

# Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

July 19, 2015

## Update from the Elders Equip Project

Thanks to your generosity and faithfulness, we are making great progress on the Equip Project debt. Many of you have given above and beyond your pledges and there are still many more of you who have given that had not made a pledge.

We have been receiving requests to extend the June 30, 2015 pledge-end date so that we can reduce the debt even further, and also provide more time for those who want to complete their remaining pledge. As a result, the Elders have decided to extend the pledge period another six months—until the end of this year.

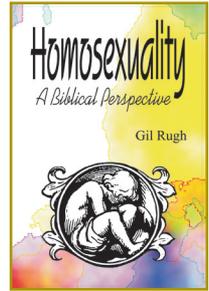
Thank you for your faithfulness in giving and we look forward to what God has in store.

## Homosexuality

Many have recently claimed that God's commandments concerning homosexuality are outdated or misinterpreted.

Is it possible the writers of the Bible were homophobic and simply injected their own bias?

In *Homosexuality: A Biblical Perspective*, Gil Rugh searches the Old and New Testaments and shows how God's commands concerning homosexuality are eternal and unchanging.



This book is available in the lobby book racks and on the church's website ([www.ihcc.org](http://www.ihcc.org)) under resources.

## Guest Speakers

While Gil is taking a break, we will be well-fed by the following men.

**August 2:** Duane Nelsen (AM)  
Doug Witzke (PM)

**August 9:** Dwight Oswald

**August 16:** Roger Oakland \*

**August 23:** Mike Wing

**August 30:** Peter Barber

**September 6:** Mike Hulinsky

\* In addition to the 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. services, Roger Oakland will be teaching Sunday School (adults, junior/senior high), which will start at 8:45 a.m. in the auditorium.

# Joyfully Persevering Under Affliction

## Dave and Carol Aksamit *by Gale Engle*

Neither Dave Aksamit or Carol Mitchell knew the Lord when they met in the summer of 1972.

According to Dave, he was a drinker and did whatever he pleased. He gave no thought to God or the consequences of his actions.

Carol had heard about Jesus and made a profession of faith as a child. She now realizes that her profession was merely “fire insurance” from hell as she did not have a true understanding of what it meant to be Jesus’ disciple. As she got older she too did whatever she pleased and said, “My parents couldn’t control me.”

Carol and a friend were hiking at Pioneer’s Park when Dave and a friend were riding their motorcycles through the park. They met and three months later Dave and Carol were engaged.

Dave and Carol were married, reveling in their self-centered existence when Carol’s parents asked for a strange anniversary gift.

“They asked us to go to church with them,” Dave said. “We came to Indian Hills and Gil was teaching on spiritual gifts.”

Because Carol had professed faith as a child, she thought she was ok with God. However, as she continued coming to church she



*Dave and Carol have been married 43 years and they are the parents of two adult sons: Dan and Josh.*

did not have peace and she began to wonder if God was ok with her. She came to the conclusion that she was in big trouble.

As she contemplated the things that Gil had been teaching, the scales fell from her eyes. Carol saw her sinfulness before the one true holy God. For the first time she realized the significance of Jesus dying on the cross to pay the penalty for her sins and the enormous price He paid. As tears rolled down her face, Carol thanked God for His unspeakable gift and asked Jesus into her heart. “I finally had peace which surpasses all understanding.”

Meanwhile, Dave was loving the study of God's Word. "It was the first time I had heard the Bible taught and the truth was penetrating my heart." Every Sunday Dave found himself wanting to come back to church and learn more.

"Little by little I began to see things from God's perspective," Dave said. "I knew I was a sinner and yet Jesus died on the cross to pay my sin penalty. Then one night, we watched Jesus of Nazareth on TV. When they showed Jesus taking all the pain and suffering of the world upon Himself, it suddenly became personal for me. I realized He suffered for my sake."

The veil was lifted and Dave wept as he repented of his sin and believed in Jesus' finished work on the cross. He became a new creature in Christ.

Thinking it might be their spiritual gift, Dave and Carol began teaching the Wednesday night two-year-old class in the spring of 1977, and they have been teaching children of various ages ever since. Dave has also been teaching adults for the last 15 years.

"Since I had no biblical background, I did not know any of the Old Testament stories," Dave said. "I had not heard of David or Goliath and teaching forced me to study and learn along with the children. God blessed and helped me through those times."

Carol began to experience health problems in 1985. At first doctors thought she had been bitten

by a tick and treated her for Lyme disease. In 1990, more tests revealed Parkinson's disease, which was treated with medication. In 2004, probes were placed in her brain to stop the constant involuntary movement of her arms and to help her sit up.

Carol's joy is seen in her smile. Her eyes don't always stay open (she frequently holds one open), and she can't talk or walk very well, but she can smile! One would never know that they had been living with affliction for 30 years.

"We trust God and take it one day at a time," Dave said.

Both Dave and Carol agree that although they do not enjoy suffering, they are thankful God has used them to work out His purposes.

"People have told us that they came to the Lord after seeing our dependence on the Lord or His faithfulness through the pain and suffering," Dave said.

"Of course, our pain and suffering is nothing compared to the glories of heaven," Carol said, "but it's exciting to be part of someone's salvation."

Dave retired from teaching in Children's Church this year due to Carol's health. In the past 38 years of ministry Dave has taught around 800 kids.

"We have a lot to be thankful for," Dave said. "We are in an amazing church where a lot of people support us in prayer. People don't look down on us and we are accepted the way we are."

## Family News

**Hospitalized.** Ethel Tschetter is a patient at Bryan West Hospital.

**Hospitalized.** Diana Krieger is a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

## Children's Studies

**Sunday School.** Our children studied Job 40–42 and learned about God's response to Job (pt. 2).

**Children's Church.** The children studied Deuteronomy 11. The lesson goal is for each one to see the promised results of obedience and disobedience.

## Information

**Information Desk** workers are needed for Sunday mornings and evenings. If you would like to help, contact Kathleen Anderson at 402-483-4541 or [kathleen.anderson@ihcc.org](mailto:kathleen.anderson@ihcc.org).

**Wednesdays at the Park.** Workers are needed to help with Wednesday at the Park. We meet all five Wednesdays in July at Pentzer and Willard parks. Contact Matt Sherman, 402-465-8030 to help.

**Boys of Faith Camp** will be held August 1-4. This year's theme is "Working on a Good Name." Registration is due today (July 19).

**Music & Arts Camp** is for all children entering first–eighth grade next school year and meets from 6–7:30 p.m. every Sunday night. The final concert will be presented on August 30.

**Fourth—sixth graders** who auditioned for speaking parts for the musical, please meet in the choir room at 5:30 p.m. to confirm parts.

**Sonshine Kids (4s & Ks)** meet every Sunday evening at 6:30 in the SS Kids' room.

**Prayer Meeting.** Everyone is welcome to join together in prayer at the church on Wednesday evenings from 7–8 p.m. in The Father Knows Best classroom. Prayer meeting will meet each Wednesday night through the end of July.

**Sunday Night Nursery.** An adult helper is needed for the first and fifth Sunday of the month in the two-year-old room. If interested, call Joanna Andrews, 402-465-0301 or Lynette Wiens, 402-570-9044.

**Gardening.** Please meet in the south parking lot on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

**Nursing Home Door-to-Door** Evangelism. If you'd like to give it a try, contact Adam Flaugh, 402-580-3014.

**Door to Door** evangelism meets Mondays at the church's north entrance at 6:15 p.m.

## Last Week's Message

July 12 AM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1141. *God's Wrath Is Being Displayed.* Romans 1:18-32

July 12 AM. Gil Rugh. GR 1924. *Suffering In Preparation for Glory.* 1 Peter 1:6-9

**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.** If you will be staying in a hospital, call the church and let us know. A pastor, or someone on the Visitation Team would love to visit you.



## Boys of Faith Camp

August 1-4

*This year's camp  
theme is "Working  
on a Good Name"*

**Registration is due  
Sunday, July 19**

## Breakfast With the Guys

**Eggs • Pancakes • Bacon •  
Sausage • Juice • Coffee**

**Saturday,  
August 15**

**Speaker:  
Roger  
Oakland**

Author of *Faith Undone*

*Is the emerging church movement  
another passing fad, a more  
contemporary approach to church,  
or a bunch of disillusioned young  
people looking for answers?*



All men (high school age and older) welcome

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## This Week's Events

### Sunday

Children's Church  
Music & Arts Camp 6 p.m.  
Sonshine Kids

### Monday

Door to Door Evangelism

### Wednesday

Gardening 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays at the Park 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

### Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 -8 p.m.

## Future Events

### August 1-4

Boys of Faith Camp

### August 5-9

Junior High Camp

### August 15

Men's Breakfast

### August 30

Music & Arts Finale

### September 7

Labor Day (Offices Closed)

### September 12

Tract Give-a-way at Football Game

### September 13

Fall Kickoff

## Evangelism Tools



Stop tracts are available at the main entrances. They're free and they are great for sitting down with someone and going through the gospel. Pick some up today and then go out and share them!

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