

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

July 31, 2016

A warm welcome is extended to each one this morning. As we fellowship together in song and the study of the Word, keep in mind that worship is a personal matter and occurs on an individual basis. Our ability to worship God is a direct result of being personally related to Him through Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Victory

God's desire for His children is for each one to walk in holiness. However, our enemy does not want us to experience daily spiritual victory and knows where to aim his fiery darts.

Perhaps the greatest obstacle to daily victory over sin is the secret sin in our lives. We justify our bosom sins, keep them hidden and secretly feed them.

Hidden sins drain us physically and emotionally. They destroy our witness, ruin our relationships and wound us spiritually. On top of all that, Scripture says that we must deal with our sin before God hears our prayers.

There is only one way to deal with our secret sin and that is to attack it full force. This is warfare. The moment the sinful thought or desire enters the heart or mind,

we must give it the ax. When we sincerely ask for God's help, He will deliver us.

Summer Music Camp

Summer Music Camp meets at 6 p.m. All first–third graders meet in the gym and fourth–eighth graders meet in the Choir Room.

A Better Day Is Coming

Life has its ups and downs and there are times when life is just plain hard. It's not an easy road when your husband gets laid off, or your wife's tests reveal cancer. Loved ones die, a friend betrays your trust, and can children give their parents gray hair? . . . but a better day is coming.

Until then, the Savior will carry us through the darkest days. When the trials are overwhelming and it's hard to find joy, remember our Creator's promise:

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:4).

Hold on to the Savior, dear one. Your trial won't last forever and a better day is coming.

Children's Music Director

Andrew Thomas

by Gale Engle

God works in mysterious ways. While we weren't looking, God was preparing our new Children's Music Director. Andrew Thomas is a junior at UNL and is studying mechanical engineering.



Andrew and Vanessa Thomas

Andrew has always loved music. As he has been growing in the Lord, he has taken on more leadership positions beginning with leading worship music when he was in high school, accepting responsibilities with UNL's marching band and show choir, and more recently with serving in the Sunday morning praise team and leading worship music in Aaron's absence. He has been pleasantly surprised to find that he enjoys caring and being responsible for others.

When the need arose, it was natural for Andrew to lead Summer Music Camp and VBS music as a volunteer this summer. The elders were impressed with Andrew's ministry to the kids and offered him the position of part-time Children's Music Director.

Andrew will be responsible for Music Camp, VBS music, overseeing music in Awana, Boys of Faith, Girls of Grace, Sunshine Kids, Wee Care, and Children's Church, etc. As such, he will be responsible for planning, preparing, developing and leading children's music ministries, concerts, and events. He will be working under Pastor Aaron Nicholson.

Regarding his work with the kids, Andrew said, "I've learned two things from Aaron Nicholson that I plan to incorporate into my ministry: 1. Teach the kids the gospel and how to praise God through song; 2. Teach the kids musical abilities so they can use those skills in worshipping God."

Newlyweds, Andrew and Vanessa were married June 11, 2016. "God knew what He was doing when He gave me Vanessa," Andrew said. "She loves kids, helps with Summer Music Camp, and is a good support system."

Andrew fits a unique niche and enjoys relating to kids. "If something entertains me, I know the kids will like it, because I'm still a kid at heart and I have the same energy level."

Andrew has attended Indian Hills his entire life and said, "I answered all the questions correctly as a child just to get the candy." In high school he attended a Mansion Builders Bible study at John and Marti Carey's home. One night after study, Sam Pelton sat down at the piano and everyone started singing joyfully, but I felt nothing. I realized I wasn't saved because I loved music and yet these spiritual songs meant nothing to me."

Needing privacy, Andrew went to another room and shut the door. As tears

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Andrew Thomas

streamed down his face he considered all that he had been taught through the years. He knew he was a sinner and deserved to spend eternity in hell. He also knew that Jesus died to pay the penalty for His sins. In faith he repented of his sins and received

God's gift of salvation. Andrew was a new creature in Christ.

"I'm excited to be working with the kids," Andrew said, "and to see them grow in their understanding of the word."

Andrew will be working 15 hours a week and can be reached at andrew.thomas@ihcc.org.

Bible Fellowship Hour

Children' Sunday School

Visit the Sunday school coordinator's desk for class locations.

HIS

Studying Deuteronomy
Scott Bailey Teaching
Room 1423

Prime Time (60+ retired)

Studying 1 John
Ed Daly Teaching
Room 1417

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Studying Matthew
Team Taught
Cornerstone House

LOGOS

Studying Judges
Greg Thomas Teaching
Room 1422

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.

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Studying Ephesians
Team Taught
Room 1430

180⁰ Fellowship

Studying Luke
Bill Cooley Teaching
Room 1100 (Chapel)

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.

Alpha Omega (18-25)

Studying 1 John
Duane Nelsen Teaching
Room 2311

One Heart

Studying Matthew
Dick Bergt Teaching
Room 1112

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.

EDGE

Studying Ephesians
Jay O'Neal Teaching
Rooms 2211

LIFE

Studying Matthew
Jim Pelton Teaching
Room 1419

Common Bonds

Studying John
Jim Mooberry Teaching
Room 1404

The Father Knows Best

Studying Harmony of the Gospels
Don Goertzen Teaching
Room 1414

Family News.

Death. Kathleen Parks mother, Florence Sorum, died July 24, 2016.

Birth. Milton Carl Oatis was born July 13, 2016 to Stephanie and Marcus Oatis. Grandparents are Gary and Carol Goodding.

Birth. Paxson Christopher was born July 24, 2016 to Peter and Melissa Barber of Kalispell, MT. Grandparents are Rick and Marcia Willet and Richard and Janet Barber.

Invitation. You are invited to attend an open house celebrating Bill and Linda Cooley's 50th Wedding Anniversary, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13 at Lincoln Christian School. Please, no gifts!

Hospitalized. Sarah [Mertens] Jones was hospitalized and is now recovering at home.

Thank You. We would like to thank our church family for all the genuine love, comfort, support and prayers during this time of the passing of my mother. This outpouring of love helped ease our sorrows, also knowing my believing mother is in a better place. Thank you very much. PS. Sorry some of you had to hear about the wooden spoon incident with my mother. I'm sure it only happened once!—Rollin and Julie Harper and family

Card Shower. Join in the celebration of Del and Eileen Dueck's 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 13. We welcome you to send a card to: 7851 Stonewall Ct., Lincoln, NE 68506.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children studied 2 Kings 6:1–23 and learned about an axe head floating and a servant that sees angels.

Children's Church. The children were taught by the Alpha Omega Ministry this morning.

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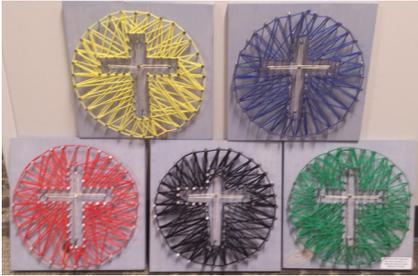
Wednesdays at the Park. Join us August 3 and 10 from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at Willard Park (Folsom and B St.) Gerry Pool will be teaching using the VBS Cross Training curriculum. There will be games, singing, small groups and snacks. If you are interested in helping, stop by Sound Words and talk to Twila.

Hammers. Thank you to everyone who brought hammers for us to use during VBS. If you haven't already done so, you can pick up your hammers at the south information desk.

Sunday Night Nursery Help.

An adult worker is needed for the three year old room on the third and fifth Sunday. Call Joanna Andrews, 402-465-0301 to help.

String Art Craft Kits. We have many string art craft kits left over from VBS. For \$2 per kit you get everything needed to make your own project. Think about home-made gifts your kids can make and give or just a fun project to do as a family. Purchase in the south lobby after morning and evening services while supplies last. Money goes to Bended Knee.



Teachers & Song Leaders Needed at the new Country House retirement home on 70th Street. All Sundays are open. Also, there is a need for a teacher at Homestead on the fifth Sunday of every month. This is the only facility that has a 10:30 a.m. service. Both of these facilities recently called IHCC and we are grateful for the opportunity to share the good news. Contact Tom Price at 402-792-9331 or mathmanprice@gmail.com.

Nursery Coordinator is needed for the second hour on Sunday morning. Call Jim Krieger, 402-423-0696, if you would like to serve in this capacity.

Paid Nursery Workers needed for Titus Tuesday. A paid worker

is needed for the two-year-old room and a paid worker is needed to coordinate home school. If you are interested in either of these positions, contact Lynne Jensen 402-525-5054.

Creative Sewers will meet Tuesday, August 2, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and sewing of lap quilts.

Boys of Faith Summer Camp is August 6–9.

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 or Tami Coffin at 402-366-3490.

Nursery Workers (several) are needed during the second hour worship service. Help is needed in all the rooms. Call Jen Lenzen, 402-435-0877.

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

Gardening. If you would like to help with the church flower gardens, meet in the south parking lot on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

Last Week's Message

July 24 AM. Gil Rugh. GRM 1167. *God's Sovereignty Over the Nations.* Selected Verses

July 24 PM. Gil Rugh. GR 1961. *God's Light Shines On In the Darkness.* 2 Peter 1:19-21

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.

Tuesday

Creative Sewers

Wednesday

Gardening 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday at the Park
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
High School Summer Study 7–9 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

Saturday

Boys of Faith Camp

Future Events

August 10–13

Junior High Camp

August 28

Summer Music Camp Finale 6 p.m.

September 5

Labor Day

September 11

Fall Kick-off 6 p.m.

October 2

Baptism

October 9

Communion

October 21, 22

AO Fall Retreat

November 8–11

Branson Trip

November 24

Thanksgiving (Building Closed)

December 6

Intermission

December 24

Christmas Eve Service
Communion

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Summer Speakers

July 31

Randall Price (SS, AM & PM)

August 7

Duane Nelsen (AM)

Jimmy Pelton (PM)

August 14

Brian Trainer (AM & PM)

Detroit Baptist Theological
Seminary

August 21

Mike Wing (AM & PM)

Grace Community Bible Church

August 28

Duane Nelsen (AM)

Bill Cooley (PM)

September 4

Doug Bookman (AM & PM)

Shepherds Theological
Seminary

Let us be good stewards of
the Lord's blessings

No Food or Drink

in the Auditorium
or Chapel

Church Leadership

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Larry Riekenberg
Rob Schmidt
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Randy Sperling
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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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Jim Aust Children's Church
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

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Jake Krieger
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Nick McElvain
Dale McDaniel
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