

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

June 19, 2016

Happy Father's Day

Grace and peace to you, beloved of God, on this day set aside to honor our fathers.

We're thankful for the many faithful fathers in our church family and for the godly model they set for us. Not only are these men role models for their children, but their love and devotion to God is an inspiration to all of us, young and old alike.

Our fathers come from all walks of life: business, law, farming, sales, labor, etc., but it is their love for Christ that is demonstrated in their values, their way of thinking and acting that stimulates us and the next generation to build our lives on the solid rock. God's blessings to all our fathers!

A Father's Responsibility

It has been said that, "A father is someone who carries pictures where his money used to be."

While raising children certainly has a thinning effect on Dad's wallet, that is only the tip of the iceberg concerning the sacrifices a godly father is willing to make for his children.

We are blessed to have many godly fathers in our church family, and we're thankful for the good example they set for us. These men

take their God-given responsibility seriously, and are not fooled by the world's wisdom, which tells them the trick to being a great dad is to be a friend to their children instead of an authority figure.

While spending time with one's children is important, what Proverbs has to say about being a father is much deeper than that. If we teach our children trivial things, we'll raise trivial children who will teach their children trivial things. If we teach our children deep things, we'll raise children who teach their children deep things.

The world tells us that the father is to take out the trash and that his main responsibility is to bring home the bacon and fix things around the house. The world is wrong.

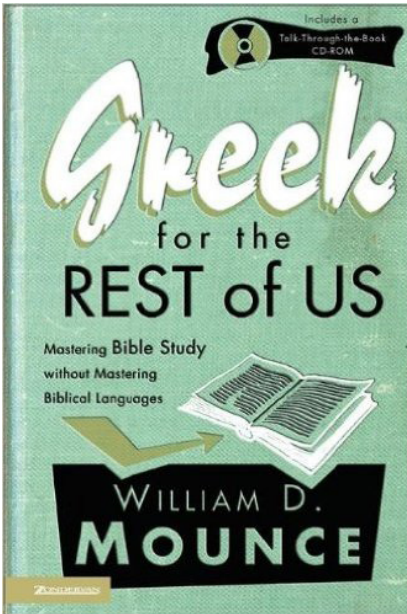
Scripture tells us that the primary duty of a father is to teach wisdom to his children. This word dominates Proverbs and does not mean simply "thought" but "conduct." It means to live righteously. Fathers are to teach their children spiritual wisdom.

We must teach our children that wisdom is better than jewels and all desirable things cannot compare with her. May we, fathers, commit ourselves to this priority—to teach our children wisdom.

Men's Summer Study

Greek for the Rest of Us:

Mastering Bible Study without Mastering the Biblical Languages



Duane Nelsen will be teaching a class for men based on the book, *Greek for the Rest of Us: Mastering Bible Study without mastering the Biblical Languages*.

The book's premise is that you don't have to be a Greek student to understand biblical Greek. If you'd like to learn Greek so you can study your Bible better, but you can't spare two years for college or seminary courses, then *Greek for the Rest of Us* is for you.

This new study begins Saturday, July 2 and will continue for four to six weeks. Plan to meet in the conference room at 8 a.m. for one hour.

Please purchase the book and read the first section before the first class. (Be sure to order the first edition so you'll be on the same page as everyone else.)

Men of all ages will enjoy working through the material together each week in a casual setting. Instead of simply memorizing Greek words, there will be interaction and discussion about how to use commentaries and online tools.

Developed by Greek teacher William Mounce, this crash-course on "baby Greek" will acquaint you with the essentials of the language and deepen your understanding of God's Word. You'll gain a sound knowledge of basic Greek, and you'll learn how to use tools that will add muscle to your Bible studies.

Greek for the Rest of Us may be purchased at Sound Words or online. For more information, contact Duane Nelsen at 402-483-4541.

Investing In What Is Eternal

Gil Rugh

Unbelievers live very short-sighted lives, focusing on physical things. Their lives are characterized only by emptiness and futility, because they have no relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ

I often wonder what drives unbelievers. How do they get up every morning and face the day? How futile it is to invest one's life only in the physical, which is fleeting and inconsequential. The ultimate tragedy is that after this life, for unbelievers there is nothing but separation from God for all eternity.

Sadly, some people who know Jesus Christ as Savior are also very absorbed with worldly things. They lose sight of who they are and what their lives are to be about.

It is easy to be just as concerned about security in this life as the unbeliever, and to be just as worried about the course of events in this life as the one without Christ. We must stop and ask ourselves, "What is my life all about?"

Believers are privileged to invest in eternity. Keeping that perspective in mind will influence our faithful service to Jesus Christ.

Investing in eternity does not mean, however, that we disregard

everything in the physical world. It does not mean we can neglect working to support our families. It also does not mean we cannot have nice houses or other nice things—but those things are not what life is about. We need to be like the Apostle Paul and say, "I have learned to live with much; I have learned to live with nothing. I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am."

Jesus said that even when a man is rich, his life does not consist of the abundance of his possessions. Every moment of every day, we should live in earnest anticipation of seeing Jesus Christ face to face.

We are now one week closer to seeing Him than we were last week at this time. Have we been faithfully investing our lives in that which counts for all eternity?

Tornado/Storm/Fire Alert

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 routes.

Only Three Weeks Away

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held July 11–15, and all children four years old through sixth grade are welcome.

Be sure to bring your children, grandchildren, and neighbor kids to this fun week of learning about God. The gospel will be presented each day and the kids will learn songs and make crafts that reinforce the lessons. It's a great time of learning and building on God's truth.

Besides playing games, making crafts, eating treats and singing songs, children will learn that when God saves a sinner, he sets that sinner apart to be holy. As Christians we know we cannot be holy without God working in our lives, and yet much effort is required on our part. Like the athlete, we have the responsibility

to train to be godly.

An athlete eats healthy food to nourish his body, trains every day, lifts weights to strengthen his muscles and studies everything he can to improve his skill. The Christian athlete does everything in his power to prepare himself for competition and yet he knows it is God who gave him the body and strength he has. He knows it is God who gave him long legs for running, a strong back for lifting weights or good balance for gymnastics, but he also knows God will not do it all for him. Training is the athlete's responsibility.

Training takes a lot of time and it is not easy. It is hard, sometimes painful work and it may take years, but as any athlete who has won the Gold Medal will say, it is well worth the effort. The Christian's reward will be so much better when our Savior says, "Well done, my good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:23).

Workers Needed

Workers are needed in all areas. If you'd like to help in the nursery, with crafts, recreation, or music, we need you. A few male teachers are also needed. Please call Kathleen at 402-483-4541 to let her know where you'd like to serve.

VBS

Children will learn about
crosstraining to become
more like Jesus

July 11–15
Monday–Friday
9–11:45 a.m.

Children four years old
through sixth grade welcome

Summer Pulpit

July 31

Duane Nelsen (AM)
Jimmy Pelton (PM)

August 7

Duane Nelsen (AM)
TBA (PM)

August 14

Brian Trainer (AM & PM)
Detroit Baptist Theological
Seminary

August 21

Mike Wing (AM & PM)

August 28

Tom Watson (AM & PM)

September 4

Doug Bookman (AM & PM)

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

Pastoral Staff

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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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

Part-Time Staff

Doug Andrews
Jerry Andrews
Megan Barber
Stephen Bede
Rick Gloe
Jake Krieger
Carroll Lavalleur
Nathan Marra
Ed McClure
Dale McDaniel
Charles Muir
Carsten Scholle
Zach Wheat

2016 SPECIAL PROJECT FUND

Electronic Sign & Auditorium Seating Adaptation

\$40,000

\$35,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

\$0

\$25,660 Total
Received to Date

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.

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

How To Donate

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

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

Summer Music Camp

Meets Tonight at 6 p.m.

First-third graders meet in the gym

Fourth-eighth graders meet in the Choir Room

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 2211

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 1 John
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.

"For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

Family News.

Marriage. Connor Moeller and Michal McGrew were united in marriage June 18, 2016.

Hospitalized. Sherryl Gillette is a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Hospitalized. Dana Oehlertz is a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital

Hospitalized. Rachelle Pelton was a patient and is now home.

Thank You to my dust and pray group for helping me through my recent surgeries and for all the prayers, food and cards. A special thank you to dear Pastor Eddie for coming to pray with me before my surgery.—Linda Strasheim

Thank You. We want to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, flowers, food, and encouragement during my tests, surgery, and recovery. We appreciate our Sunday School class, Bible study group, family and Titus Tuesday ladies for ministering to us.—Duane and Cathie Leach

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children studied 1 Kings 18 and learned about Elijah and the prophets of Baal.

Children's Church. The children studied Matthew 3 and learned about John the Baptist baptizing Jesus. The lesson goal is to understand that the only way to come to God is through Jesus.

Information

Workers are needed to vacuum one section of the church once every five weeks. If you'd like to serve in this way, please call Dara Peters at 402-499-4944

Sound Words will be closed in the mornings June 20-24. Monday through Friday hours will be Noon – 5 p.m.

Wednesday Night Prayer meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 1414. Everyone is invited to participate.

Hammers Needed. We need to borrow 40 hammers for a craft project during VBS. If you have one or two you can spare, please drop them off at the north or south information desk. Please label them clearly so we can return them to you after VBS.

VBS Closet is stocked with paint, paper, paintbrushes and various items. A couple copies of the VBS curriculum are available to view (including daily verses). The closet is in the unfinished classroom area located on the second floor just north of the elevator. Please let Michelle Pietzyk know if any supplies are running low or if you have any special requests. Text or call Michelle at 402-480-1347.

Metal Juice Lids. We are looking for metal juice lids (from frozen juice cans) for a VBS classroom project. Please leave them at the north and south information desks in the containers provided.

Gardening. If you would like to help with the church flower gardens, meet in the south parking lot on Wednesday at 9 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.

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.

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

Door-to-Door Evangelism will meet on 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.

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

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.

Lending Library. Summer is a great time to introduce your kids to the church Lending Library. We have all kinds of books for both children and adults. Consider making this a “reading summer.”

Nursing Home Door-to-Door Evangelism. If you’d like to help, call Adam Flaugh, 402-580-3014.

Last Week’s Message

June 12 AM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1162. *Christ’s Ongoing Work of Preparing His Church.* Selected Verses

June 12 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1956. *All Things Given for Life and Godliness.* 2 Peter 1:3-4

This Week's Events

Sunday

Sunday Night Church
Summer Music Camp
Sonshine Kids

Monday

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

Wednesday

Gardening 9 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
High School Summer Study 7–9 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

Future Events

June 28

JHAM Worlds of Fun Trip

July 4

Independence Day (Building
Closed)

July 11–15

Vacation Bible School

July 19

High School Worlds of Fun Trip

July 22–24

AO Denver Trip

July 24

Communion

July 26–29

High School Senior Trip

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.

October 9

Communion

November 8–11

Branson Trip

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