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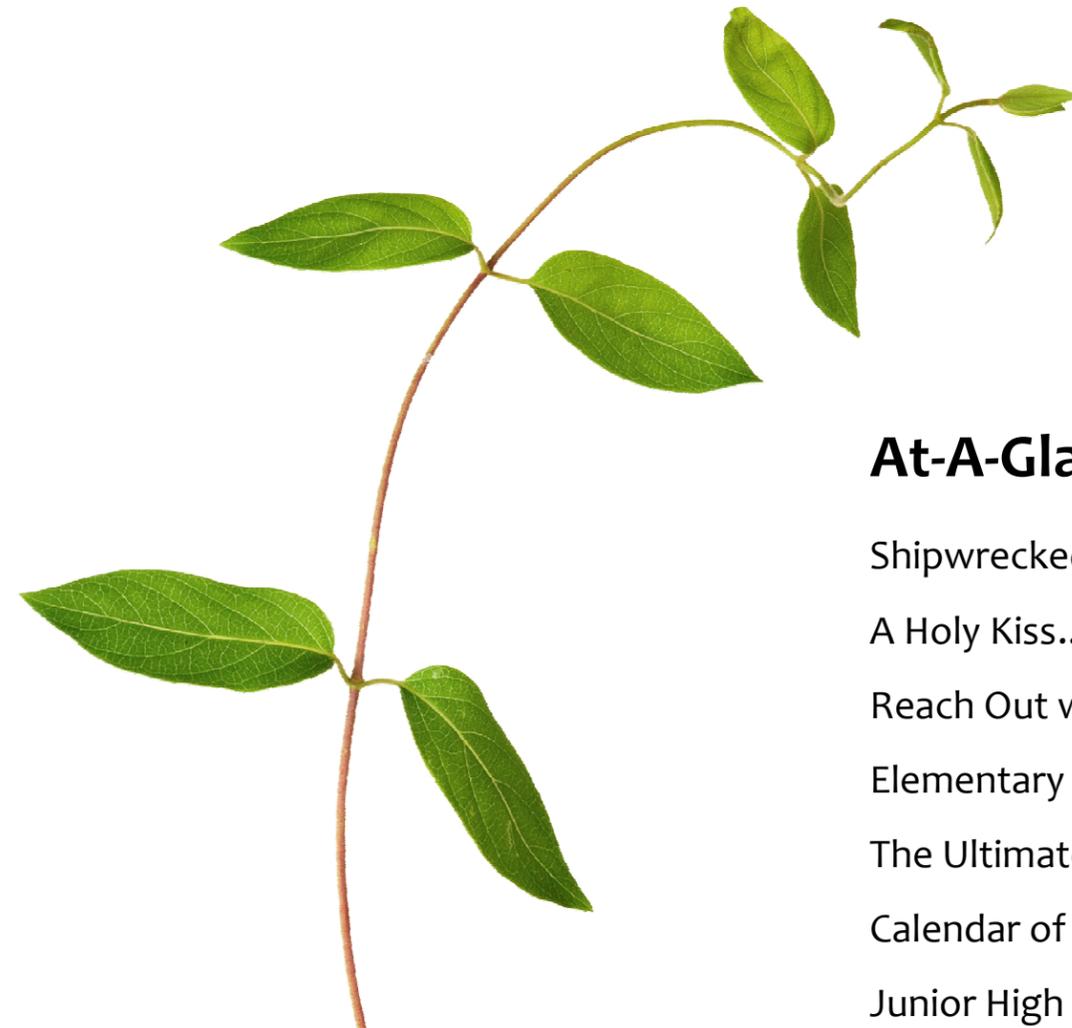
Shipwrecked!

By Pastor Jim Amandus

One of the most famous shipwrecks that comes to mind is the sinking of the Titanic. Some mistakenly think that it was the worse shipwreck in maritime history. Actually, there have been numerous shipwrecks that exceeded the Titanic’s loss of just over 1,500 lives.

In my opinion, the U.S.S. Arizona is the most famous American shipwreck in history. It did not carry gold or jewels and was not lost out at sea. It was an American battleship sunk at Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack that sparked World War II on December 7, 1941. Some 1,177 lives were lost as a Japanese bomb tore through the ship and into the munitions hold. The bomb then detonated and set off a massive explosion inside the ship sinking it quickly. The wreckage is still on the bottom of Pearl Harbor. A national monument was built over the wreckage and is visited by some 1.5 million tourists every year.

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God cautions us not to experience shipwreck in our personal lives, marriages, family lives, or church family. The U.S.S. Arizona sank as a result of enemy attack. You have a very real enemy, only he doesn't attack you with bombs. His strategies often are unseen to the visible eye.

How do you avoid shipwreck? Here's God's nautical advice that will keep you on course and will help you navigate through life's storms and turbulent waters.

...pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.—1 Timothy 6:11-12

In these two verses, God gives you two points by which to set your compass. The first is your character. Character development is a fight. Face it, none of us is sinless. But all of us can experience spiritual growth so we are sinning less. God clusters these six character qualities and says, "Fight to build these things into your life!"

The second is your friends. God admonishes Timothy to stay on course by remembering the people to whom he is accountable. Everyone needs friends in their lives to help them stay on course. Lauri's and my small group starts up in September and I am looking forward to our group for three reasons. The people are safe to be with. The people are fun to be with. And in our group the people love Jesus and encourage one another to stay on course.

If you are navigating on your own, I would suggest you heed God's nautical advice. Attend to your character. And hang with friends who are committed to helping you stay on course with Jesus.

Let me toss you a life ring, if you feel like you are sinking. Check out the Small Groups webpage at www.highlandsc.org/adults/smallgroups. This is an opportunity to connect with our small group leaders, check out small group life at Highlands, and climb aboard into a small group.

God didn't save you so you would sail alone.

A Holy Kiss—Nathaniel Tally

I was talking with Mariane about what first attracted her and her husband to Highlands. What she said came as no surprise to me – yet we probably do not hear it often enough. It was the big smiles that greeted them at the door, helped them find their classes, and welcomed them to their chairs that made them feel at home.

The Apostle Paul recognized the importance of this... and repeats it four times with the command to "greet one another with a holy kiss..." or in other words, to encourage Christians to promote closeness and community through a gesture that was common in the Hellenistic-Roman culture. A holy kiss was a way of accepting and welcoming someone, and therefore was certainly important in the church community.

I bring this up because at Highlands, we have a team of people dedicated to this very goal – our ushers! Just to be clear, you won't see them walking around kissing

everyone that walks through the door! You will see them welcoming people with a big smile and a handshake and doing whatever it takes to let everyone who comes to Highlands know that they are welcome and accepted. Right now we need people who are willing to make Highlands a place marked by this kind of closeness and community!

I would encourage us all to be this way wherever we are – and as you pray about how God can bless others through you, consider joining the ushering team. Mariane and many others are part of our church because someone took a moment to reach out to them and let them know they are welcome and accepted. Will you be that someone to a visitor looking for a home?

To find out more about being part of our ushering ministry, contact DoraA@highlandsc.org.

Junior High Summer Camp—Pastor Nick Dalgardno

Nearly 100 people loaded into buses and minivans on July 18-23 to spend a week together at Lost Creek Village Camp near Naches. At camp there was worship, teaching from God's Word, group games, paintballing, swimming, basketball games, hanging out while eating sno-cones, and just getting to know each other better! On the last day of camp, we headed to the Yakima River and rafted while laughing, splashing, and having a great time together.

Our speaker, Pastor Joe Poppino from Mount Vernon, challenged us through the teaching of God's Word to commit our lives wholly to Christ. Our theme verse was Galatians 2:20 and we asked the question, "LIFE: Are you who God wants you to be?" We used the acronym LIFE throughout the week looking at Love, Integrity, Freedom, and Eternity. The leaders did an excellent job of leading their small groups through discussions each day around our theme. The leaders participated as examples in worship and connected with their students throughout the week with servant's hearts. Many students recommitted their lives to Christ and several asked Jesus into their hearts for the first time!

To capture some of what God did in the hearts of the students, we asked them to write down what decisions they made throughout the week or what they had learned. The following is a couple of those responses:

This week I learned that no matter who you are or what you've done, God still cares about you...when I go home I want to be someone who talks about God and also shows it through my actions at home, at school, and other places. Praise the Lord!

I am going to talk to all my friends about God and be so respectful to my parents and be nice to everyone I love, especially my sister.

Camp really changed my life. Because now I believe that God really does love me a lot...

Thank you for praying for the junior high ministry and listening to what the Lord is doing in the hearts and minds of this generation of Christ followers.



Family News

Jonathan LeClair was born to Matt and Meme.

Evangeline Inglis went home to be with the Lord on July 26.

Jean Morrow went home to be with the Lord on July 31.

Missionary Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6 Liene Donis
- 9 Dean Nicks
- 10 Gardner Kerin
- 11 Brant's Anniversary
- 12 Sylvia Kalau
- 24 Vance Johnson
- 25 Margaret Nichols
- 25 Nichols' Anniversary
- 26 Alyse Nicks
- 26 Annie Pillai

Calendar of Events

- 17 JH Dodgeball
- 18 HS Flag Football
- 20 Women's Evening
Precept Class Begins
- 21 Tuesday AM Women's
Ministries Resume
- 22 Awana Fall Start
- 25 Men's Breakfast
- 26 HighPoint Parent
Meeting
- 28 Women of the Word
PM Resumes
- 28 Women's Connecting
with God Class Resumes

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