

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

June 4, 2017

A special welcome to you, beloved of God, this first Sunday of June. We are glad you have joined us in the worship of our Lord and Savior, and trust that the service will instruct and inspire each of us to a life of praise and service to God and our fellowman.

## Memorable Quote

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

## Preparing for Eternity

Most of us remember (and possibly even learned from) Aesop's fable, *The Ant and the Grasshopper*, which provided a moral lesson about hard work and preparation.

As the story goes, the grasshopper spends the summer months singing and playing, while the ant works, storing up food for winter.

Winter arrives and it is not long before the grasshopper finds itself dying of hunger. Upon asking the ant for food, the grasshopper is

rebuked for being idle all summer.

This ancient fable has been used to teach the virtues of hard work, saving, and the perils of improvidence (lacking foresight or care in the management of resources) to generations of children.

We can learn a lot from the ant, who teaches us to work, invest and save for the future—like saving for our home, our children's education, family vacations, health expenses, and retirement.

While all this is good, there is an even more important and urgent matter for which we must be preparing ourselves. ***We must be preparing our very souls for eternity.***

Holiness is not achieved by osmosis and will take real effort on our part, beginning with focusing on God and glorifying Him.

May we be quick to lay aside all sin—including our bosom sins—and by God's grace develop heart attitudes of love, forgiveness, joy, peace, patience, compassion, kindness, goodness, gentleness, contentment, self-control, and thankfulness.

May God bless our efforts!

# Adult Sunday School Coordinator

## Ed Daly

Ed Daly was raised in an Irish Catholic family. He attended a Catholic college in Pennsylvania and recalls how a group of students went room to room sharing the gospel in the dorm. “It was only about the debate for me back then,” Ed said.

After college graduation, Ed went to France to improve his French, which was his undergraduate minor. In a small town, north of Paris, Ed met Anne, who was also raised Catholic. They were married and moved to the States where Ed completed his Ph.D. at Syracuse University.

Once Ed and Anne began raising children, they thought it was important to take them to church and God led them to a church where the pastor taught the Bible. “It was a completely new thing to me,” Ed said. “I had never heard anyone preach directly from the Bible before.”

After moving to Kalamazoo, Michigan, Ed and Anne sought out another Bible teaching church.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).



*Ed Daly*

The preacher made it clear that it was not good works that saved a person, but God’s grace through faith in Christ. Ed understood that his good works could not get him to heaven. He repented of his sins and believed in Jesus as his Lord and Savior. A couple months later, Anne also trusted in Jesus’ finished work on the cross and was born from above.

Ed accepted a position as professor at UNL’s College of Education and Human Services and moved to Lincoln. “We began looking for a church and when we saw that the Bible is taught systematically at Indian Hills, we began attending.

Ed and Anne are the parents of four grown children. Ed serves as the coordinator of the Adult Sunday School Classes.

## Another Opportunity to Stimulate One Another to Love and Good Deeds

# Sunday School *Ed Daly*

In the magnificent Book of Ephesians, the Apostle Paul reminds believers that they were “dead in their trespasses and sins” (Ephesians 2:1) until “God, being rich in mercy... made us alive together with Christ” (2:5). By His grace, people who were dead in their sin (that’s you and me) are instantaneously brought to life through faith in Jesus Christ. Salvation occurs as a one-time event in which God “raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (2:6). Being seated refers to the fact that our place is sure, but the Christian life is nothing like being a couch potato. As His workmanship, God created us in Christ Jesus for good works (2:10). Read on in Ephesians to see how believers are to walk in life (that is, how to conduct ourselves) and the way in which they are to stand against the spiritual adversaries that will inevitably attack them.

Although salvation is a one-time event and our position with Christ is sure, we undergo a growth process by which we become more and more like Christ, as Paul also points out in Ephesians: “but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head,

*even Christ*” (4:15). As a growth process, we have to learn *how* to walk and stand against our spiritual adversaries as the Holy Spirit leads and strengthens us. There is no better way to become like Christ than to make the most of every opportunity to learn God’s Word. Daily Bible reading and sitting under solid biblical teaching are essential to growth. As good as Pastor Gil is at teaching the Bible, he would surely be the first among us to say that listening to his sermons on Sunday morning is not enough for spiritual growth. This is why Sunday School is a vital part of the ministry for every member of the body, not just the children. By coming to church a little earlier in the morning (we start at 8:45 AM), you can double your exposure to God’s Word by being taught the Scriptures by men who are specially gifted at teaching God’s Word. Each has a different style, but all teach the inspired Word of God, which is “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 Timothy 3:16–17).

Curious about why others come to Sunday School, I recently  
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## **Sunday School**

asked the Sunday School class that has the largest number of senior saints in the church (Prime Time) why Sunday School is important to them.

Keep in mind that the people in this group could easily come up with plenty of excuses for staying at home due to sickness or just plain weariness. Yet, they come regularly, ailments and all. They said that they come for the teaching and for the fellowship. One person commented that you miss something when you are not a part of the body through this ministry. Sunday School is where you find out the needs of others and can learn how to pray for them, another commented. Others observed that being a part of a Sunday School class makes the church feel smaller, and that you become more a part of the community. This is important in a large church like ours in which it would be easy to get lost in the crowd. With respect to the teaching, they appreciate the emphasis on application to daily life and also recognize the need to hear the same thing over and over. Have you ever noticed how many times God repeats the same thing in the Bible? Why? Precisely because we need to hear the same message over and over, revealing the wisdom of this comment. In like manner, we need to hear the same thing taught over and over, being reminded of our standing in Christ, being given examples of godly living, and being

assured that God is faithful to His promises. Only in so doing will we grow up personally in all aspects into the image and likeness of Christ.

We cannot go it alone in the Christian life, and God has purposefully designed the church to meet the needs of His children. This is also precisely why my wife Anne and I attend the Prime Time class; we want to absorb the wisdom of this group and learn from them as we also learn God's Word from teachers who add depth to our understanding of it. God gives us living examples of godliness and perseverance to illustrate how His Word works in a person's life. Our classmates' fervent passion for the Word of God and the love of the body in a period of life in which it would be easy to pull back from the church encourage us greatly in our walk with the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord uses the body in combination with His Word to strengthen believers, and Sunday School is one of the best means available to allow the Lord to work in your life, refining and perfecting you, strengthening you, and bringing His will to completion in your life. Won't you join us this Sunday morning at 8:45? There is a great variety of classes, including a diversity of people and teachers, all available to encourage you, pray for you, and to stimulate you to love and good deeds. Try one and stick with it, or try a bunch and see which class best suits you. The Lord will honor your commitment to it and bless you for it.

June 8

Alpha Omega  
Freshmen Welcome

For more information  
call Duane Nelsen,  
402-483-4541

June 9

High School  
Freshmen Welcome/  
Overnighter

For more information call  
Nick McElvain 402-483-4541



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area on second floor.

If you have questions, please  
text or call Michelle Pietzyk  
at 402-480-1347.



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# Sunday Night Church

Come back tonight for Sunday Night Church. Gil will be teaching from Galatians and you will meet people on a more informal basis.

If you are only attending church on Sunday morning, you are missing much of what the ministry offers. As the weeks and years flee by, we need to capitalize on the opportunities God gives us and sometimes that takes discipline. However, looking back in five or ten years (should the Lord tarry) we will surely agree that a little discipline was well worth what we received in return.

## **A Spiritual Battle Is Brewing** *between* **Christianity & Islam**

Presented by **Lyle Goodenkauf**

Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.

Learn about the 1400-year link with Islam &  
current events in the world today

Child care services are not available for this class

# 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<sup>o</sup> 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.

"Jesus answered and said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life'" (John 4:13, 14).

## Family News

**Hospitalized.** Shirlene Langenberg was hospitalized but is now recovering at home.

**Hospitalized.** Joy Jacobs was hospitalized but is now recovering at home.

**Hospitalized.** Eudean Springer was a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

**Thank You** to the many members who sent congratulatory cards for our 70th wedding anniversary.— Marvin and Carmen Moser

**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 1–4 p.m. in the Family Center. Ron and Carol were married June 25, 1967.

## Children's Studies

**Children's Church.** The children studied Genesis 1 and learned about God creating the heavens and the earth. The lesson goal is to praise God for His creation.

## Information

**Rice Krispie** bars are needed for the first day of VBS (Monday, June 12). If you would like to make a pan, or purchase bars, call Sharon Lavalleur, 402-489-5354 to let her know.

### **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 Labor Day.

### **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.

### **Alpha Omega Freshmen Wel-**

**come** will be held Thursday, June 8, at 6:00 p.m. at Lincoln's Mahoney Park.

**Creative Sewers** will meet Tuesday, June 6, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing.

**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](mailto:mathmanprice@gmail.com) or call 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.

**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.

**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.

**Gardening** meets Wednesday at 10 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.

**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.** The highest priority in the nursing home ministry is a teacher for Legacy Arbors on the fourth Sunday of the month, starting in April. There is also a need for a piano player for this service. Contact Tom Price at mathmanprice@gmail.com for more information.

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

## Last Week's Message

May 28 AM. Duane Nelsen. DN 17. *Jesus Christ and Him Crucified.* 1 Corinthians 1:17-23

May 28 PM. Jimmy Pelton. JP 2. *Seeing and Responding to God's Glory.* Selected Verses

# This Week's Events

## Sunday

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

## Monday

Door 2 Door 6:15 p.m.  
Sisters 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday

Creative Sewers 11:30 a.m.

## Wednesday

Islam vs. Christianity 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday

Alpha Omega Freshmen Welcome

## Friday

High School Freshmen Welcome/  
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# Future Events

## June 11

Communion

## June 12–16

Vacation Bible School

## June 20

High School Worlds of Fun  
Clothing Outlet

## June 26–29

High School Senior Trip

## 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