

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

June 11, 2017

Listening to God

As Gil often reminds us, the Bible is God's Word to us. Our Lord wants us to know Him and to know His will for our lives, but that takes some effort on our part—it means we must listen.

Heeding the Lord begins when we meditate upon His Word. Whether we are in church, learning under Gil's teaching, or reading the Scriptures alone, we must listen to what God is saying.

And God is waiting for us to listen. He wants an intimate relationship with us—like He had with Moses, David, and Paul.

Would you like to have an intimate relationship with God? If so, go to His Word and listen prayerfully to the Truths He places on your heart.

Communion Tonight

It is fitting that each of us pause and remember the death of Christ on our behalf. All who have received Jesus Christ as Savior are invited to participate.

Growing Together

Church attendance over the winter and spring months has been encouraging and it is a pleasure to

see new faces become part of the church family.

As a church, we are sharing the gospel and bringing friends to worship services and classes. Some are sharing the good news door-to-door, while others share at school or work.

This is an exciting time in the ministry, as our Alpha Omega, high school, junior high, and Bible Fellowship groups are strong and made up of men and women who love the Lord and desire to bring Him glory.

The church family is growing spiritually. The congregation comes to church with a good attitude, a desire to worship and a genuine interest in others. People are interacting, encouraging and strengthening each other.

In a close-knit church like ours, there's bound to be hurt feelings or misunderstandings from time to time, but we love God's Word and remember that "love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8).

Isn't it sweet to be forgiven by a family member? Isn't it wonderful to forgive a brother or sister and let go of all ill feelings? This glorifies God, makes peace in the family and is a sign of maturity.

Vacation Bible School

The event we have been anticipating for months has finally arrived. After much work and preparation, we are ready to present *The Greatest Show in Heaven and on Earth*.

VBS will be held Monday–Friday, June 12–16 from 9:00–11:45 a.m. All children four years old through sixth grade are welcome.

Children who have not been registered are still welcome. Bring them Monday morning and we'll get them signed up and ready to go.

This is a busy and exciting week at the church. Over the years there have been countless stories

of how the Lord has used VBS, not only in the lives of children, but in adults as well.

Besides a lesson from the Bible, children will enjoy recreation, crafts, songs, a play, treats and fellowship each day.

We have a great opportunity before us. As we share the message of salvation with church and unchurched kids this week, may we be found faithful.

No doubt each worker will be exhausted by Friday afternoon. May God grant each weary soul the satisfaction of doing His will and a job well done.

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Prayer Makes a Difference

Gil Rugh

We sometimes need to be reminded how important prayer is.

The writer of Hebrews believed that people praying for him would make a difference and wrote:

And I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you the sooner (Heb. 13:19).

James also believed prayer makes a difference:

The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish

much (James 5:16).

The Apostle Paul continually asked people to pray for him. It is easy for us to get caught up with life and forget how important it is to pray. We forget that if we are not praying, things will not be happening.

In his letter to Philemon, Paul wrote:

At the same time also prepare me a lodging, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given to you (Philemon 1:22).

Paul believed that if Philemon and others prayed, God would answer and send Paul to them.

Sometimes prayer is hard work. If we pray only when we feel like it, we will probably have a very limited prayer life. Paul wrote of striving in prayer.

Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me (Rom. 15:30).

Paul asked his brethren to join with him in the struggle and become his partners in the battle he was in. As they prayed for him, they became an integral part of his ministry. They went through the struggles and battles with Paul as they upheld him in prayer. Paul

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Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

June 21

June 28

July 5

July 12

July 19

July 26

Start off summer by praying with the brethren in the chapel at 7:00 p.m.

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asked them to pray:

That I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints (Rom. 15:31).

Paul asked for deliverance from those trying to hinder his ministry and that his ministry on behalf of Jerusalem, particularly the offering, would be acceptable.

Although Paul is a great example of faithful service to God, I wonder how many now share in the rewards of his ministry because they diligently prayed for him. The visible, focal point of ministry was on the Apostle Paul, but what God was doing through his life was partly in answer to the prayers of the saints.

When we stand in the presence of Jesus Christ for the rewards to be given, we may find that while many were not visibly part of a ministry, much of the ministry's effectiveness depended on those who were not seen, but were praying.

It is easy to lose sight of the importance of praying for others. I am a visible figure in the ministry God called me to, but God is using those who diligently pray for this local work to accomplish His will and bring effectiveness to the ministry.

Paul wrote about the experience he had undergone in Asia—

sufferings, trials and burdens to the point of thinking he was about to lose his life. In spite of these difficulties he wrote:

[He] who delivered us from so great a *peril of death*, and will deliver *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through *the prayers of many* (2 Cor. 1:10, 11).

Paul believed that because people prayed, he would be delivered for more ministry and that would cause more people to praise God.

A key element of prayer is found in Ephesians 6:18: "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit."

As we submit our lives to the Spirit of God, He takes control of us and our desires. As we pray under the control of the Spirit, we pray according to the will of God. The Spirit will move us to ask God for what He is determined to do, that He might answer our prayers and do it.

Knowing the power of prayer, Paul continued, "Be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints" (Eph. 6:18).

What a privilege God has given us in prayer. We must not lose hope and we must never give up because prayer makes a difference.

The Lord Is Calling

A day is coming when the Lord Jesus will return to meet those who have believed in Him and take them to Heaven. Jesus told his disciples,

“I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also (John 14:2, 3).

While we wait for that day, the Holy Spirit is transforming us into His likeness.

We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure (1 John 3:2, 3).

We don't know when Christ will return, but we do know that He will come again. Are you ready to meet Him? Have your sins been washed away by the blood of the Lamb?

The good news is that God in great love and mercy provided the way of salvation for mankind. At great sacrifice to Himself, the Father sent His beloved Son to earth to die for the sins of the world.

The Bible tells us that by confessing our sins and believing in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior we are forgiven and brought into God's family. Our name will be written in the Book of Life and we

will spend all of eternity in Glory.

If your name is not written in the Book of Life, you will be cast forever into the Lake of Fire.

Please settle this matter today, dear one. The Lord is calling you. Come to Him now, while there is still time.

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15).

God keeps good records. He knows His own, and He has written the names of His children permanently in His book.

Bible Resources for Everyone

The church website (www.ihcc.org) has many resources for the Bible student. We currently have around 2,000 of Gil's messages available as well as messages from other speakers and classes.

These messages can be listened to, watched, or downloaded at your convenience.

If you would like to get Bible teaching on your mobile device, download the Sound Words app to your iPhone or Android device. You will have access to a multitude of resources for your personal Bible study.

It is our hope that these study materials will aid you in your study of the Scriptures and bring you to a closer understanding and walk with the Lord.

Let us be good stewards of the Lord's blessings

No Food or Drink

in the Auditorium or Chapel

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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
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 Life of Samson
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.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Family News

Invitation. Everyone is invited to a Dessert Reception in honor of Ron and Carol Schroer's 50th wedding anniversary. The reception will be held on Saturday, June 24, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Ron and Carol were married June 25, 1967.

Hospitalized. Duane Shrader was a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Birth. Ethan and Kelsey Parks are the parents of a girl, Ayviann Mae, born June 7, 2017. Grandparents are Zane and Kathleen Parks.

Children's Studies

Children's Church. Vince Ganshorn presented a lesson on dinosaurs.

Information

Sound Words Summer Hours. Sound Words will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sundays, before and after morning and evening services. We are now closed on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings through the Labor Day weekend.

Clothing Outlet will not be open this week due to VBS. Plan to shop the Clothing Outlet on Tuesday,

June 20 from 8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

VBS Treats. In case of allergies and special diets these are the treats we will be serving at VBS this week: Monday, Rice Krispie bars; Tuesday, Popcorn with M&Ms; Wednesday, Fruit cup (watermelon chunks, grapes) with pretzel stick; Thursday, Animal Crackers with Gummy Bears; Friday, Bomb pops. Questions? Contact Sharon Lavalleur at 402-489-5354 or e-mail slavalleur83@gmail.com.

Girls & Boys Summer program. Boys and girls sit with their parents in Sunday Night church through the music and then go to the Family Center at 6:30 p.m. Our Alpha Omega group will lead them in music, games and a spiritual lesson. Children can be picked up in the Family Center at 7:30 p.m.

Music Camp begins July 2 and runs through September 3. All first through eighth grade students are welcome. More information to come in following weeks.

Do you play the piano? Could you accompany a song leader at a local nursing home once a month? A piano player is needed the first, third, or fourth Sunday of every month at The Arbors located in north Lincoln. Please e-mail Tom Price at mathmanprice@gmail.com or call 402-792-9331. We are also looking for a teacher for the fourth Sunday at this same location.

VBS Decoration Closet is filled and ready for use. It is in the unfinished area on second floor. If you have questions, please text or call Michelle Pietzyk at 402-480-1347.

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

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

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.

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.

Gardening meets Wednesday at 10:00 a.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.

Rainout Gardening. When Wednesday gardening gets rained out, the workers meet on Thursday at the same time they were scheduled to work on Wednesday. If you would like to help on a rainout Thursday, please come! Tools are provided.

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.

Hospitalizations. Please call the church, 402-483-4541, and notify Pastor Aaron Nicholson or Curt Kuster of all hospitalizations and births.

Nursing Home Ministry. A teacher is needed on the first Sunday of the month at Homestead Alzheimer's Unit. Please email Tom Price at mathmanprice@gmail.com or call 792-9331.

Last Week's Message

June 4 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 2005. *Heaven's Readiness to Begin the End.* Revelation 5:8-9

June 4 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 2087. *Inconsistency Blurs the Gospel.* Galatians 2:9-14

This Week's Events

Sunday

Sunday Night Church 6:00 p.m.
Communion
Boys & Girls Summer Program
Sunshine Kids 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Vacation Bible School
Door 2 Door 6:15 p.m.
No Sisters

Tuesday

Vacation Bible School

Wednesday

Vacation Bible School

Thursday

Vacation Bible School
Alpha Omega Study 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Vacation Bible School

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Future Events

June 20

High School Worlds of Fun
Clothing Outlet

June 26–29

High School Senior Trip

June 27

JHAM Worlds of Fun

July 2–September 3

Music Camp

July 4

Independence Day (Offices Closed)

July 9–14

High School Camp

July 30

Communion

August 5–8

Boys of Faith Camp

August 6

Baptism

August 9–12

Junior High School Camp

September 4

Labor Day (Offices Closed)

October 6, 7

Deaf Conference

October 24

Intermission 6:15 p.m.

November 7–10

Branson Tour

November 23

Thanksgiving