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Important Dates

Happy Birthday

11/1 Kateri Madden
11/3 Michelle Hill
11/8 Clarissa Elmore
11/14 Marnie Burke
11/15 Emily Olivieri
11/19 Merridy Sims
11/20 Rebecca Booth
11/22 Mary Beth Fisher

Travel Updates

Amy

11/11 Columbia, SC
11/13 Auburn, AL
12/2 Birmingham, AL

Lauren

11/8 Atlanta, GA
11/30 Baton Rouge, LA
12/1 Covington, LA
12/2 Jackson, MS

More to come...

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Serving through Love...Listening

How many of you can think of a good friend who you can go to at anytime with a crisis or dilemma because they are a good listener? We long for answers to our troubles in life, but often times instead of answers we simply need someone to listen—to let us pour out our heart and understand and sympathize with our situation. How often have you been on the listening end and felt helpless as your friend put a situation before you that you did not have an answer for? We don't often realize the power we have to encourage and help others simply by listening. But it is not always a simple task. We are often distracted by our own problems and are quick to want to give an answer and send the person on their way.

As we continue through the article "Nurtured by Covenant Grace" by Dr. Bob Palmer, we see the importance of being an empathetic listener and the implications of our listening on those around us.

Empathetic Listening

Members of the covenant community are to listen empathetically to one another. It is one more vital way they are to reflect the compassion of their caring God who "...hears the good man when he calls to him for help, and saves him out of all his troubles" (Psalm 34:17)

This same God who hears the cry of those he loves also recognizes the yearning of His people to be heard by one another within their covenant communities. That is why He commands, "...everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry" (James 1:9).

This listening is much more than simply hearing words. It is empathetic listening. It requires conscious discipline and diligence. And it is to be among the most urgent skills to be practiced within the covenant family. Why? Because it is one of the most effective remedies to advance understanding among God's people. It also is among the most potent strategies for securing permanent friendships within the family.

When God's covenant people truly listen to one another, they demonstrate self control and humility. They resist interrupting to give an opinion or advice, or jumping in to express judgment. Empathetic listeners determine to focus on the other person. Empathetic listening involves the mind-actively processing what has been said. It involves the heart-acknowledging that there are feelings behind what has been said. When covenant people listen like that, the consequences are dramatic and refreshing. It becomes a healing gift the covenant community gives to one another. ~

Once again, I am convicted of my sin in this area. I am constantly challenged to have self control and humility as I listen to others. If we are to love each other unconditionally, and eagerly forgive one another, we must also work on empathetically listening to one another.

We continue to pray for you and look forward to hearing how God is working in your life!

Get Certified...in FUN!



Now is the time to be thinking about those camp certifications such as lifeguarding, first aid/cpr or a specialized skill area. Many of your schools will offer classes to help in this process. Don't wait until the last minute!! Also, use that PE requirement to take a fun class that might give you some new ideas for skills!! Of course any new games, skills, night activity ideas are ALWAYS welcome!! Just email or call us anytime!

Certifications that pay you back!!

Lifeguarding \$65/session

Waterfront Lifeguard:
\$80/session

Skill area: \$20/session

ARC Babysitting: \$75/session

Archery: \$65/session

Water Safety Instructor:
\$80/session

For information on classes in your area, check with your college course offerings as well as the American Red Cross and YMCA.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

YMCA

www.ymca.net

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

One camper at a time

Congratulations to... **Christin Daniels!!** She was the October winner in our Prospect drawing contest and she won \$100! What would you do with \$100?

If you want to participate, simply give us the name and address of someone you know that you think

would love a summer at Hollymont and we will send them information, and enter your name into a monthly drawing to win \$100. But wait, there's more. If the camper then decides to register for camp, you get entered into the next month's drawing as well. So, you

could potentially earn \$200 for every camper name you give us. Who couldn't use a little extra cash and who wouldn't love having the joy of seeing lots of new, smiling faces at Hollymont every year!! Can't wait to hear from you!



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<http://www.acacamps.org/membership/counselors>

Hollymont 2011

Staff Orientation June 12-18

A Session

7 day

June 19-25

13 day

June 19-July 1

B1 Session

7 day

July 3-9

13 day

July 3-15

B2 Session

7 day

July 17-23

13 day

July 17-29

C Session

7 day

July 31-Aug. 6

13 day

July 31-Aug. 12

ABI Session

June 19-July 15

B Session

July 3-29

B2C Session

July 17-August 12



And the paper plate goes to...

The **Stalker Award** goes to...*Emily Levy!*

Twice in one month she has shown up and surprised campers and staff with a visit—She has help—Callie Shaw and Christin Daniels accompanied her separately! Watch out—she could show up at your door next!

So, if you think these are lame or lacking in creativity then HELP US OUT!! Send us your funny stories, mishaps, etc.!

All through the years...

Reconnect with old Hollymont friends –make new Hollymont friends—all with the click of a mouse. Hollymont has a new alumni database available to you online! Encourage friends who were campers or staff to sign up! We want to keep in touch with everyone and plan fun get togethers!! Go to www.hollymont.com/alumni/alumnicontract.php and fill out the user friendly form!