

The **African Children's Choir** will be returning to Hamilton for an event **next Sunday, October 22nd** and will need places to stay that evening. They have asked if West Highland would be willing to offer host homes again. If you would be willing to host 2-3 children and a leader on October 22nd, please contact Pastor Lee. *Thanks for helping with this important hospitality!*

## Upcoming Events

### ENGLISH AMONG FRIENDS

- **Begins Monday, October 16th at 6:30 P.M.** in Room 150. *English Among Friends* is a weekly program to help practice and improve your conversational English skills. For more information, visit [www.westhighland.org/english](http://www.westhighland.org/english).

### CHURCH BABY SHOWER

- On **Monday, October 16th at 7:00 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a baby shower for Judah Wang (son of Jamie & Katie). *If you would like to help or give towards a group gift, please contact Judie Birnie at [judiebirnie@westhighland.org](mailto:judiebirnie@westhighland.org).*

### JOY FELLOWSHIP (for Mature Adults)

- This month, our main feature is "What did you say?" with Lillian Ciona, audiologist with Hamilton Health Sciences. Learn how your hearing affects you and others and ask your questions! Join us **Thursday, October 19th at 10:00 A.M.** in the Fellowship Hall with lunch to follow. New folks welcome! Cost is \$8 per person.

### GROUNDBREAKING AT 500 JAMES ST. N.

- Celebrate with Hughson Street Baptist Church and Indwell as they break ground for their new partnership: a new church facility and 45 affordable housing apartments at 500 James St N, Hamilton on **Friday, October 20th at 9:00 A.M.**

### "LIVING WITH INTEGRITY IN A SEXUALLY EXPLICIT WORLD"

- On **Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 P.M.**, West Highland's Youth Ministries and Strength to Fight present this evening on dealing with pornography as parents and teens. Speakers will be Peter Mahaffey (speaking to youth in the Fellowship Hall) and Josh Gilman (to parents in Room 222). Contact Pastor Jakob or Jamie Wang for more information.

### THE REFORMATION IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD CONFERENCE

- This 2-day conference takes place on **October 27th & 28th at McMaster Divinity College**. For more information and to register, visit [www.mcmasterdivinity.ca/Reformation2017](http://www.mcmasterdivinity.ca/Reformation2017).

## Serving Opportunities

Our **Church Library** is looking for a few people willing to serve once a month after the second service on Sunday mornings. Duties include helping people find what they're looking for and checking books in/out. Time commitment is minimum 15 minutes and full training is provided. If you're interested in serving, email Rachel at [spaceofgrace@gmail.com](mailto:spaceofgrace@gmail.com) or contact the Church Office.

A few people are needed for our volunteer group at **Westwood Elementary School (9 Lynbrook Dr, Hamilton)**. Tasks assigned by the school may include helping students with reading or math, in a classroom or the library. One to two hours a week is the normal commitment. Help us create a presence for Christ in this school. Contact Michael Ouellette at [deaconofoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:deaconofoutreach@gmail.com) or 905-385-2886 if you are interested in serving in this way.

## Announcements

The **ELEVATOR** will be out of commission for the next few weeks as we await parts for repairs. We apologize for the inconvenience.

## Church Family News

Congratulations to Dan and Michelle Cope on the birth of their twins, Jackson Logan and Olivia Victoria. Proud big sisters are Mackenzie and Eva.

Condolences to Val and Joe Pouget on the death of Val's mother, Jennie Ormond, on Wednesday, October 11th.



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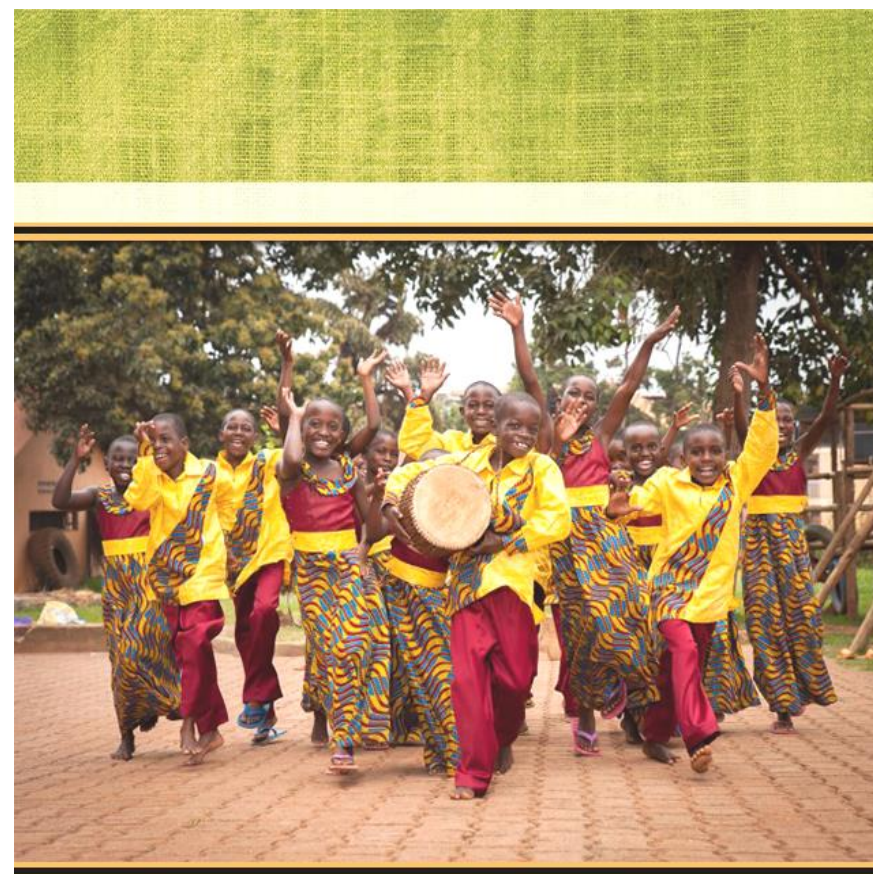
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**WEST HIGHLAND CHURCH**  
**October 15, 2017**

## ANSWERED PRAYER? PRAISE GOD!

If you've had an answer to prayer recently, jot it down on a yellow praise paper (in chair pocket) and drop it in our **THANKOMETER**—the clear, plastic tube at the front of the Auditorium—anytime during congregational singing. Let us rejoice with you!

## From Pastor John's Desk...

Welcome to West Highland where our doors are wide open to people from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are from or where they're at on their spiritual journey.

I have a special request for all of you to join me at *Echoes of the Reformation* this evening at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. I make this request because I am convinced that the five core truths I will be teaching over the next five Sunday evenings are intensely practical for believers today. They are grounded in a real-life walk with Jesus. What I will be teaching, beginning tonight, has been traditionally called the *Five Solas*, five core truths that shape the Christian life. These truths were at the heart of the Protestant Reformation 500 years ago and they will help you understand the need-to-know basics of the salvation we have in Christ. These five core truths were the DNA of this spiritual awakening that swept across Europe and into the new world. They are still the DNA of Bible believing churches today around the world. The *Five Solas* continue to speak to us and address a wide range of contemporary issues.

So, I am asking you to make *Echoes of the Reformation* a priority for your next five Sunday evenings and join me and others in exploring these five declarations that have shaped the lives of Christians for the past 500 years and can help you move forward in your walk with Christ today.

Committed to seeking Him and making His *Word* fully known.

John Mahaffey, Lead Pastor

*Have you welcomed or greeted someone today?*



## Today at West Highland

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR STAR KIDS THIS MORNING!

- **Nursery and programs for kids up to age 3** begin at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M. on the lower level.
- **Kids aged 4 & 5** will stay with their parents in the Auditorium to enjoy the African Children's Choir.
- **Children in Grades 1-6** get to sit in "reserved" seating at the front of the Auditorium with STAR Kids leaders.



*Activity packs are provided for kids who will be sitting through the service. If you didn't receive one, ask an Usher for assistance.*

### TREC RETURNS THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M.

- Many of our TREC classes are underway this semester and return this evening, but we are also introducing a **NEW TREC CLASS**—"Echoes of the Reformation: Five Truths That Shape the Christian Life".

### ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?

- We would love to get to know you better! Please complete a **Welcome Card** (in the chair pocket) and place it in the offering plate as it goes by OR bring it to someone at the Welcome Centre to receive a card for free goodies at our Cornerstone Café for you and your party!
- Pick up our **Welcome Brochure & CD** at the Welcome Centre which introduces you to our Ministry Team and outlines many of the ministries and programs we offer. It's our gift to you!
- If needed, we have **Large Print** worship song sheets and **Hearing Assistance Devices** available from our Ushers. **Braille** worship song sheets are available at the Welcome Centre.



## This Week at West Highland

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

- English Among Friends..... 6:30 P.M.—Room 150
- Church Baby Shower (*Judah Wang*) ..... 7:00 P.M.—Fellowship Hall
- Women's Bible Study..... 7:00 P.M.—Room 146
- Women's Volleyball ..... 7:30 P.M.—Gym

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- Women's Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.—Room 146
- STAR Kids QUEST..... 6:30 P.M.—Lower Level
- The Marriage Course ..... 6:30 P.M.—Cornerstone Café
- The Parenting Children Course ..... 6:30 P.M.—Room 222
- Men's Bible Study ..... 6:30 P.M.—Room 223
- Women's Bible Study..... 6:30 P.M.—Room 225

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- Women's Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.—Fellowship Hall
- Worship Practice..... 6:30 P.M.—Auditorium
- Element (*Sr High*) & Impact (*Jr High*)..... 7:00 P.M.—Fellowship Hall
- Mid-Week Prayer ..... 7:15 P.M.—Foyer
- Ladies' Choir Practice..... 7:30 P.M.—Choir Room
- Men's Choir Practice ..... 7:30 P.M.—Room 225

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

- JOY Fellowship (*for Mature Adults*) ..... 10:00 A.M.—Fellowship Hall
- Self-Defense..... 6:30 & 8:00 P.M.—Gym

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

- Moms & Tots..... 9:30-11:00 A.M.—Gym

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

- GriefShare ..... 10:00 A.M.—Room 146
- Men's Floor Hockey ..... 10:00 A.M.—Gym
- Emmaus Road (*Hour of Prayer for Sunday*) ..... 7:30 P.M.—Foyer

### NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Pre-Service Prayer..... 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.—Room 225
- Worship Service ..... 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.—Auditorium
- TREC ..... 6:00 P.M.