matthew 21:4).

Five hundred years earlier, Zechariah prophesied:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey (Zech. 9:9).

Zion refers to Jerusalem. It was the name for one of the hills on which Jerusalem was built, and it became synonymous with the city of Jerusalem itself. The "daughter of Zion" refers to the inhabitants of the city of Jerusalem, meaning Israel.

The theme of Matthew is the

coming of the King of Israel, Jesus of Nazareth. This king, the One prophesied over centuries of time, the One who would rule and reign in glory, was coming to the inhabitants of Zion.

He came on a donkey's colt, "Gentle, and mounted on a donkey." We know from verse 7 of Matthew 21 that the disciples got two animals, a donkey and the colt of that donkey. Perhaps they brought the mother to make the colt easier to lead.

Christ rode on a colt that had never been ridden before, and that fit with His kingly position. Riding this beast of burden not only emphasized his royalty, but also His gentleness. "He is . . . humble, and mounted on a donkey" (Zech. 9:9).

Victorious, conquering kings would normally arrive on horses or in chariots; but Christ came as the lowly, humble, gentle Messiah. This fits with Isaiah's description of Christ's lowly-

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Communion will be served.

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ness and humility in Isaiah 53. Paul wrote that Christ humbled Himself, becoming obedient even to death on a cross (see Phil. 2:8).

The Jews wanted a king who would bring physical deliverance to the nation. They could not accept the Old Testament prophecies of their Messiah as a lowly, suffering Savior.

The Jews did not realize how close they were to peace and salvation. In their very presence, riding into their city, was the One who could bring eternal peace and salvation. Even though they were brought face to face with their Messiah and the fulfillment of this prophecy, they did not believe.

There is a parallel between the Jews' reaction to Christ's triumphal entry and the attitudes of people today. The Jews came face to face with their Messiah and the salvation He was to bring; likewise, many today hear what God says concerning their sinfulness and guilt before God. They hear that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for their sin and that they can have forgiveness only in and

through Him, but they are unwilling to acknowledge their sinfulness and believe in Jesus Christ.

Israel rejected its Messiah. Many people today also reject Him. When they hear the gospel, they have already made up their minds not to have anything to do with it.

The grace of God is amazing. He continues to draw unbelievers to Himself despite their resistance. Even today Jesus Christ provides salvation to Jew and Gentile alike, if they will only believe in Him.

Today we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Friday we will remember his death on the cross for our sins.

Be sure to invite those the Lord puts on your heart to the Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday service. Keep in mind that many who don't attend church are willing to come on this special holiday. They will hear the Truth from God's Word at both services.

May God work in the hearts of our loved ones this Easter.



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

April 16, 2017

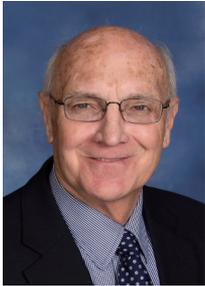
Sunday school for all ages at 8:45 a.m.

Easter service begins at 10:00 a.m.

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Meet Elder Larry Riekenberg

Larry Riekenberg was raised in the Lutheran church. He learned many tenets of the faith: the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, Bible stories, and he was even taught that the way to heaven



Larry Riekenberg

because of his sin and that he needed to repent of his sin to have a personal relationship with Christ through faith. He grew up thinking that he was okay and didn't give it too much thought.

After Larry and Sharon were married, they attended a bible study which covered basic doctrine: who God is, what constitutes salvation, assurance of salvation, and basic Christian doctrine. As Larry studied the Word, he began to see that what he had always known about Jesus fit in with the message of the gospel, that it was a message of grace, and the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ paid the debt of death that was his to pay.

Larry repented of his sins and believed in Jesus' death and resur-

rection. With a personal relationship with Jesus, he began to grow in the Word. Larry and Sharon began searching for a church that taught the Bible and were drawn to Indian Hills and the ministry of the Word.

How often do the elders meet?

The elders meet once a month unless a need arises for a special meeting.

Why are elder and deacon candidates recommended to the congregation?

Recommending candidates to the congregation provides an opportunity for the congregation to know the candidate as well as provides the congregation an opportunity to offer feedback to be certain the candidate meets the qualifications of the particular office.

How did you know you were called to be an elder?

All believers are to be using the spiritual gifts and abilities that each has been given. Serving on the board of elders is one of the ways I felt the Lord would have me minister in the body.

How do you deal with disagreements on the board?

Usually the board is in agreement, but if we can't come to a

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consensus, we put the issue on hold for a while. Normally nothing is so pressing that we must come to a decision at that meeting. The board believes that the Spirit of God leads the elders through His Word and influences each member to come to an agreement on the issues at hand.

How do you deal with disagreements in the body?

We can't do any better than quote Matthew 18:15-18: "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

This is the process that we follow and encourage all the members of the body to see their responsibility to personally confront anyone in sin and then come alongside to help that person repent and live a life that is pleasing to the Lord. It is important to note

here that this process that is called church discipline is not penal; it is to maintain purity of the body, to follow the authority of the Word of God, and ultimately, to restore that person to fellowship within the body.

How do elders shepherd the flock?

The two major responsibilities revealed in the Word are leading and feeding. Scripture illustrates this with the shepherd and his sheep. We do this by insuring that each teacher is qualified to teach in handling the Word accurately so that the purity of the Word is preserved in every aspect of the ministry as well as involving many from the body in caring ministries: visiting the sick and infirmed and being aware of special needs that come up from time to time.

Will elders be held accountable for how they lead the church?

Yes, elders will be held to a higher standard regarding how they led the church. James wrote: "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment" (James 3:1). That is why Jesus continually pointed out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and the religious leaders of His day. They were leading people down the wrong path by their own ungodly inventions that did not reflect the

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truth of the Word of God. Pure teaching from the Word is not only critical, it is essential.

Will church members be held accountable for how they followed the elders?

Yes. We are all in submission to someone. Children are submissive to parents; wives are submissive to husbands; employees are submissive to employers; and everyone is submissive to government. God has designed all aspects of our lives to be orderly and peaceful.

Paul wrote about the body submitting to the elders: “Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you” (Hebrews 13:17). Not only is the body submissive to the elders, but the elders are submissive to Christ, and Christ is submissive to the Father.

What is the biggest challenge of being an elder?

The biggest challenge is keeping up with all aspects of the ministry: finances, programs, ministry development, etc. There are lots of things going on in every area of the ministry. Thankfully, we have a faithful group of deacons and ministry leaders that help us oversee the ministry.

Kitchen Project

Dollars
Needed

Dollars
Received

\$170,000

\$90,944 has been given to the Kitchen Project.

\$160,000

\$150,000

Engineering plans have been submitted to the city for permits. Kevin Wheat, Maintenance Director will start electrical and plumbing work as soon as permits are authorized.

\$140,000

\$130,000

\$120,000

\$110,000

\$100,000

\$90,000

\$80,000

\$70,000

\$60,000

\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

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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 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° 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.

"The Jews answered him [Pilate], "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God" (John 19:7).

Family News.

Death. Mike Caldwell, husband of Marge, died April 1, 2017.

Birth. Eric and Amanda Fong are the parents of a girl, Lillian Esther, born April 4, 2017.

Love Embraced. David and Carrie Ikel welcomed Mason Henry (born March 15, 2017) into their hearts and home.

Hospitalized. Myrlen Shrader was a patient at Lincoln Surgical Hospital.

Hospitalized. Janet Rice was a patient at Bryan East.

Congratulations to Maynard and Wanda Hershberger on celebrating ten years of marriage on April 7, 2017.

Thank You to Voss Lighting, small group Bible studies and others who contributed items for the IHCC booth at the Mother of all Garage Sales. Thanks to all who helped passing out tracts and engaging people in conversation. Pray that some might come to know Christ through this outreach.—Evangelism Team

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children reviewed recent lessons.

Children's Church. The children studied Acts 15 and learned that Gentiles are saved by faith. The lesson goal is that salvation is received through faith and not earned by works.

Information

Sonshine Kids will meet in the auditorium at 5:15 this evening for rehearsal before church. Please make sure your children have used the restroom beforehand. After we finish singing you can pick your child up in the south lobby.

Clothing Outlet will be open Tuesday, April 11 from 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Donated clothes may be dropped off any time the church is open. Please place clothing inside the box in the Clothing Outlet closet (NE corner, by big canopy). Donated clothes should be in bags or boxes. Please put children's clothes in a separate bag or box. Clothes should be clean and in good condition. Questions? Call Brenda Turner at 402-486-1898.

Children's Easter Concert is tonight. It begins at 6 p.m. but please have your first – sixth grade child arrive in the auditorium at 5 p.m. Attire for the concert is nice Sunday morning clothes.

Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, May 6. Adam Flaugh will be speaking.

VBS Workers Needed. If you would like to help with this year's VBS, call Tammy Wheat, 402-730-8088, or 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) on Sunday, April 23 at 5 p.m.

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

Girls of Grace Camp will be held May 25-28 at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp near Hordville, NE. All girls currently in second through fifth grades are welcome. Cost is \$125. A registration table will be in the south lobby beginning Sunday, April 23. The firm deadline for registrations is May 7. Questions? Call Jeff and Denise Harford, 402-540-6073.

Prescription Glasses are in the Lost & Found, room 2313. Many of the glasses are for children.

Girls' Choir Spring Concert will be held Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium. 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's fourth lesson on Roman Catholicism deals with the Seven Sacraments, especially communion during the Mass. The fifth lesson (April 19) will be a collection of topics, including but not limited to purgatory, treasury of the saints, tradition, etc. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Bible Learning Center.

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. We will not meet this Tuesday so everyone has a

little extra time to prepare for Easter.

Girls of Grace Bake Sale is tonight, 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.

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 will not meet this week.

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.

Last Week's Message

April 2 AM. Steve Schneibner. SS 2.

In My Seat

4 PM. Steve Schneibner. SS 3. *Parent with Purpose*

6 PM. Steve Schneibner. SS 4. *Believer's Character Health*

This Week's Events

Sunday

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.
Girls of Grace Bake Sale

Monday

Door 2 Door 6:15 p.m.
Sisters 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Clothing Outlet 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
No 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.
No 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

Good Friday/Communion

Future Events

April 16

Resurrection Sunday
Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
No Sunday Night Church

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 6

Men's Breakfast
Adam Flaugh Speaking

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

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