

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

May 15, 2016

Welcome

A warm and friendly welcome is extended to each one this spring morning. As we fellowship together in song and the study of His Word, let us keep in mind that worship is a personal matter and occurs on an individual basis.

Our ability to worship God is a direct result of being personally related to Him through Jesus Christ.

Fear of the Lord

As parents, our priority in raising our children is to teach them to fear the Lord. Proverbs 1:7 says, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge” and Proverbs 9:10 says, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

Knowledge and wisdom begin with fearing God and this fear is a reverential respect or awe of our Creator.

To teach our children to fear God we must teach them about God. We teach our children what God is like by talking to them about His attributes.

We must teach our children that God is holy, that He is all-powerful, all-knowing and all-present. We must teach our children that God is immutable (His nature does not change), that He is just, merciful, kind, loving, and gracious. We must teach our children that all events throughout history are sifted through His hands and that He is sovereign over all things.

We teach our children to reverence the greatness of God when we’re eating supper, when we’re driving in the car, when we’re working around the house, and when we’re walking the dog.

We don’t need to carve out two hours every evening to teach our children about God, we just need to share in the little moments we have throughout the day. Our children will be amazed to learn of the incredible things God has done and continues to do in our lives.

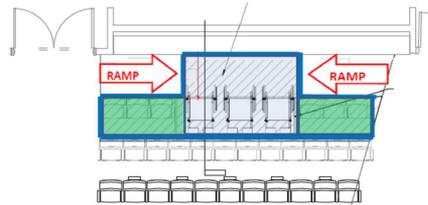
Considering our children’s level of understanding, we can share how God is changing our desires, what He has taught us through various trials, how He gives us strength to do His will and how He has treated us with mercy.

2016 SPECIAL PROJECT FUND



Electronic Sign

The cost for a two-sided electronic sign is \$30,000. The sign will be located on the northeast corner of 84th and A Streets.



Auditorium Seating Adaptation

The anticipated cost of adapting the auditorium for wheelchair seating is \$10,000.

**Combined cost of these two special projects is
\$40,000**

How To Donate

- Write "2016 Project" on offering envelope
- Write "2016 Project" on memo section of check
- Non-cash gifts (contact Carroll Lavalleur)

The Equip Project ended in December 2015, but donations are still accepted. Future donations will go toward reducing the debt.

If you have questions, contact Carroll Lavalleur at 402-310-7934 or clavalleur@ihcc.org

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

by Gil Rugh

The Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” and they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household’” (Acts 16:30, 31). That’s pretty clear, isn’t it? Believe and be saved.

The key word is “believe.” To be saved, the jailer had to believe in the Lord Jesus—but what does that mean? Believe Jesus existed? Even the Pharisees who hated Jesus believed that. Believe that Jesus died on the cross? No, the pagan Gentiles who crucified Him knew that was true. What then, does a person have to believe to be saved?

Salvation includes three concepts: the sinfulness of man, the Person of Christ, and the work of Christ. For salvation to occur there must be an understanding and agreement with God in each of these areas.

Sinfulness of Man

Most agree on the sinfulness of man: “There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God” (Rom. 3:10, 11). We are sinners, guilty and accountable before God. Because of our sin we are under condemnation and need salvation.

Work of Christ

The work of Christ centers on His death and resurrection. Apart from the finished work of Christ, there is no salvation. His death and resurrection are at the heart of the gospel. Paul wrote, “Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you . . . For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:1, 3, 4).

Person of Christ

Christ’s full title—used more than 90 times in the New Testament—is “the Lord Jesus Christ.” This title reveals the true nature of the Person of Christ. Therefore, each element of His title must be recognized and believed for salvation to occur. A person cannot deny any of the aspects of His Person revealed in this title and experience God’s salvation.

Jesus

“Jesus” is Christ’s human name—meaning Jehovah is salvation. The Old Testament leader, Joshua, carried this name also, but in Christ’s case it takes on deeper meaning. Not only is Jehovah the

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Savior, Jesus the man is Jehovah the Savior. Therefore, to be saved a person must believe that Jesus is the incarnate God.

Christ

The title “Christ” means anointed one. It is a reference to the Messiah—the one anointed by God to be the king of Israel.

In John 20:31, John wrote, “These have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.” John wrote his gospel to prove that Jesus is the Messiah, and that those who believe in Him find salvation.

From another perspective John wrote, “Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son” (1 John 2:22). Denying that Jesus Christ is the Messiah of Israel makes one an antichrist who cannot be saved.

Lord

So far these points have been fairly simple. The title “Lord” is slightly more complicated. Some say, “Well, if you’re going to emphasize ‘Lord,’ why don’t you emphasize ‘Teacher’ and ‘Creator,’

and all the other things that He is?” However, those other titles are not the focal point of His Person as revealed in Scripture. True, He is revealed as “Teacher” and “Creator,” but His title is “the Lord Jesus Christ.” These aspects are singled out as the critical elements of His Person.

Many say that the word “Lord” simply means deity. I don’t have a problem with that, but there is a certain aspect of His deity being emphasized—that of master, ruler or sovereign. This word is used more than 700 times in the New Testament, always in the spirit of sovereignty.

For example, consider Luke 6:46: “And why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” Christ poses a paradox, “You people call me ‘Lord’ but don’t obey Me.” The word “Lord” in this verse clearly carries with it the idea of submission or obedience. (See Eph. 5:23; Rom. 6:17, 22; 8:7-9; 16:18; Eph. 2:2; 5:6.)

In studying the Scriptures, I see an emphasis on Jesus Christ as the sovereign One who demands our personal submission. He alone is worthy of our faith.

Recognizing Jesus as Lord in a general sense is not true faith. To be saved a person must recognize his own sinfulness before God. Likewise, he must recognize and personally accept the fact that

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Jesus is the promised Messiah of Israel. And he must also personally recognize Him as Lord—master, ruler and sovereign.

Can a person be saved and deny that Jesus Christ is Lord? Can a person be saved and not submit to the Lordship of Christ? I do not believe so.

Let me be clear: I'm not referring to the type of Lordship that says you must quit smoking, drinking and playing cards before you can be saved. By Lordship I simply mean the recognition of and submission to the fact that Jesus Christ is Lord, just as we recognize and acknowledge that He is the Messiah. A person who says "I want Him to be my Savior,

but not my Lord" cannot be saved. He has not yet come to grips with the reality of the Person of Christ.

As believers who have recognized Christ's Lordship, we are to be constantly submitting our bodies to Him. His Lordship is being realized more and more in our lives. That's part of the maturing process—"progressive sanctification" if you will. But we can't become like a believer to become a believer. We come just as we are.

What do we have to believe to be saved? We have to see our own sinfulness. We have to believe that Jesus died for our sins and rose again from the dead. We have to recognize Christ as the Messiah and as God-in-the-flesh. We also have to recognize Him as the God-Master—the absolute Sovereign who is daily bringing us into submission to His final, perfect will.



April Report

Print Media Distributed:
297 booklets

Audio Media Outreach

Sermon Audio:
1579 downloads & streams in
46 states and 39 countries

Tornado/Spring Storm Alert

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.

“I have disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give to them, and that is the Christian religion. If they had that and I had not given them one cent, they would be rich. If they have not that, and I had given them the world, they would be poor.”

—Patrick Henry

Wednesday Night Class

Issues in Our Contemporary World

Teacher Donald Goertzen

We completed the 12th season of our study last week. Most recently our study has covered the Land Eretz Israel, from the creation of the world to modern day Israel ca. AD 2000. Since we did not complete the GeoHistory of the Land, we will resume it on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. These studies are available online (Sound Words app or the ihcc.org site) in audio and from 2014 also in a video format.



If you would like to personally visit Israel, we are planning two tours in 2017. Dates for the groups (same itinerary) are May 13-23 and May 27-June 6, 2017. Please contact Donald Goertzen for more information at dgoertzen3@neb.rr.com

Bible Fellowship Hour

Children' Sunday School

Visit the Sunday school coordinator's desk for class locations.

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Studying Galatians
Jeff Harford Teaching
Cornerstone House

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Studying Ephesians
Team Taught
Room 1430

Alpha Omega (18-25)

Studying 1 John
Duane Nelsen Teaching
Room 2311

EDGE

Studying Ephesians
Jay O'Neal Teaching
Rooms 1101-1102

Common Bonds

Studying John
Jim Mooberry Teaching
Room 1404

HIS

Studying Deuteronomy
Scott Bailey Teaching
Room 1423

LOGOS

Studying Joshua
Greg Thomas Teaching
Room 1422

180⁰ 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 Harmony of
the Gospels
Don Goertzen Teaching
Room 1414

Prime Time (60+ retired)

Studying Ruth
Ed Daly 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.

“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.

Family News

Death. Toni Churchill's mother, Maryann Churchill, died May 4, 2016.

Death. Charlene Hardinger's sister, Linda Bradley, died May 5, 2016.

Hospitalized. Linda Strasheim is a patient at Bryan West.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children studied Esther 4–6 and learned about God thwarting Haman.

Children's Church. The children studied Nehemiah and learned about God using Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem's wall.

Information

First–Sixth Graders. The college group will provide activities for the first through sixth graders on Sunday evenings: May 22, May 29 and June 5. The college group will organize games, snacks, music, and a lesson for the children.

Children will sit with their parents in the auditorium and will be dismissed when the last song begins. Children meet in the Family Center, and will be released from the Family Center after the worship service.

Missionary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, May 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lending Library.

All women are invited to join us.

Creative Sewers will meet Tuesday, May 17, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing of lap quilts.

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

Sunday Night Nursery Help. An adult worker is needed for the two-year-old room the second Sunday of the month and the fifth Sunday of the month. If interested, call Joanna Andrews, 402-465-0301.

Plant Sale. Girls of Grace is having a plant sale today (May 15) in the south lobby following both the morning and evening worship services. 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.

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.

Girls of Grace. The last camp meeting for counselors and junior counselors will be held today, (May 15) at 4:30 p.m. in rooms 2209–2210 (across from the Girls of Grace desk)

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

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.

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

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.

Learning New Songs. Would you like to learn the upcoming songs we sing each Sunday during the week? Visit our church Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Indian-HillsCommunityChurch) and see the corresponding post *or* write these links down and visit these pages each week. On each page, click on the "Youtube" button to hear the song.

Sunday Morning Services Page:
tiny.cc/sundayam

Sunday Evening Services Page:
tiny.cc/sundaypm

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth" (Ps 96:1).

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

Last Week's Message

May 8 AM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1158. *What God Says Regarding Women & Their Realm*. Selected Verses

May 8 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1952. *God's Word On Handling Our Troubles*. 1 Peter 5:5-9

This Week's Events

Sunday

Plant Sale (South Lobby)
Girls of Grace Camp Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Night Church
Girls of Grace, Boys of Faith,
Sunshine Kids

Monday

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

Tuesday

Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Missionary Prayer 1:30 p.m.
Orchestra 6–7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

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Future Events

May 15

Last Night for Girls of Grace & Boys of Faith

May 22

College Group Instructs Girls of Grace and Boys of Faith

May 26–29

Girls of Grace Camp

May 30

Memorial Day (Building Closed)

June 5

Promotion Sunday

June 12

Communion

June 13–18

Senior High Camp

June 19

Father's Day

July 4

Independence Day (Building Closed)

July 11–15

Vacation Bible School

August 6–9

Boys of Faith Camp

August 10–13

Junior High Camp

September 5

Labor Day

September 11

Fall Kick-off 6 p.m.

November 8–11

Branson Trip