

# NEWS FROM HOPE

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH/AUGUST 2011/VOL. 1

OUR MISSION: TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN BY TEACHING THE WORD AND REACHING THE WORLD



### Celebration of Hope!

*Celebration service at Hope*

**Potluck-Black Lake Bible Camp: 11:40am**

**Baptisms at Camp: 1pm**

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

August 1 - Ladies Pray It Forward  
(9am at Ande Fullington's - we have childcare!)

August 7 - Lamplighter's picnic (3:30 pm Burfoot Park)

August 7 - Prayer Rally (6pm upstairs classroom)

August 20 - SNL to Sky High

August 24 - AWANA leaders meeting (6:15pm upstairs classroom)

August 25 - Wildside to Wild Waves (9am-4pm)

August 27 - Israel Tour group (9am-11am)

August 28 - Celebration of Hope potluck and baptisms

August 31 - Traveling Tapas (info inside)

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**For our full calendar and more info, visit us at [www.hopecc.us](http://www.hopecc.us)**

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# Reflections From Pastor Karl



## Lessons From The River

“Left side all forward! Right side all back!” Our guide shouted out the commands as Katie and I struggled to respond as quickly as we could. For each of my kids, I have taken them on a white water rafting trip somewhere near their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. This past June, Katie and I went to Wenatchee and enjoyed a great time camping, rafting, building memories, and talking about life. Years ago I was looking for an experience that would put my kids into an uncomfortable setting while they were with me so we could talk about the challenges of life and how to handle them. White Water Rafting has provided great experiences for me and my kids.

On the way home from this trip, Katie and I talked about things that rafting and following Jesus have in common. We found several:

***In the raft we have to follow the commands of our guide.*** When the guide shouts out commands, there is simply no time for discussion or debate. The commands are given for

our safety and especially to help us make it through the turbulent sections of the rivers. We were told that doing our own thing was not an option.

***The rafters have to trust their guide.*** There were times when the guide called for us to paddle rapidly into white water. Those commands go against our natural instincts, but a raft moving forward is easier for the guide to direct. I would naturally look for a way around the rapids, but when the guide says paddle hard, I know we need that speed for my safety.

***The guide knows the way.*** The guide has been on the river numerous times and knows the river in detail. The guide knows the “holes” in the river; where to put in and where to take out; where to be serious and paddle hard; where to relax and even take a swim.

***The guide knows the raft.*** We found that even our placement in the raft came only at the direction of the guide. When we got into the raft, we quickly found seats on a tube stretching across the middle. The guide had everyone sit on the outer rim of the boat which seemed more risky, but was necessary in order to paddle effectively, which was necessary in order to steer the boat.

***All the rafters need to work together.*** It takes everyone in the boat working together to navigate the rapids safely; the actions of one person affect the others. The commands of the guide are given for all to obey, not just one.

On our drive home, Katie and I reminded ourselves that there are times when we need to trust our Guide and Savior Jesus Christ. He knows the best way to get us to where He wants us to be - even when His commands are not our first choice, Jesus knows best.

-Pastor Karl

## FOLLOWING JESUS

In case you didn't know, I've joined the blogging world while enjoying my sabbatical. I'm posting thoughts, reflections, and revelations as I spend these months being refreshed and recharged. Check out the site at:

<http://karlalsin.blogspot.com>

Or you can follow the link from the webpage:

[www.hopecc.us](http://www.hopecc.us)

## THINKING ABOUT OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE...

“This nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

-Patrick Henry

“God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their basis?”

-Thomas Jefferson

“To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.”

-George Washington

## FROM THE MUSIC DESK

by Julie Alsin  
Worship Director

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Last month I promised to update you on how my first ever mission trip went. I mentioned that I had never been on a mission trip and was really looking forward to seeing God use our team, while learning more about myself through this adventure. If I were to sum the week up in one word it would be **AMAZING!** I am amazed at what God did in us and through us. I am amazed at how our kids worked and lived out their faith. I am amazed at how I did. (In case you didn't know, I was the oldest person on the team. Ugh.)

Let me give you just a few little stories:

First off, imagine forty-three of us getting off the plane in Jamaica to 95 degree heat and loading up two cramped buses with piles and piles of luggage. We then head off to a local Burger King where we wait in line for almost an hour and a half to get our food and not one person complains.

To top this off, the boys do what they *always* do and let the girls order and eat first. **AMAZING!**

I was given the assignment of leading my team up the road to a local elementary school where we constructed a chicken slaughter house. Chicken is the mainstay of all the meals for the kids at school, so they have about forty chickens at a time in a coop on the playground. Each Monday and Tuesday, they pull the chickens out and slaughter them right on the playground while the kids are playing. So, our job was to build a cement block structure on a sloped hill so they could slaughter the chickens out of sight and let the blood run down the hill instead of pooling in the yard. Our team dug, mixed cement and mortar, and began construction on our first ever slaughter house! It was very hard work, but we all loved feeling productive and **AMAZINGLY**, this old gal kept up!

Each morning our kids were given time to have devotions before we set off to work. What a sight it was to see them all gathered around tables reading, praying and underlining their Bibles. Several kids came and asked me what a particular verse meant or if I knew where to find a certain passage and you should have seen their Bibles - all marked up with

notes and comments. These kids are eating God's word and it showed in how they lived out their faith in Jesus in Jamaica. **AMAZING!**

One night, two of our kids had to travel to town to see a doctor for some seriously ugly looking bug bites on their legs. All the girls circled around upstairs in our sleeping quarters and prayed for their two beloved friends who were both quite anxious about this late night trip. Their prayers were deep and loving. We shared this room with another group of kids who'd traveled from Colorado for the week as well. These other girls got to see and hear our young ladies talk to God. I mean really talk to God. Asking Him in faith for things and thanking Him for His provision in advance. It was an **AMAZING** time.

There is so much more to say, but I'll stop for now. This was an incredible trip and I am so glad I went. The leaders and kids were true servants of Jesus Christ in so many ways. I am grateful that Hope encourages and supports mission trips such as these. And, if you're old like me, pray about doing something like this when the opportunity presents itself. You won't be sorry!

~Julie

## CELEBRATION OF HOPE!!!

"THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!" - PSALM 118:24

Please join us for a special day of celebration as we praise God and celebrate together how Jesus is building His church. Pastor Karl will be bringing the message at the special service. Following the church service at Hope, we meet up at Black Lake Bible Camp for a potluck. Please bring a dish to share; drinks and utensils are provided. After the meal, we gather at the lake for baptisms, which is always a special time for our church family.

If you would like to be baptized, please email Pastor Karl, contact Pastor Nate, or call the church office.

### Baptisms in the lake!



## Highlights

5 Outhouses  
constructed and holes  
dug

Daily kids ministry and  
outreach to local  
Jamaicans

Laborious, but much  
needed road patching  
throughout the city

Sharing the gospel  
through song, story, and  
lifestyle with a different  
group of Americans who  
desperately needed the  
true Gospel

Constructing a kitchen  
at a church to serve the  
community

General construction  
work at a local school

Worshipping alongside  
Jamaican believers in  
church

Meeting an amazing  
pastor who served his  
local Jamaican church  
well and preached the  
true gospel of Christ

Flying across the world  
with a group of your  
best friends

The satisfaction of  
getting that stamp in  
your passport!

# August Youth News



## A LOOK BACK AT AN AMAZING WEEK...

Four years ago when I left the mission field in Swaziland, Africa to become the youth pastor at Hope Community Church, I would have never imagined a week like we just had in Jamaica.

43 amazing people for our church went to serve Jesus Christ in a foreign, developing world country. They left their normal lives in Olympia for a week of extremely hard labor, no running water, and sleeping on the ground.

If you were to ask any of them right now if it was worth it...all of them would emphatically proclaim "YES!"

Church, you need to be encouraged about how God is working in our teenagers. He took this group of seemingly normal kids and did extraordinary things through them. I am proud of them and humbled to be in the position to lead them.

- Pastor Nate

**"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news." - Romans 10:15**

## NUMBERS

Team Members who  
went to Jamaica

# 43

Kids who made a trip  
to the ER

# 2

Old people who are  
still sore from the trip

# 6

# THANK YOU!!!



## To our dear church family...

*Julie and I want to thank you so very much for giving us the wonderful trip to Hawaii for our twenty-fifth anniversary. The time away was amazing and extremely refreshing for both of us. We relaxed each day on one of the most glorious beaches one could possibly imagine. We paddleboarded and hiked to our hearts content. And, of course, one of us regularly had our share of Haagen-Dazs chocolate chip milk shakes.*

*Thank you for blessing us with this incredible gift. We love being a part of this church family and are truly humbled by your deep generosity to our family. I am anxiously looking forward to getting back in to the pulpit soon so I can be with you all as we continue to glorify God and grow deeper in Jesus here at Hope.*

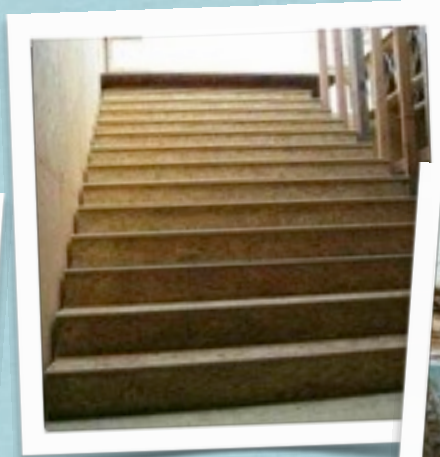
*Your Servants,*

*Pastor Karl and Julie*



## WOODSHOP UPDATE

\* Take a look at what's happening around Hope!



West edge of our new  
worship center

## KID'S CONNECTION: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Park Days Are Here!

Join us for family fun as we celebrate the end of summer with weekly play dates! Families with children are welcome to join us **Wednesday mornings at 10:30am** at different parks around Olympia. Bring bikes, balls, blankets, snacks, and anything else that will make it a great summer morning. Our August schedule is:

August 3 - Burfoot Park  
August 10 - Tumwater Historical Park  
August 17 - LBA (Amhurst Street entrance off Morse-Merryman)  
August 24 - Friendly Grove Park



### What is AWANA?

AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed.

This is a fun-filled **Wednesday night** program for kids **3 years old through 6th grade**. The program runs **September through May, from 6:15pm-8pm**

Come for amazing games, fun music, Bible memory verses, and special events throughout the year!

For more information about the AWANA organization, visit [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org)

**AWANA registration opens August 15**  
Our AWANA program fills up fast, so sign up as soon as you can!

Registration will be available on the Hope webpage

# WOMEN OF HOPE

## TRAVELING TAPAS!



### You are invited to a very special evening...

Join us on Wednesday, August 31st for a progressive appetizer dinner and fellowship with women of Hope Community Church.

- Meet at the church at 5:30pm
- Go to the lobby to check in and meet your carpool group
- Begin the adventure to two different homes for a light, tapas style dinner
- Meet back at the church at 8pm for dessert

**Childcare will be provided. Childcare begins at 5:15pm in the upstairs classroom.**

This is a great opportunity for women of all ages to get to know each other and have a fun, free, no-cooking evening! Hope to see you there!

Registration will be available online and through the bulletin.

## CLASSICS PARTY

We're not old...we're classic!

We're having a beach party and all classics are invited!

When: August 27, 1pm

Where: Donn and Martha Larson's home

What to bring: A salad or desert

Call the Larsons for directions: 275-0920

Any other questions, contact Helen Ott: 866-1734

## PRAYER TEAM

"This is why God has ordained prayer to have such a crucial place in the mission of the church. The purpose of prayer is to make clear to all the participants in missions that the victory belongs to the Lord... Prayer is God's appointed means of bringing grace to the world and glory to himself." - John Piper, *Let The Nations Be Glad*

**Please join us in praying for our missionaries**

**Megan Bodeutsch:** Hope Community Church - South Korea

**Mark & Naomi Hale:** International Messengers - Poland

**Nathan & Margie Jacobs:** Missionary Construction Team - USA & global

**Mark & Han Halstrom:** TouchGlobal EFCA - Creative Access Countries

**Kyle & Nancy Herr:** AWANA - SW Washington/NW Oregon

**Vance & Carol Johnson:** ReachGlobal EFCA - Philippines

**Steve & Carol Lyons:** ReachGlobal EFCA - Tanzania

**David & Lois McMartin:** ReachGlobal EFCA - Missionary Care

**Fred & Audrey Otto:** New Tribes Mission - Brazil

**Ron & Linda Sauke:** ReachGlobal EFCA - Outreach English & Resource Division

**Greg & Madelaine Smith:** Evergreen Students For Christ - Olympia, WA

**Michael & Rina Vanderpoel:** SEND International - Japan

**Our Un-named Friends:** BEE World - Restricted Access Country