

Heartbeat

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 7, 2016

Enjoying God

Anyone with the slightest acquaintance of the Westminster Catechism knows that “man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.”

Do I enjoy God?

David wrote, “Delight yourself in the Lord” (Psalm 37:4).

We enjoy and delight ourselves with chocolate, new clothes, new cars, and friends, but do we indulge ourselves in the Lord?

Do I enjoy the Bible? Do I delight in praying? Do I love talking about Jesus? Do I relish the peace of forgiven sins?

If my answer is no, I need to ask myself if I know God.

If I know God, but am too busy to enjoy Him, I need to repent and get a new attitude! Delighting in God is a gift, a joy to enjoy now and always.

Fall Kick-off

Plans are being made for this year’s Fall Kick-off, to make it a time of building up the body of Christ and reaching out with the gospel of peace.

A night of worship will be held



downtown on Friday, September 9 in Tower Square. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this evening of praise.

Fall Kick-off will be held Sunday, September 11. Outdoor activities will begin at 3 p.m.

Bring your whole family to enjoy outdoor inflatables, competitive and non-competitive games, and snacks.

A picnic meal will be served at 5 p.m. followed by a concert of praise at 6 p.m.

More information to come. Meanwhile, be praying about who the Lord would have to you bring with you.

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.

Free Not to Exercise Freedom *by Gil Rugh*

I am frequently approached with questions about Christian liberty, and two of the most common questions regard alcohol and smoking. Although I am rarely asked if I would like a cigar or cigarette (probably because smoking is no longer “in vogue” with the older generations), I am occasionally asked if I would like an alcoholic drink.

“No, thank you,” I respond.

“Come on,” they prod. “The Bible says you have the freedom to enjoy a glass of wine.”

“Sure,” I say, “and the Bible also says I have the freedom not to enjoy a glass of wine, so I choose to exercise my freedom not to.”

If I began to drink alcohol, I believe it would directly affect my ministry. I believe smoking would also affect my ministry. Many in this local church would have a hard time with me puffing on a cigar or downing a beer—and understandably so—even though the Bible does not address it as sin. So what is the purpose of Christian liberty?

The ultimate purpose and intention of Christian liberty, like everything in a Christian’s life, is to share and further the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I must ask myself, “Will this action promote the cause of Christ?” Believers must be extremely sensitive in the area of Christian liberty. We do not want to become knit-pickers on these issues. I simply used drinking and smoking as illustrations, because they are the questions that are probably raised most often. I do not believe that they are any worse or any better than other questionable areas.

It is amazing how often we, Chris-

tians, pride ourselves on our maturity but also vehemently fight for our rights. We feel we must prove that other Christians are legalistic. We argue that others do not understand Christian liberty. We insist that it does not matter if we participate in a particular activity or not. We want to make sure everyone knows that we have liberty as Christians to do it. But we must also understand that we have liberty not to do it—this is crucial. If participating in any activity raises questions about our motives in the ministry and our service for Jesus Christ, then we ought to exercise our liberty not to do it.

It is wrong to pressure Christians into exercising their liberties in areas where they don’t believe they should. The other extreme, however, is just as wrong. Legalism is setting rules in areas that Scripture does not address and then indicating that following these rules makes one more pleasing to God. It is obvious that we don’t understand Christian liberty if we believe that adhering to non-biblical rules or standards makes one more acceptable to God and if we are quick to judge those who are open to doing things that we are not.

We need to be careful that we demonstrate maturity and love in our relationships by sometimes not doing what we know we have the freedom to do and sometimes not being overly critical of those who do things we do not do. We must evaluate ourselves and our service to Jesus Christ and not others in their ministry for Him.

My desire is that we continually grow in biblical knowledge by learning the Word. But I also desire that we be increasing in love for one another. Then we can use our knowledge in a biblical way to honor and exalt Jesus Christ, to build up one another in love and to reach the lost with the message of His salvation.

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 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.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs" (1 Corinthians 13:4-5).

Family News.

Birth. James and Sarah [Andreesen] Regier are the parents of a girl, Olivia Sue, born July 27, 2016. Grandparents Brad and Cindy Andreesen.

Hospitalized. Mary Haynes is a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

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!

Thank You to everyone who worked on the Cornerstone House. Many hands make light work and your help made the job go much quicker. It's a blessing to work shoulder to shoulder with each one of you.—Kevin Wheat

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 6:24–7:20 and learned about famine and promise of food.

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

Information

Clothing Outlet will be open Tuesday, August 9 from 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Donated clothes may be dropped off any time the church is open. Please place clothing inside the box in the Clothing Outlet closet (NE corner, by big canopy). Donated clothes should be in bags or boxes. Please put children's clothes in a separate bag or box. Clothes should be clean and in good condition. Questions? Call Brenda Turner at 402-486-1898.

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.

String Art Craft Kits. We have string art craft kits left over from VBS. For \$2 per kit you get everything needed to make your own project. Think about homemade 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.

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.

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.

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

Learning New Songs. Would you like to learn the upcoming songs we sing each Sunday during the week? Visit our church Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Indian-HillsCommunityChurch) and see the corresponding post *or* write these links down and visit these pages each week. On each page, click on the “Youtube” button to hear the song.

Sunday Morning Services Page:
tiny.cc/sundayam

Sunday Evening Services Page:
tiny.cc/sundaypm

Last Week's Message

July 31 Sunday School. *Archaeology Confirms the Bible's Reliability*. RP 7. Dr. Randall Price Selected Verses

July 31 AM. *Archaeology Confirms Prophecies Fulfilled*. RP 8. Dr. Randall Price. Selected Verses

July 31 PM. *Archaeology Confirms the Book of Genesis*. RP 9. Dr. Randall Price. Selected Verses

This Week's Events

Sunday

Boys of Faith Camp
Sunday Night Church
Summer Music Camp
Sunshine Kids

Monday

Boys of Faith Camp
Door-to-Door Evangelism 6:15 p.m.
Sisters 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Boys of Faith Camp
Clothing Outlet 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Junior High Camp
Gardening 8:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
High School Summer Study 7–9 p.m.

Thursday

Junior High Camp
Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

Friday

Junior High Camp

Saturday

Junior High Camp

Future Events

August 28

Summer Music Camp Finale 6 p.m.

September 5

Labor Day (Building Closed)

September 9

Worship Night

September 11

Fall Kick-off 6 p.m.

September 14

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

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

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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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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