

UPCOMING

TREC: BIBLICAL PARENTING +

Starts Wednesday at 7:00 PM in room 222

This adapted Family Foundations for Optimal Sexual Development series by Phil Lees, CEO and founder of PEACE Ed Services is geared towards parents, grandparents, educators, and church leaders. This biblically aligned, research-based course equips and encourages parenting adults to guide and support their children toward optimal sexual health (avoiding sex until marriage), protecting their current and future wellbeing in today's culture.

These sessions build upon each other, so we hope you will be able to join us for all four dates.
April 24, May 1, May 22, and May 29.

SPECIAL TOWN HALL

April 28 at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium

Refreshments begin at 5:30 PM.

CONCERT OF PRAYER

May 5 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

HAMILTON CHALLENGE

May 5-10, 2024

There is still space to register for WH's upcoming Hamilton Challenge! This one-week mission trip happens right here in Hamilton. Come learn about different world religions, and learn how to share the gospel effectively, and engage in gospel sharing experiences!

BAND OF BROTHERS BOOT CAMP

May 24-26 at Forest Cliff Camp

Men! This weekend retreat is a quest into the recovery of a man's masculine soul, the release of a man's heart - his passions and true nature - all given by God. For all the details scan this QR code:



THE KING'S GARDEN

May-September

The King's Garden has begun recruiting for this summer's mission of planting, cultivating, and harvesting fresh produce to donate to those in need within the Hamilton Community. Scan the QR code below for more details.

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND CAR SHOW

June 15 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Mark your calendar! WH's annual Father's Day Weekend Car Show is sooner than you think! FREE ADMISSION includes a BBQ lunch and lots of fun for the whole family! More details and a registration page for drivers is coming soon.

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.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Condolences

Condolences to the friends and family of Jim McCrory who passed away on April 17.

- Visitation is at Cresmount Funeral Home, 322 Fennell Ave. E today from 5:30-8:30 PM.
- The funeral will be held at West Highland Baptist Church on Monday, April 22 at 11:00 AM in the auditorium with the internment at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Condolences to Ingrid Keddy and her children, Allastair, Katharina, and Robert, on the passing of her mother-in-law, Eva Keddy, on April 17.

Scan the QR code to see a full list of programs & events to register for:



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CHRIST | GOD VISIBLE

April 21, 2024



WEST HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH



THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

CHRIST | GOD VISIBLE

A Bigger and Better Way to Do Family Life

Colossians 3:18-19

Rick Baker, Interim Preaching Pastor

Scripture Readers

9:00 & 11:00 AM

Janet & Allan Chan

YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH:

Following the 11:00 AM service all Young Adults are invited for a free lunch in the Fellowship Hall.



INTRODUCING

Jamie Strickland

CANDIDATE FOR

Lead Pastor

See today's insert for more details.



NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

CHRIST | GOD VISIBLE

Saved to Engage Those Who Aren't

*The Christian life is an intentional life.
Exploring the missional life of the believer.*

Colossians 4:2-6

Jamie Strickland, Lead Pastor Candidate

SOUP'S ON!

Sunday, April 28 at 12:30 PM - Fellowship Hall

All are invited to our Soup's On lunch. Our missionary guests will be Rachel Nweke from Wycliffe Bible Translators and Jakob Koch from International Student Ministries Canada. Cost is just \$2 a person which includes soup, salad, a bun, and dessert. No registration required.

SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING

April 28 at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium

Please mark your calendars for a special Town Hall Meeting next Sunday. This will be an opportunity for questions and answers with the Elders, Pastoral Search Committee, and Pastor Jamie Strickland, candidate for Lead Pastor.

More information about Pastor Jamie is available in today's insert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BABY DEDICATION

West Highland staff are arranging for baby dedications to be included in an upcoming Sunday Service. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, call the office for more information: 905-387-5385

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 the Fellowship Hall

Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM in the Choir Room

First Steps - 6:30 PM in room 222

WEDNESDAY

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

Choir Practice - 6:30 PM in the Choir Room

Youth Group - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

TREC: Biblical Parenting + - 7:00 PM in room 222

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

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

Worship Practice - 7:30 PM in the Auditorium

THURSDAY

Revival Prayer Meeting - 4:00 PM on ZOOM

Self Defense - 7:00 PM in the Gym

Pastoral Search Committee - 7:00 PM in the Boardroom

FRIDAY

Friday Night Live - 7:00 PM in the Café

SATURDAY

GriefShare - 10:00 AM in room 146

Floor Hockey - 10:00 AM in the Gym

SUNDAY

Soup's On - 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Town Hall Meeting - 6:00 PM in the Auditorium
(Refreshments begin at 5:30 PM in the Foyer)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

CHRIST | GOD VISIBLE

A Bigger and Better Way to Do Family Life

Colossians 3:18-19

Rick Baker, Interim Preaching Pastor

"Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way."

(A. Tolstoy; Anna Karenina, 1878)

What does it look like to be a wife or husband, who has been raised with Christ to set their hearts on things above?

Colossae eco-system versus Our own:

What is my duty to the alive-to-Christ; dead-to-self mission and worldview I gratefully represent?

Husbands and wives are to be _____ (3:18-19)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
(Eph. 5:21)

Wives- Willingly _____ to the good structural order your husband provides to your home.

Submit to your [own] husband (Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1; Titus 2:4f)

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Regardless, willingly/voluntarily place yourself in

_____ to your husband because it is

_____ in the Lord.

Husbands- Sacrificially _____ that gift

through responsible, accountable _____

of the home.

Love your wives (Eph. 5:25; Col. 3:19)

Regardless, do not allow yourself to become

_____ and treat her _____.



INTRODUCING

THE WH ELDERS' CANDIDATE FOR
Lead Pastor

Jamie & Vanessa Strickland

Noah (16), Blaise (11) &
Haddon (8)

**The Elders and Pastoral Search Committee (PSC)
are delighted to
recommend JAMIE STRICKLAND to serve as
the Lead Pastor of West Highland.**

Pastor Jamie grew up in Toronto and is a big Maple Leafs fan. Through the influence of his parents and Church, he understood the gospel when he was 7 years old and decided to follow Christ. At the age of 16, he was baptized at Rexdale Alliance Church in Toronto and, under the teaching ministry of Pastor Sunder Krishnan, he continued to grow in his understanding of the Scriptures and what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus.

Jamie attended York University, and there he connected with a group of young men through Power to Change (P2C) and began to seriously study God's Word. As he became more involved with P2C, he gained practical experience in evangelism and in 2002, he went on a mission trip to Tanzania, East Africa doing evangelism and discipleship of university students. This missions experience was a major turning point in his life and he realized that there was nothing else in the world he would rather do than share the gospel and make disciples of Christ. Upon completion of his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and English, he decided to forgo Teachers College and go straight into full-time ministry with P2C.

For the next seven years, Jamie focused on evangelism and discipleship at the University of Waterloo and Guelph campuses where he eventually became the Campus Team Leader, a position which gave him the experience of overseeing the ministries of several Power to Change

workers. In 2011, he and his wife, Vanessa, moved their young family to Kampala, Uganda to minister to students at Makerere University for two years.

In 2014, he was appointed to serve as an Elder at Calvary Baptist Church, Guelph. The following year, after serving with Power to Change for 13 years, he transitioned to pastoral ministry and became the Associate Pastor of Outreach and Discipleship at Calvary. In 2018, he completed his Master of Theological Studies from Heritage Seminary in Cambridge.

Pastor Jamie joined our staff at West Highland in 2019 and has served faithfully in the role of Pastor of Discipleship Ministries. Under his leadership, we have seen substantial growth and the involvement of our congregation in our Community Groups. He has also served well as WH's Interim Ministry Team Leader since Pastor John Mahaffey's retirement in June 2023.

Jamie and Vanessa have four sons, Noah, Jude, Blaise, and Haddon. In 2020, their 11-year-old son Jude tragically passed away and is now with Christ, waiting for them in heaven.

After Pastor John's retirement, the PSC was formed with the call to recommend a name for the Lead Pastor position. Many names were considered with much prayer, discussion, and deliberation. The PSC agreed to recommend the name of Pastor Jamie to the elders. The Elders spent more time praying and discussing this recommendation. After prayer and deliberation, the Elders and PSC are happy to recommend Pastor Jamie for the position of Lead Pastor of West Highland. He has a passion for seeing a movement of disciples who make disciples, has an approved character (based on 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1), and is well-known through our broader community in Hamilton.

Please make note of these important dates:

SUNDAY, APRIL 28:

- 9:00 & 11:00 AM — Jamie will preach for the call.
- 6:00 PM—Special Town Hall Meeting — An opportunity for questions and answers with the Pastoral Search Committee, Elders, and Pastor Jamie. Refreshments at 5:30 PM.

SUNDAYS, MAY 5 & 12:

- There will be an opportunity for members to vote on the Elders' recommendation to call Jamie to serve as our Lead Pastor. Proxy forms are available to pick up at the Welcome Centre or upon request from the church office.