

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 28, 2016

A special welcome to you, beloved of God, this last August Sunday. 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 fellow man.

Our Accuser

The devil is a real, living, personal being created by God. The Bible says Lucifer was full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. He was the supreme being of God's creation. He was also the supreme musician of heaven. His music was beyond our comprehension, but don't forget who gave him his musical talents.

Although God created Lucifer without sin, Lucifer chose to sin against God. He became proud of his beauty and perfection, the very things God had given to him. Lucifer was no longer satisfied with being the highest angel. He wanted to be like God Himself and said, "I will make myself like the Most High" (see Isaiah 14:13, 14).

God cast Lucifer out of heaven and his name became Satan which means "accuser." His rebellion will ultimately end in his own destruc-

tion in hell where he will be tormented day and night forever—but until then he is our greatest enemy.

There are two common mistakes we make concerning the devil; we either overestimate, or underestimate his power. Both of these extremes are dangerous. Don't forget the devil is subtle and cunning.

We also need to remember that the devil isn't more powerful than God, and we can resist his temptations: "Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). Remember that Satan is not more powerful than the God that is in us!

Like Daniel, we must purpose in our heart to follow God before the pressure is on. Determine that no pleasure is worth sacrificing our relationship and fellowship with God.

Days, Weeks, Months, Fly By

September begins Thursday and we are reminded that time waits for no man. Therefore, let us be fervent in keeping the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, knowing that the "season" is coming when we will give an account to the Master for the days we were given.

Titus Tuesday Begins September 6

Titus Tuesday will begin September 6 and all ladies, college age and older are encouraged to attend. Those attending will reap many benefits, from developing genuine friendships to growing in the Word.



Larry and Sharon Riekenberg

God has been working in and through Titus Tuesday for many years, and the last four years have been a blessing under Sharon Riekenberg's leadership. Her love for the ladies attending the Tuesday morning study was demonstrated weekly in her diligent preparation and faithfulness. Now that Sharon is stepping down as director, she is passing the leadership baton to Janice Horn.

A born-again Christian, Janice says, "My sins were washed away when I repented of my sins and believed Jesus died on the cross to pay my sin penalty." Janice and her husband, Jeff, have attended Indian Hills since 1988. They are the parents of two grown children.



Jeff and Janice Horn

Titus Tuesday meets in the Bible Learning Center. Be sure to pick up your light brunch in the Family Center beforehand. Every other week a second hour class will be offered in addition to the discussion time. Classes include: home-making, organizing your home, Scripture memory, learning how to cut your child's hair, etc.

According to Janice, ladies will benefit greatly from attending Titus Tuesday. "Titus Tuesday offers great fellowship and there are many opportunities to encourage one another and to love one another. God uses each of us in one another's lives and we challenge each other in the faith. The goal is to put the truths we learn on Sunday, Tuesday, and in Bible Study, etc. into practice. Overall, the focus is on how we are to live in light of these truths from Scripture."

If you are free during the day, attending Titus Tuesday is a good way to get acquainted with

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Titus Tuesday

ladies you may not ordinarily see at church. Those attending Titus Tuesday meet women that are not in their Sunday school class or sit in their section.

Children are cared for while

Mom attends Titus Tuesday. Infants may stay with Mom. Little ones are cared for in the nursery and a home school class is offered for K-3.

Janice says, “Ladies will enjoy the fall study on God’s faithfulness and how we can trust in His perfect results in our lives.”

Titus Tuesday Schedule Beginning September 6

9:15 a.m.	Light Brunch (15 minutes)
9:30 a.m.	Prayer Requests and Prayer (20 minutes)
9:50 a.m.	Class (30 minutes)
10:20 a.m.....	Break (10 minutes)
10:30 a.m.....	Discussion (30 minutes)
11 a.m.....	Dismissal

Issues in Our Contemporary World

Wednesday Night Classes begin September 14

This on-going series picks up this fall for the 12th season. Last spring we did not complete our study of the Land of Israel, expecting to pick it up in the fall. However, we will postpone that series until the winter session in 2017 after the New Year.

For our fall study we will begin with the English Reformation that produced the Puritans and the Separatists—the non-conformists.

They came under serious conflict with King James I who followed Queen Elizabeth’s rules

of conformity and caused a group of Separatists to leave England for Holland.

As the Spanish (Catholic) threatened their religious freedom they made plans to come to the New World in 1620. We will study the Pilgrims’ ordeal this fall, ending our series at Thanksgiving, which has been made a national holiday commemorating these early Christian settlers.

We meet in room 1414 from 7–8 p.m. Donald Goertzen is the presenter. All are welcome.

Building Up and Reaching Out

Fall Kick-off Is September 11

Each September we host an event to “kick-off” the fall ministries. From Awana to adult classes—every ministry is designed to teach the Word of God and promote godly living. Every year is another year to be thankful for His work in our church and we want to celebrate His goodness.

Bring your friends and family to Indian Hills on Sunday, September 11 to play games, enjoy great food, and hear an uplifting concert. Everyone is welcome and the event is free.

Before Fall Kick-off

Worship Night—Friday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m.

A night of worship will be held downtown on Friday, September 9 in Tower Square (13th & P Street). Mark your calendar and plan to attend this evening of praise. The concert and message will be interpreted for the Deaf.

Outdoor Activities 3 p.m.

Bring the whole family to enjoy outdoor inflatables, competitive and non-competitive games, and snacks. It’s all free!

We will also have a ministry table so you can find out more about the church ministry and see how you might get involved.

Outdoor activities include:

Inflatable Obstacle Course
Bounce House
Bean Bag Toss
Golf Game
Water Balloon Toss
Cotton Candy Machine
Popcorn Machine
Freesies
Football toss
Rope making
Zing Archery



Free Picnic Meal 5 p.m.

Come hungry for a delicious meal of grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, baked beans, chips, fruit, and cookies. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy food and fellowship outside on the grass. Later, come inside and take a tour of the church facility.

Concert 6 p.m.

Our music ministry has put together a concert designed to give all the glory to God. He deserves our worship! You’ll hear from groups and soloists as well as a message from God’s Word. We’ll also be singing together and you won’t want to miss it! The concert will go for about an hour and a half and is interpreted for the Deaf.

Bible Fellowship Hour

Children' Sunday School

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

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Studying Matthew
Team Taught
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 2211

Common Bonds

Studying John
Jim Mooberry Teaching
Room 1404

HIS

Studying Deuteronomy
Scott Bailey Teaching
Room 1423

LOGOS

Studying Judges
Greg Thomas Teaching
Room 1422

180° 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 Genesis
Mike Voss 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.

"And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment" (Matt. 12 :36).

Determining What Is Right in the Gray Areas

by Gil Rugh

The Bible commands us as Christians to do many things. It is clear that God's children are to search the Scriptures, walk by the Spirit and praise God for all things. There are many other positive commands the Lord gives us in His Word as well.

On the other hand, there are many things the Word commands us not to do. We know from the Scriptures that immorality is wrong. When we are faced with the temptation to commit immorality, we don't have to stop and analyze the situation and pray about whether or not we should participate.

Then there are many things about which the Bible gives no

direction. Areas of conduct that the Scriptures do not directly address are neutral in and of themselves. We refer to them as "gray areas" because they are not recognized as being inherently right or wrong.

The most complete consideration of "Christian liberty" is found in 1 Corinthians 8–10. The Corinthian church was full of immature, carnal Christians who were occupied with living their lives in the gray areas, using their liberty—or misusing it.

All of us have questions about these areas from time to time, but often those who are the most immature are the most preoccupied with indulging in things which are

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Picture Yourself in Israel in 2017

An information meeting is planned for Thursday, September 29 in room 1414 at 7 p.m.



The Holy Land Study Tour will include the must see places

plus additional places in Galilee and Judea and for the second timers. This tour is an open study tour available to our friends in other cities.

A detailed itinerary is available for your review by request at: dgoertzen3@neb.rr.com.

The dates for the two tours in 2017 are May 13-23 and May 27-June 6. You can make your reservations by e-mail or in person to Donald Goertzen, your tour host.

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Gray Areas

questionable.

Based on what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians and Romans, there are a number of questions we can ask ourselves to determine what is right for us in a particular situation. These include:

1. Will it be a stumbling block?
2. Will it raise questions about motives?
3. Is it profitable?
4. Will it edify others?
5. Will it be for the good of others?
6. Is it for the glory of God?
7. Will it be offensive?
8. Will it result in the salvation of souls?
9. Will it master me?
10. Will it promote peace?
11. Does it violate my conscience?

Keep in mind these are questions each of us should ask ourselves to evaluate our own conduct. A list of questions such as this poses a danger because we may be tempted to evaluate the lives of others with it. We may think other Christians are doing things they should not do, but if something is not directly addressed in Scripture, it is not our job to evaluate whether someone else should or shouldn't do it. This list is not perfect, but it is a good starting place. Each person should evaluate his or her own conduct with questions like these and the whole of Scripture.

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Family News

Death. Dorothy Gunn's daughter, Kathy Perez died July 22, 2016.

Thank you for the wonderful meals, cards, calls and prayers. We're mending and so thankful for our church family.—Walt and Mary Haynes

New Phone. Steve and Esther Teele can be reached at 715-609-1322.

Hospitalized. Eudean Springer is a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. The children studied 2 Kings 21 and learned about Manasseh.

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

Information

Sound Words Bookstore will have a different schedule this week, August 29—September 2. The bookstore will be closed in the mornings, but will be open Noon–5 p.m.

Summer Music Camp Concert/Rehearsal. We will rehearse today, Sunday, August 28 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Immediately following morning service, we will have lunch (please bring \$3). Please pick up your children at 2 p.m. The children will need to be back at church at 5:45 prior to the concert,

which begins at 6 p.m. Please have your children wear their Summer Music Camp shirt. If they don't have the camp shirt, then have them wear a grey or dark colored shirt. If you have any questions, contact Andrew Thomas at andrew.thomas@ihcc.org.

Fruit & Cookies are needed for the Fall Kickoff picnic on Sunday, September 11 at 5 p.m. If you are willing to bring either 2 dozen cookies or about 15 servings of fruit, please sign up in your Sunday School class, or call the church and talk to Kathleen. Please bring your food to the church kitchen by 1 p.m. on Kickoff Sunday. If you have to drop off your food earlier, please label it for Kickoff. Have your fruit pre-cut and in a Ziploc bag or disposable container so it can be easily mixed with other fruit and served. Please bring fruit that will keep well and not get mushy or brown. Good options are cantaloupe, honeydew, grapes or pineapple. Contact Kathleen 402-483-4541 with any questions.

Mansion Builder's Kickoff Picnic will be held Wednesday, August 31 at the Holmes Park Shelter from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come enjoy a pot luck dinner.

Mansion Builders. Tuesday night Bible study begins September 6 at Jeff and Denise Harford's home. Wednesday night Bible study begins September 7 at Jeff and Vanessa Riekenberg's home.

The Country House (70th and O Streets) needs a teacher and/or song leader for the first and second Sunday of each month. The Country House on south 84th Street has an opening for every Sunday. Please contact Tom Price at mathmanprice@gmail.com if you are available.

Orchestra. Are you interested in playing in the church orchestra this fall? The orchestra plays every Sunday morning from September through May and rehearses on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. We especially need a percussionist but we would love to add to the string, woodwind, or brass section as well. Talk to Pastor Aaron Nicholson (aaron.nicholson@ihcc.org) if you're interested.

Awana will begin on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:45 p.m.

Awana Signup will be held Sunday, September 4 and 11 in the morning in the Family Center.

Awana needs leaders and people to listen to verses. We need help with all ages: three years old through fifth grade. Please call Galen Pfeiffer if you are led to serve or have questions (402-613-6896).

Sunday Night Nursery Help.

An adult worker is needed for the infant room all Sundays of the month. Call Joanna Andrews, 402-465-0301 to help.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Branson Trip. If you'd like to go to Branson November 8–11, please make your deposit soon so we can plan for all going.

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.

Last Week's Message

Aug. 21 AM. Mike Wing. MW 17. *Beware of Cravings for Evil Things.* 1 Corinthians 10:1-12

Aug. 21 PM. Mike Wing. MW 18. *Attitude Matters Through Trials.* James 1:1-4

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.

Wednesday

Gardening 8:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Thursday

Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

Summer Speakers

September 4

Doug Bookman (AM & PM)
Shepherds Theological
Seminary

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Future Events

August 28

Summer Music Camp Finale 6 p.m.

August 31

Mansion Builders Picnic 6:30 p.m.

September 5

Labor Day (Building Closed)

September 6

Door to Door Evangelism
Mansion Builders Begins

September 7

Street Evangelism Downtown
Mansion Builders Begins

September 8

AO Street Evangelism

September 9

Worship Night Tower Square (13 & P)

September 11

Fall Kick-off Games 3 p.m.
Food 5 p.m.
Concert 6 p.m.

September 14

Choir & Orchestra Begin
Awana Begins
Junior High Begins
Issues . . . World Begins

September 29

Holy Lands Tour Meeting 7 p.m.

October 2

Baptism

October 9

Communion

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AO Fall Retreat