

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

June 5, 2016

Summer Music Camp

Summer Music Camp begins Sunday night, June 12 and runs through August 28.

First–third graders meet in the gym and fourth–eighth graders meet in the Choir Room.

Students will learn the exciting truth of God’s Word through songs, the basics of music theory, and have an opportunity to play a variety of instruments. Group lessons will be offered to the older grades by skilled teachers for those interested in learning guitar, percussion, recorder, and piano.



Shirts are available this year. If you would like to order a shirt for your child to wear at Music Camp,

please go to www.tiny.cc/Summer-MusicCamp and register with your name and size. Orders accepted through June 13.

Looking to the Rapture

The Scriptures reveal that the next major event in the Christian’s

future is the rapture of the Church. This term describes the bodily removal of all believers from the earth by our Lord, Jesus Christ. A major change will occur on earth after the rapture—a time of peace and calm will prevail.

One reason for this peace will be the establishment of a one-world government. The powder keg of the Middle East will be temporarily relieved when the ruler of the western world makes a pact with the nation Israel, which guarantees the peace and sovereignty of Palestine. The key to the start of this false peace is a contract.

The Bible lays out some of the major events of the future. We can see how some of the events could occur quickly, and we are reminded that our time on earth has an end. We need to encourage one another to be faithfully sharing the gospel.

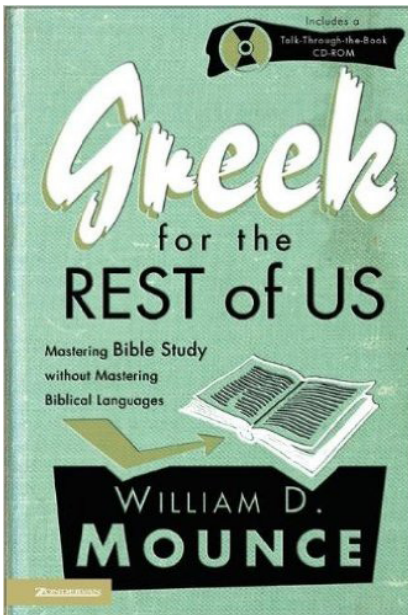
Someone will be the last to trust Christ for salvation before Christ comes for His Church. Will it be your neighbor? Will it be your friend? Will it be your family? Will it be you?

Please don’t delay.

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 at 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 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.

Desire to Finish Strong

Porter, Larry

by Gale Engle

Although Larry grew up in Council Bluffs, he was born in Kamas, Utah in 1941, the son of a Mormon.

God had plans for Larry and sent a Christian missionary to Utah, who led Larry's father and mother to the Lord.

Larry's mother had grown up in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and the family decided to spend their vacation there. Since the car broke down and Larry's parents had no money to repair it, the family boarded a bus to Council Bluffs and remained there. Larry's father eventually attended Omaha Bible College and pastored small churches in Omaha and Council Bluffs. He also worked another job to help ends meet.

Larry was raised in a fundamentalist, Bible-teaching church and says, "I always thought I was saved as a boy, but my life didn't reflect it."

After high school, Larry served in the army for three years.

While attending college and working part-time for Council Bluffs' Nonpareil newspaper, Larry met a nurse named Ruth. Larry asked her to go bowling for their first date. After arriving at the bowling alley, Larry went to



Larry and Ruth Porter

pay for the shoes and lane, but they wouldn't take his check because his last check had bounced.

"I had to go home right away to figure out my check book," Larry said. "My folks had not met Ruth and while I was figuring out my check book, Dad had her corralled in the kitchen.

"I heard Dad ask her, 'If you die tonight, where are you going to spend eternity?'"

"With my Savior in heaven," Ruth answered.

"How do you know?"

Ruth shared that Jesus had died for her. Larry's father was satisfied.

By the time Larry figured out

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Larry Porter

his checking account it was too late for a date and he took Ruth home. When Larry returned home his father said, “You better keep that gal. She’s the only one you’ve ever brought home that I like.”

Larry and Ruth were married in 1965 and according to Larry, “Ruth has minded the checkbook ever since.”

Larry’s father had gone through a rough financial period and Larry noticed that his father’s coat was tattered. “Ruth and I decided to give him a nice, warm coat for Christmas that year, but every time I saw him, he was wearing his old tattered coat.”

Finally Larry said, “Why don’t you wear the coat I gave you?”

Larry’s father walked over to the closet and gave Larry the box with the new coat in it. “I don’t want this from you,” he said. “Your life is just like my old, tattered coat. You don’t go to church. You spend more time with your friends than you do with your family, and I’m concerned about your spiritual life.”

Larry took the coat back. “I was upset that he would not accept the coat, but even more upset about his discernment of my spiritual condition.”

After accepting the position as a sports writer for the Omaha

World Herald, Larry, Ruth, and their three daughters moved to Lincoln in August, 1976. “We began attending Indian Hills but I worked a lot of Sundays. Writer friends came to cover ball games and I’d say, ‘Let’s go have a beer.’ It was easy for me to fall in with unsaved friends.”

However, Larry came to church whenever he didn’t have to cover a game. “Every time I came to church, Gil said, ‘Your life has to reflect the change Jesus made in you.’

“I knew I didn’t have a changed life and I began thinking about Matthew 7:22, 23: ‘Many will say to Me on that day, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?” And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.”’

Larry prayed, “Lord, I think I’m saved, but if not, I want to be.” Larry repented of his sins and believed Jesus died for him. Larry was born into God’s family and there was an immediate change in his life.

After many years of good health, Larry started coughing, which led to a doctor visit. In October, 2015, Larry was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was told the life expectancy

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Larry Porter

from diagnosis of IPF to death was two to three years. But a new drug had just been approved that in tests had slowed the progression of the disease. His doctor prescribed it for him.

At a recent doctor’s visit, tests revealed the disease had not progressed in the past six months.

“I don’t know how long it will remain stable,” Larry said. “It isn’t cured, and one day it might take off again. But I have not spent 5 minutes crying. God has given me a great life and whatever the future holds, I want to finish strong for Him.”

“When friends ask how I’m doing, I tell them I’m not worried. God promises peace beyond understanding. When things are going well, it’s easy to say that. When you’ve been given a serious disease, you understand what that peace really means. IPF has opened the door to present the gospel and do some serious witnessing.

“Each of us is going to die and only God knows that day. My concern is for people like me, who attend church, listen to the sermon every week, and are still unmoved. We can hear and hear and hear, but never be changed. I have to ask those folks, ‘When will you recognize your need for the Savior?’ “

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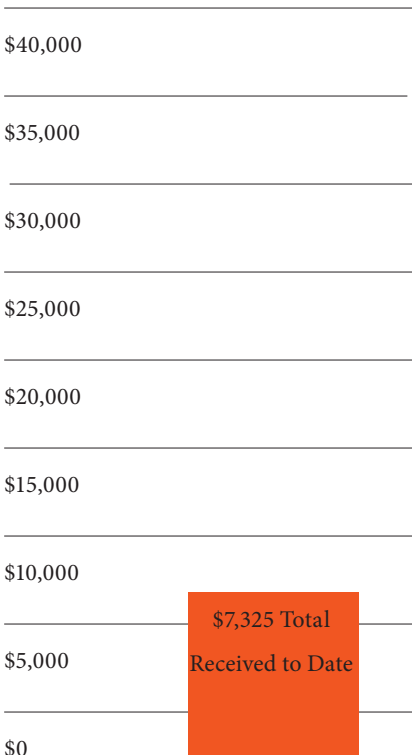
Begins Sunday, June 12 at 6 p.m.

First–third graders meet in the gym

Fourth–eighth graders meet in the Choir Room.

2016 SPECIAL PROJECT FUND

*Electronic Sign &
Auditorium Seating Adaptation*



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 clavalleur@ihcc.org

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 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.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us" (1John 1:9, 10).

Family News

Invitation. Greg and Chris Thomas would like to invite you to witness the union of their son Andrew and Vanessa Kibbie in marriage on Saturday, June 11, at 6 p.m. at IHCC.

Thank You to everyone in Prime Time and at IHCC for the encouraging cards. A special thank you for all the prayers for Richard while he was in the hospital and at home recovering. Also, thank you to Pastor Eddie and JoAnn for the visits and calls.—Richard and Mary Smith

Birth. Jason and Heather Willet are the parents of a boy, Hudson Joseph, born May 30, 2016.

Hospitalized. Joyce Pool was a patient at st. Elizabeth Hospital.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The lesson today was teacher's choice.

Children's Church. The children studied Matthew 1, 2 and learned about Jesus' birth and that he was worshiped. The lesson goal is to understand that Jesus is the only Savior of sin.

Information

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting will begin on June 8 at 7 p.m. in room 1414. Everyone is invited to participate. "Pray for one another . . . the effective prayer of

a righteous man can accomplish much" (James 5:16).

First–Sixth Graders. The college group will provide activities for the first through sixth graders tonight (June 5). The college group will organize games, snacks, music, and a lesson for the children. Children will sit with their parents in the auditorium and will be dismissed when the last song begins. Children meet in the Family Center, and will be released from the Family Center after the worship service.

VBS Closet is stocked and ready for use in the unfinished classroom area located on the second floor just north of the elevator. The closet is stocked with paint, paper, paintbrushes and various items. A couple copies of the VBS curriculum are available to view (including daily verses). 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.

Sound Words has transitioned to summer hours, which means we

are closed on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings through the Labor Day weekend. Summer hours are Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sundays before and after morning and evening services.

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.

Summer Music Camp begins Sunday, June 12. This program is for all children in first through eighth grade.

Creative Sewers will meet Tuesday, June 7, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing of lap quilts.

Media Center needs help during the worship hour one Sunday a month. Please call Gary or Carol Goodding, 402-475-8429, if interested.

Worker to Vacuum is needed for one section of the auditorium once every five weeks. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Kari McGrew at 402-483-1104.

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.

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 to help.

Door-to-Door Evangelism will meet on Monday at 6:15 p.m.

Promotion Sunday. All students (K through high school) are promoted to the next grade today (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.

Last Week's Message

May 29 AM. DN 6. *A Sinner With the Right Attitude.* Luke 18:9-14. Duane Nelsen

May 29 PM. DW 25. *The Tattletale of the Heart.* James 3:1-12; Selections from Proverbs. Doug Witzke

This Week's Events

Sunday

Promotion Sunday
Sunday Night Church
College Group Instructs
1st–6th Graders
Sonshine Kids

Monday

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

Wednesday

Orchestra 6–7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
High School Summer Study 7–9 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

Future Events

June 12

Summer Music Camp Begins
Communion

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

September 11

Fall Kick-off 6 p.m.

November 8–11

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