

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

May 8, 2016

Warm Welcome

The unity we have in Christ truly is miraculous. Although we come from many different backgrounds and walks of life, have differing strengths, weaknesses, and varying personalities—we are united in our love for the Savior.

As we grow, we learn that “love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8) and that God uses each one despite our many failings. How sweet it is to love the ones our Lord holds closely.

We’re thankful you’re here this morning. As members of God’s family it is a joy to gather with the saints and worship our Lord and Savior with you!

Mothers Are God’s Blessing

Today is Mother’s Day, a day set aside to honor our mothers. As we think about our mothers and look back over the years, we are reminded how much Mother loved us.

Mother’s love was profound, which was demonstrated in the sacrifices she made for us each day. Her love was unconditional; it didn’t end when we were disobedi-

ent or when we disappointed her.

Mother disciplined us when we needed it, proving that her love was tough. Like all of us, Mother wasn’t perfect, but her love for us was genuine.



Each mother has a unique way about her and is specially chosen by God. As we reflect on the contribution she has made in our lives, we must also thank God for His provision of this woman, mother.

Foundation of Our Faith

Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of every ministry at Indian Hills Community Church. His Word is the foundation of our faith. If you know Christ as your Savior and Lord, then you know the peace and blessings that come from walking with Him.

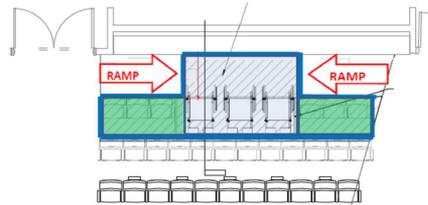
If you do not know Jesus Christ in this way, it would be our joy to share the truths of Scripture with you. Simply call the church during the week at 483-4541 and ask for the “Pastor of the Day.”

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

Behind Every Great Man

by Gil Rugh

Proverbs 31, which describes many characteristics of a godly woman, says, “Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land” (Prov. 31:23). In Old Testament times, the important and influential men sat at the gates of the city to conduct business and discuss important matters. It would be unlikely for a man whose wife did not display moral and upstanding character to hold such a respected position. Therefore, when a man rose to a position of influence, his accomplishment had as much to do with his wife as it did him. A woman was shown to be an effective wife not when she sat in the gate, but when her husband did.

The same is true of husbands and their wives today.

We tend to forget that in marriage the man and the woman become one. The impact of a man’s life is the impact of his wife’s life and vice versa. The world has destroyed the oneness of marriage. Now engaged couples make “prenuptial agreements”—they agree to keep their lives separate even though they are entering into marriage. It doesn’t bother me that the world does that; it greatly disturbs me when professing Christians pursue that way of life.

When a woman enters into marriage, she gives her entire life to her husband. That is why it is

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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.flough@ihcc.org

12-1 PM
5.13.16
Friday

\$8 buffet*

*Guests are free

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such a travesty for a husband to abandon his wife. He is to be her protector and provider. That is why God says, “I hate divorce . . . and the man who deals unfaithfully with the wife of his youth” (Mal. 2:15, 16).

We, as men, need to recognize our responsibility toward our wives and appreciate them as treasures entrusted to us by God. An excellent wife is someone whose worth is far above jewels, and yet we often fail to appreciate and protect our wives as God says we should. Instead, we begin to believe what the world says is desirable in a wife.

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.

“Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised” (Prov. 31:30).

The world emphasizes external beauty. When a worldly man arrives at success, what does he do? He leaves the wife of his youth, the treasure God entrusted to him, for a younger, more attractive woman. The Bible paints a much different picture of how a husband should treat his wife.

Peter wrote, “You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman. Grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered” (1 Pet. 3:7).

If you are a married man, your walk with God depends on how you treat your wife. Do you live with her in an understanding way? Do you function according to your God-given role and allow her to do the same? If not, then you have problems, not with your wife, but with God. Your prayers are hindered.

How can you come to God as a hypocrite and say, “I want to talk to You,” while living in rebellion—rejecting what He has to say? Come to the manual given by the Creator, and you will discover that this loved one you call wife is truly a treasure, worth much more than precious jewels.

Purpose of a Home Bible Study

Home Bible Studies provide a great atmosphere for spiritual growth. The benefits of becoming part of a Home Bible Study are great and we encourage you to consider the following verses and pray about your involvement in this area of ministry. For more information, contact Matt Sherman at 402-465-8030.

Study the Word of God

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).

“Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105).

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

Love One Another

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God” (1 John 4:7).

“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you” (John 15:12).

“And walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave

Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma” (Ephesians 5:2).

“For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’ ” (Galatians 5:14).

Pray for One Another

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much” (James 5:16).

Comfort One Another

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15).

“Bear one another’s burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).

Encourage/Exhort One Another

“Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29).

“Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing” (1 Thesalonians 5:11).

“We urge you, brethren,

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Home Bible Study

admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men" (1 Thess. 5:14).

Fellowship with One Another

"We who had sweet fellowship together, walked in the house of God in the throng" (Psalm 55:14).

"I am a companion of all those who fear Thee, and of those who keep Thy precepts" (Psalm 119:63).

Serve One Another

"For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another" (Gal. 5:13).

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

"For the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12).

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

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.

Let us be silent about things which are a discredit to Christian character. Remember, you may yourself deserve rebuke one of these days; and as you would like this to be done gently and privately, so let us keep our remarks about others within the happy circle of love.—Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Family News

Hospitalized. Lanna Shrader was a patient at Bryan East.

Birth. Jesse and Erin Smith are the parents of a boy, Wolfgang Richter, born May 1, 2016. Grandparents are Todd and Carrie Smith.

Death. Eldon Tiffany died May 4, 2016.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children studied Esther 1–3 and learned about God making Esther queen.

Children's Church. The children studied Esther this morning. The lesson goal is to trust in God's plan, power, and protection.

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.

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.

Clothing Outlet will be open Tuesday, May 10 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.

Plant Sale. Girls of Grace is having a plant sale today (May 8) and May 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.

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.

Issues in Our Contemporary World. Join Donald Goertzen for a pictorial study of the Holy Land, including its geographical and historical sites on Wednesday from 7–8 p.m. in room 1414.

Girls of Grace. The last camp meeting for counselors and junior counselors will be held Sunday, 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).

Last Week's Message

April 24 AM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1156. *Mercy for the Soul in Despair*. Psalm 6

April 24 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1950. *Oversight by the Elders*. 1 Peter 5:1-2

May 1 AM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1157 *Heart Conditions Revealed by the Word*. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

May 1 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1951. *The Authority of the Elder's Oversight*. 1 Peter 5:2-4

This Week's Events

Sunday

Sunday Night Church
Girls of Grace, Boys of Faith,
Sonshine Kids

Monday

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

Tuesday

Clothing Outlet 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Orchestra 6–7:30 p.m.
Awana Awards 7 p.m.
Junior High Game Night 6:45 p.m.
Issues in Our Contemporary World
Choir 7–8:30 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

Friday

Christian Businessman's Lunch
Junior High Banquet

Future Events

May 26–29

Girls of Grace Camp

May 30

Memorial Day (Building Closed)

June 5

Promotion Sunday

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

November 8–11

Branson Trip

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