

# UPCOMING

## FIRST STEPS (MEMBERSHIP) CLASS

**Begins March 26 at 6:30 PM**

Interested in becoming a member? WH's First Steps Class is a great first step into community while digging into West Highland's history and foundational doctrines. You will hear about our values and God-given vision for shining the light of Christ at WH. We will also talk about how you can use your gifts for His kingdom. Register today!



## BAPTISM CLASS

**April 9 at 6:30 PM**

Baptism services are being planned and if you are interested in being baptized, you are invited to attend the Baptism Class as part of the First Steps Class. Register by April 8.



## HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### Friendship Families

There are many international students in our city who will not be with their own families this Easter season. Consider hosting two or more international students at your Easter dinner this year as part of Friendship Families. Scan the QR code for more details and to register.



## HAMILTON CHALLENGE

**May 5-10, 2024**

Hamilton Challenge is a one-week mission trip here in Hamilton. Come learn about different world religions, and learn how to share the gospel effectively, and engage in gospel sharing experiences! Registration is open!

## ABIDE RETREAT - YOUNG ADULTS

**May 10-11, 2024**

All Young Adults are invited to West Highland's first ever ABIDE RETREAT! We will be spending time together at Jericho House in Port Colborne, enjoying good fellowship, worshipping the Lord together, and learning what it means to find rest in Christ. Scan the QR code for more details and to register today.



## YOUTH CONFERENCE

**June 7 & 8 - early bird price: \$149**

The WH Youth Group is registered for The Light Has Come, The Gospel Coalition Canada's first youth conference being hosted at Redeemer University. Youth will re-encounter Jesus, experience his unconditional love and be reminded of who they are in Christ. For all the details and to register, visit [ca.thegospelcoalition.org](http://ca.thegospelcoalition.org).

## ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?

### We would love to get to know you better!

Complete a Connection Card (in the chair pocket) and place it in the offering plate when it is passed OR bring it to the Welcome Centre after the service.

### STAR KIDS

-Nursery and programs for children up to JK/SK start at 9:00 & 11:00 AM on the lower level of the building.

-Grades 1 to 6 will be dismissed from the Auditorium during the service.

**CHECK-IN SYSTEM** - if this is your child's first time attending STAR Kids, ask someone in a blue shirt to help get your child registered and checked in. You will receive a special code for picking them up after the service.



### JR. HIGH STUDENTS

Jr. High students (grades 7 & 8) are usually dismissed to room 222 during the 9:00 AM service every week except for the first Sunday of the month.

## ANSWERED PRAYER?

### Praise God!

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

## CHURCH TELEPHONE SYSTEM ISSUES

We sincerely apologize for the recent technical challenges affecting our phone system. If you have left a message and not received a response, kindly reconnect with us or email [westhighland@westhighland.org](mailto:westhighland@westhighland.org). Additionally, if you do not hear the voice prompt but are taken to voicemail, messages are not actually being received. Please bear with us as the church currently operates with only one phone line and continues to fix these concerns. Thank you for your understanding.

## LET'S CONNECT!

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# CHRIST | GOD VISIBLE

**March 17, 2024**



**WEST HIGHLAND**  
BAPTIST CHURCH



## TODAY

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

### CHRIST | GOD VISIBLE

**Insufficient Religion: You Can't Make Yourself Better**

*People prefer do-it-yourself religions serving up manmade solutions to God-sized problems - not so with you.*

Colossians 2:16-23

Rick Baker, Interim Preaching Pastor

### YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH

**Today following the 11:00 AM serve in the Fellowship Hall**

20-somethings are invited to lunch after the 11:00 AM service. No fee, just food and a chance to get to know other young adults.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL FOR MUSICIANS

The Worship Arts division is looking for members who would be interested in joining our Sunday morning worship ministry in the following positions:

- Piano & Keyboard
  - If you are interested or know of someone who may be able to serve (with a little encouragement), we would love to connect with you to discuss this opportunity.

We are looking for members who:

- Desire to use their talents to praise God and serve the church body with their talent.
- Have a piano level of RCM Grade 7 (or equivalent experience).
- Have the ability to sight read music
- Are comfortable with chording
- Willing to commit to serve one Sunday a month and one Wednesday night rehearsal

Scan the QR code to start the conversation.



## NEXT SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

### CHRIST | GOD VISIBLE

**How Holy Living Happens**

*How to overcome the compulsion to sin, resist worldly ideas and lifestyles, and embrace godly ones.*

Colossians 3:1-4

Rick Baker, Interim Preaching Pastor

### CAMP INFORMATION LUNCH

**March 24 at 12:30 PM - Fellowship Hall**

Summer Day Camp is a wonderful opportunity for our church family to live on mission together this summer. There is a place for everyone at camp! Join us for lunch next Sunday where we will answer your questions and discuss how you can be involved. Register through the QR code for lunch.



### QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

**March 24 at 6:00 PM - Fellowship Hall**

Mark your calendar for our first QBM of 2024! The meeting will include updates from our Elders, the Pastoral Search Committee, and the Interim Ministry Team Leader, as well as a financial update. Refreshments start at 5:30 PM.



**Palm Sunday - March 24 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM**

**Good Friday - March 29 at 10:00 AM**

**Easter Sunday - March 31 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY

**Freedom Sessions - 6:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall**

**Women's Volleyball - 7:30 PM in the gym**

### TUESDAY

**Kids Club - 6:30 PM in room 222**

**Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM in room 222**

### WEDNESDAY

**Ladies Midweek Oasis - 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall**

**Builders Bible Study - 9:30 AM in room 222**

**Choir Practice - 6:30 PM in the Choir Room**

**Youth Group - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**

**English Among Friends (ESL Class) - 7:00 PM in room 146**

**Fresh Encounters Prayer Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Café**

**TREC with Dr. Michael Haykin - 7:30 PM in room 222**

**Worship Practice - 7:30 PM in the Auditorium**

### THURSDAY

**Revival Prayer Meeting - 4:00 PM on ZOOM**

**The Alpha Course - 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall**

**Self Defense - 7:00 PM in the gym**

**Elders Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Boardroom**

### FRIDAY

**Friday Night Live Worship Night - 7:00 PM in the café**

### SATURDAY

**GriefShare - 10:00 AM in room 146**

### SUNDAY

**Palm Sunday Services - 9:00 & 11:00 AM**

**Camp Information Lunch - 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall**

**Quarterly Business Meeting - 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**

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*Are you trying to be the best version of you  
or are you a totally new creation?  
How you answer that question  
shapes your dependencies for life-change.*

*Avoiding the pitfalls of insufficient religion...*

1. The problem of trying to be acceptable/pleasing to God

through religious \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ (2:16-17).

2. The problem of craving action, attention, and approval like the \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ (2:18-19)

3. The problem of choosing the religion of \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ (2:20-23).