

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

June 25, 2017

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We worship the living Savior, Christ Jesus, and desire all to come to know Him. These are days of salvation and we live anticipating His soon return.

We're thankful for the truth of God's Word and that God is pleased to reveal His purposes and plans with us. His intention is for us to understand His Word, and He has given believers the Holy Spirit.

We want to grasp these truths and live in light of His Word. We proclaim He is the sovereign God, in control of everything. May we be faithful as we await His soon return.

The Void in Our Lives

Throughout the history of the world, people have been trying to fill the void in their lives. Possessions, relationships, and organized religion cannot satisfy our longing, as there is only one way we can be fulfilled, and that is through a right relationship with Jesus Christ. If you sense an emptiness in your soul, consider God's plan of true joy for your life.

All men and women are sinners before God.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

In love, God sent His Son to pay the penalty for man's sins.

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

God's gift of forgiveness is freely given to all who believe in Him.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

We're glad you're here today and invite you back. If you do not have a church home, please consider worshipping with us again. People of all ages and circumstances are always welcome at The Hills.

Thought for the Day

You say, “If I had a little more, I should be very satisfied.” You make a mistake. If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled. —Charles Spurgeon

Summer Music Camp

Indian Hills Summer Music Camp begins Sunday evening, July 2 at 6:00 p.m., and includes all children going into first through eighth grade in the fall. Over the next nine weeks, our kids will learn about the Lord, new songs, new instruments, and a little music theory. A concert to demonstrate what they have learned over the summer will be presented Sunday evening, September 3, at 6 p.m.



Children's Music Director, Andrew Thomas, and his wife, Vanessa.

First–third graders will begin the evening in the Family Center at 6 p.m. where they will learn at four music training centers. They will learn about music signs, notes, rhythms, basic knowledge of the keyboard, how to sing on pitch using the floor staff, and a little music theory. They will then have treats and go upstairs to learn the music for the concert.

Upstairs they will have a Bible

lesson. They will learn new songs and actions for the concert and Andrew will help them ponder on various song lyrics from a spiritual perspective.

Fourth graders will begin the evening at 6 p.m. in the choir room with a Bible study. They will learn the music for the concert and be encouraged to ponder on lyrics that glorify God. After refreshments, they will learn to play the recorder. Instruments and books are supplied.

Fifth–eighth graders will also begin the evening at 6 p.m. in the choir room with a Bible lesson. After refreshments, they may choose one of the following electives: percussion, puppets, or guitar. Students may try any or all of them the first week. (Please bring your own guitar if you have one.)

All first through eighth grade students are encouraged to attend Summer Music Camp. Those attending will be taught musical skills that can be used for the rest of their lives to praise and worship our God.

For more information about Summer Music Camp at The Hills: www.ihcc.org/smc

Invitations are available at the main entrances. Pick one up for your favorite first through eighth grader.

Why Do We Sing in Church?

Sam Pelton

Music in church is a given. You would be hard-pressed to find a church that didn't incorporate singing as a part of the worship service. It's a tradition that has been practiced to one extent or another throughout church history.

But why do we sing in church? Is it just because of tradition, or is there Scriptural basis? There are, in fact, many biblical reasons why we sing.

1. To worship God

Singing, and music in general, is an excellent way to express praise and worship of God. Psalm 66:1-2 emphasizes this idea as it says, "Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; Sing the glory of His name; Make His praise glorious."

God is the only one worthy of worship. All that He is, all that He has done, all that He continues to do, and all that He promises to do leads us to sing His praise.

Everything that we do in the church service—fellowshipping, giving offerings, teaching Scripture—is to be done as an act of worship to the One who is worthy, in line with our offering of our lives as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1). Singing is no different.

2. To obey God's command to teach and admonish each other

Paul commanded the following to New Testament believers: "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).

Paul wanted the church to use music as a teaching and admonishing tool. The songs we sing at

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**Wednesday Night
Prayer Meeting**

June 28
July 5
July 12
July 19
July 26

Come pray with the
brethren in room 1414 at
7:00 p.m.

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church are intended to reinforce the truth of Scripture. Biblical songs will give us a more accurate view of God, of the Gospel, and of Scripture and will admonish us to live in light of that truth.

Along these same lines, music helps remind us about who God is, what He has done, and what He has revealed. Singing allows us to meditate on these truths and commit them to memory (Deuteronomy 31:19).

3. To express joy, gratitude, and other biblical emotions

Although singing in church is primarily for the purpose of expressing worship and teaching truth, singing also provides an avenue for us to express emotions

that are in line with Scripture. Joy, in particular, is an emotion that is easily expressed through song: “Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises” (James 5:13). Gratitude is another: “...singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19-20).

The examples of songs we have in Scripture are filled with these truth-saturated emotions as well as other emotions such as sorrow over sin and love for God.

4. As a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit and the Word of Christ richly dwelling in us

Paul presents biblical singing as a work of the Holy Spirit’s filling our lives: “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:18-20).

Paul says that one of the results of being filled with the Spirit will be singing! So when we sing and make melody with our hearts to the Lord, we are acting in line with the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives.

As mentioned previously, singing is also associated with letting “the word of Christ richly dwell within you...” (Colossians 3:16). Those who are filled

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May Report

Print Media Distributed:
300 booklets

Audio Media Outreach

Sermon Audio:
3543 downloads & streams
1056 were in the United Kingdom

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with the truth of Christ naturally want to sing about it. We want to express the truth that has transformed us, the truth that continues to dictate how we live.

5. To express unity as God's people

God has brought us together into His body. We are one because of our faith in Christ. Singing together as a corporate body is a unique way to express this incredible oneness.

Notice how the main passages regarding music in the New Testament speak of singing in corporate terms: "...teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..." (Colossians 3:16), "...speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..." (Ephesians 5:19). Singing is not just for soloists and choir members but is something we should do as a corporate body.

6. To follow the precedent set in Scripture

Scripture is filled with examples of singing:

- The songs of Israel frequently mentioned throughout the Old Testament.
- The behavior of Jesus and His disciples (Matthew 26:30).
- The example and commands of Paul (Acts 16:25; Colossians

3:16; Ephesians 5:18-20).

- John's vision of heaven in the future (Revelation 5:9; 14:3; 15:3).

The Book of Psalms is entirely comprised of songs. Certainly, with all this emphasis in Scripture we can conclude that singing is important and is something the church should do.

The Dangers of Music

It is obvious that singing is important and even commanded in Scripture. But there are dangers against which we must be on guard. Here are some warnings:

- Singing must not become merely ritualistic—just something we do because it's expected, with no heart behind the words. This is not true worship (Psalm 51:16-17; Matthew 22:37).
- Singing must not be based on anything but God's truth alone. If there is any other reason or basis for our singing in church, we are doing it wrong (Colossians 3:16; John 4:24).
- Singing must not become overly focused on personal preferences at the expense of concern for others. Instead, we must give preference to one another in love (Romans 12:10).
- Singing must not become an exercise in emotionalism. If

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we exalt music as the chief means of worshipping God, we can start to rely on it to give us a “spiritual high.” In reality, singing is not the end-all but is one of many ways we express obedience and worship.

As we can see from Scripture, singing isn’t just something we include in the service because it’s expected. Singing is biblical! Our singing will honor the Lord if we pursue it according to the truth of God’s Word.



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
Rob Jensen
Larry Riekenberg
Rob Schmidt
Mike Shrader
Randy Sperling
Greg Thomas

Pastoral Staff

Gil Rugh, Senior Pastor
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Donald Goertzen, Part-time
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Nick McElvain, Part-time

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Twila Beck
Gale Engle
John Scholle
Kevin Wheat

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Jonathan Goodding Boys of Faith
Jeff Harford Junior High
Jim Krieger Wee Care
Curt Kuster Communion
Nick McElvain High School
Galen Pfeiffer Awana
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Rick Gloe
LeeAnn Hedrick
Jake Krieger
Carroll Lavalleur
Dale McDaniel
Charles Muir
Carsten Scholle
Taysha Slade
Andrew Thomas
Zach Wheat

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^o 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.

"Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing'" (Revelation 5:11, 12).

Family News

Hospitalized. Karene Dallmann was a patient at Bryan East Hospital.

Hospitalized. Bill Peery was a patient at Bryan East Hospital.

Hospitalized. Lanna Shrader was a patient at Bryan East Hospital.

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

Thank you for the prayers while I was the hospital. Continue to pray for fast healing. Thank you to those that visited me and for those that sent cards.—Eudean Springer

Children's Studies

Children's Sunday School. The children studied John 4:46-54 and learned about Jesus healing the official's son.

Children's Church. The children studied Genesis 3 and learned about man rebelling against God. The lesson goal is for students to understand that God will punish those who don't obey Him.

Information

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 location.

A Teacher Is Needed on the first Sunday of the month at Homestead Alzheimer's Unit. Please e-mail Tom Price at mathmanprice@gmail.com or call 402-792-9331.

Nursery Workers are needed for the second hour. Please contact Cheryl Slade, 402-770-3055, if you would like to help.

Couple Needed to weed around the church crosses. There is no cutting, planting, watering or other work required—just weeding. This is a nice area to weed in the morning when it is shaded. If you'd like to help with this area, contact Roxanne Nelsen, 402-475-8898.

Gardening meets Wednesday at 9:00 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.

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 observing.

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 Door-to-Door Evangelism. If you'd like to help, call Adam Flaugh, 402-310-2070.

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

Lending Library. This is a great time to introduce your kids to the church Lending Library. We have all kinds of books for both children and adults.

Home Bible Studies. If you are looking for a Home Bible Study, or are interested in hosting a study in your home, contact Duane Nelsen at 402-483-4541.

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.

Welcome Bags are available for first time visitors. If you brought a visitor today, be sure to visit the information center with them so they will receive their Welcome Bag.

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

Last Week's Message

June 18 AM. GR 2007. *Judgment Begins Under God's Authority.*
Revelation 6:1-8

June 18 PM. GR 2089. *Clarifying the Law and the Gospel.* Galatians 2:17-21

This Week's Events

Sunday

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

Monday

High School Senior Trip
Door 2 Door 6:15 p.m.
Sisters 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

High School Senior Trip
JHAM Worlds of Fun

Wednesday

High School Senior Trip
Gardening 9:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

High School Senior Trip
Alpha Omega Study 7:00 p.m.

Future Events

July 2–September 3

Summer Music Camp

July 3

No Door2Door Evangelism

July 4

Independence Day (Offices Closed)

July 9–14

High School Camp

July 23

Communion (PM)

July 30

James Johnson & Jake Hebert (Institute for Creation Research) Speaking

August 5–8

Boys of Faith Camp

August 6

Tommy Ice Speaking
Baptism

August 9–12

Junior High School Camp

August 13

Peter Barber Speaking

August 20

Gary Gilley Speaking

August 27

Duane Nelsen Speaking (AM)
Adam Flaugh Speaking (PM)

September 3

Duane Nelsen Speaking (AM)
Ed Daly Speaking (PM)

September 4

Labor Day (Offices Closed)

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