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Service Times

Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Small Groups
Mon., Weds. or Thurs. 6:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9 a.m – 12 p.m.



I received this e-mail from a sister of this church. It was the "Top Ten Predictions for 2008".

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

These are not only predictions; they are promises that have been around since the beginning. This being the case, why wouldn't any one want to make the commitment this year to Jesus and His church?

My only New Year's resolution this year is to be more committed to Jesus and His Bride. And when I read this list of predictions, of these promises, I am so glad I did.

I want to wish each of you a Blessed New Year!!!

DECEMBER	
GENERAL FUND INCOME	
General Fund	\$7,414.75
Berea	390.25
TOTAL GEN. FUND INC. \$7,805.00	
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE	
General Fund	\$6,527.82
Gen. Fund Income	\$1,277.18
WEEKLY FIXED EXPENSES	
\$1,538/week)	
DECEMBER AVG. INCOME	
\$1,854/week	

DECEMBER	
"OTHER FUNDS" INCOME	
Building	\$3,130.00
Adopt Melissa	45.00
Haiti trip	107.00

DECEMBER	
Sunday School – 27	
Worship Service – 68	

FUNDS BALANCES	
As of 12-31-07	
General Fund	\$3,623.43
Children's Ministry	416.78
Women's Ministry	148.75
Anapto	6.69
Adopt Melissa	356.25
Haiti Trip	124.00
LG Print Bibles	55.00
Bank Balance	\$4,730.90



Overcomers
Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m.
Basketball
Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Anapto
Sundays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for teens.
No Anapto on the last Sunday of each month.

Ladies Bible Study
Resumes Jan. 25, Fridays at 9:30 a.m.,
Her Name is Woman, by Gien Karssen
New Florence Nursing Home
3rd Sunday every other month. (Next
February 17, 3 p.m.)

Small Groups
Mon., Wed. or Thurs. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
in homes.



JANUARY
Christine Johnson – 1/3
Don Leebrick – 1/3
Jason Stoneberger – 1/4
Faith Devlin – 1/4
Alan Pierson – 1/9
Larry Duncan – 1/10
Meghan Golden – 1/16
Jason Pierson – 1/19

Happy Anniversary
Alan & Janet Pierson – 1/27

Cookbooks Still for Sale

The Women's Ministry still has cookbooks to sell. *'Recipes from the Heart'* is a 'hot' item to own. The cost is \$10 and proceeds go toward the Women's Ministry. You may sign up to take several cookbooks to take with you to show others at work or elsewhere to sell for the women's ministry. They can be picked up from any committee member on Sunday or from Dave at the office. See these committee members for assistance: Debi Crosser, Cindy McCorkell, Marj Weeks, Sherry Burns, Donna Oden, Dee Hall or Tammy Wood.

Thank You

The Sew-n-Sew Quilt Ministry would like to extend a very warm THANK YOU to the congregation for your generous support of our stocking project. Thanks to your help, we were able to distribute stockings and gifts to a number of children and teens both right here in Missouri and in the Dominican Republic. You made this Christmas very special for a great many children this year!

Haiti, Here We Come!

The Missions Team will be leaving on February 18th, which is right around the corner. We are going to be gathering together for a meeting on January 19th to try and learn a few words in Creole. The Haitians speak Creole which has been referred to as "Baby French" so it should be interesting.

God is such an awesome provider! During our Chili Fundraiser, we raised just enough money to order about 300 backpacks for the children in Dee and Wilckly's school. I haven't had a chance to see them yet, but I hear they look really nice with the school's emblem printed on the front. We are going to bring the backpacks with us on our trip and pass them out to all the children when we arrive. I cannot wait to see the smiles on their faces. This will be an awesome surprise for these children who have so very little. They will have their very own, brand new backpack!

I know I can speak for the whole group when I say "thank you"! We really appreciate all of the support we have received from everyone. Please continue to pray for us and for the mission in Haiti. Pray that we may keep God in the forefront of this trip, and that we will be a blessing to the Dorce's and the people in Carries. May we serve the Lord with a willing and loving heart!

By Riva Ridgway

Attention: Ministry Teams

Send news articles of the activities and upcoming events of your ministry team to:
info@highhillchristianchurch.org by the first Sunday of the month for publication in the church newsletter. Everyone on the church mailing lists receives a copy of the newsletter. And it is on the internet, also. Get the news 'out'.

Small Group...

What is it for and what is it all about?

I think that question can be answered best by each group. But since I was asked to share about our small group, I can give you insight on how our group works and what we study on Wednesday evenings.

Our group is relatively new. We, as of this newsletter, have 3 couples and our children. Our group shares dinner TOGETHER to start. We feel that sharing dinner, as a family, is an important aspect of inviting intimacy into the group. Each week we open our homes and rotate hosting responsibilities. The host home prepares the main course, with the extras being prepared and brought in by the others of the group. Sharing meals together is a special time. After dessert ... we break off to begin our group time.

Right now we are studying "The Pursuit of Holiness," by Jerry Bridges. This study has been a blessing to us all. Our group is very open and works at holding each other accountable in our daily lives. We follow a study guide for the book and find that it sparks much discussion. We have no time limit on how long our sharing time lasts and we always close with prayer time.

The group leadership is shared in the same manner as hosting. The facilitator/leader of the study rotates each week. Different teaching styles open to new ideas or views and this rotation gives way to giving someone a chance to lead who might otherwise feel uncomfortable leading in a larger setting.

You are welcome to join us any Wednesday in our homes to study God's Word. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. with group to follow. For further information, contact Tom & Leslie Henke at 573.564.8004 or Roger & Michelle Spradley at 573.564.5150.

Whatever group it may be, small group is something you should commit to. It's the community of this church; ask someone about belonging to one!

by Michelle Spradley

Unique Small Group

Our unique bible study group meets on Monday nights sitting beside Norman & Janice Schloemann's gorgeous 1950 Chevy pickup. The great atmosphere lends itself to spirited conversation. Study group members are Norman and Janice, Kista River, Carla and Riva Ridgway, Mary Ann Schultz, and Diane Belt. Currently, the study we are doing is *Faith Lessons on the Early Church: Conquering the Gates of Hell* by Ray Vander Laan. We are learning how the early churches were established, and the extreme obstacles they faced. It is inspiring to learn how strong the faith of the early Christians must have been; and it is amazing to discover their determination in keeping their faith alive and practicing.

Each of us enjoys the discussion so much we are reluctant to leave, and the fact that the snacks are always awesome just adds to the pleasure. In addition to the bible study, we make time to discuss how things are going in our lives and take time to pray for each other and for those we know who are in need.

We only have two more meetings in this series, and we are seeking individuals who would like to join our joyful group for the next session. Just give one of us a nod and we will be eager to discuss having you join our bible study family.

By Mary Ann Schultze

Children's Church

Sunday Mornings

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Ministering 2 Future (18 mo.-3 yrs.)

Primary Church (4 yrs. – K)

Junior Church – (Grades 1 & 2)

High Hill Christian Church Women's Ministry

Our Women's ministry is in full swing in 2008! We ended 2007 with a Christmas party and 18 women came together to fellowship, eat, sing, eat, games, eat, prizes, eat, ornament exchange, and eat some more! We were blessed tremendously by God through the words of Lydia Weideman, our guest speaker from Blue Ridge Christian Church in Columbia. What an amazing evening we had! This was our 3rd year, and we hope that each year we can anticipate an even greater turn out!

As you most likely have already noticed, our cookbooks are in and available for sale. They are a collection of recipes from our members and were put together by a committee of women who worked very hard to make this happen. They are Debi Crosser, Dee Hall, Donna Oden, Sherry Burns, Marj Weeks, Cindy McCorkell, and Tammy Wood. Our most sincere thanks to these ladies who put in a lot of their time and hard work! We are very pleased with the results of the cookbooks, and we hope that you all can get one and enjoy! Thank you to all those who contributed recipes too! The proceeds from the cookbooks are for our Women's Ministry to help with the costs of events, Bible Studies, retreats, supplies, scholarships, etc. You may purchase a book from any of these ladies on Sunday mornings or from Dave at the office during the week. The cost is \$10. We only have a limited supply, so hurry and get yours!

The Ladies Bible Study begins on Jan. 25th, at 9:30am. We meet each Friday morning here at the church. Please sign up at front table in foyer to reserve your book ASAP! We are studying from a book called *Her Name is Woman* by Gien Karssen. Kista River and Tammy Wood teach the class.

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We are planning a trip to Joplin, Mo., April 24-26 to attend a Women's Retreat at Ozark Christian College. Watch for more details coming soon!

We are excited about 2008 and all that God will teach us through this ministry. Our prayer is that we as Women of Faith, can become closer together and most of all closer to our Lord through encouragement, and community. Every woman is invited to participate in this ministry. This ministry is just one of many ways to connect and serve in this body of believers here at High Hill. Please pursue, and make an effort to

reach out and encourage other women through these opportunities that God will lay out before us. May God's Spirit live in you, and move you in extreme ways this year to make Jesus famous!

*Warmly,
Tammy Wood*

Our Mission Statement.....

Our Women's Ministry is devoted to guiding women to **love** and **live** God's Word. We pray that each woman will have a desire to know greater intimacy with our Lord by experiencing the transforming power of His Word!

Christian Standard On the Web

The Christian Standard magazine is posted on the web a few days prior to the publication date, and a search function has been added to search the online database of stories going back to March 2, 2003. The web address is www.christianstandard.com.

Ministries at High Hill Christian Church

Basketball Ministry
Building & Grounds
Children's Ministry
Missions Ministry

Outreach Ministry
Overcomers
Prayer Ministry
Small Groups

Teen Ministry
We Care Ministry
Women's Ministry
Worship Ministry

Strengthening God's Family One Life At A Time

**High Hill Christian Church exists to bring Jesus to people,
To bring people to Jesus,
And together grow in complete devotion to Him.**