

# *The Highline Connection*

*Highline Christian Church  
Touched by Jesus to Touch Others' Lives  
Experience God's Touch*

*April 2005*

## Building to TOUCH Lives

### Construction Open House

Mark your calendars now for a Building to Touch Lives Forum and Open House on Wednesday evening, May 18. We plan to have the approved detailed diagrams and plans available for review. We will also have an outdoor site tour and a presentation designed to provide information on what we're doing and why, how much it will cost, how it will be paid for, and the expected worship center construction timeline. We are planning to provide child care for this event.

### Parking Update

Paving is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April. We had hoped to have pavement down by Easter, but there were too many tasks to complete to make this deadline possible.



*One load of boulders delivered for the parking lot retaining wall. Each boulder was placed individually by an operator in an excavator.*



*Curtis and Dave work on the corner of the garage. Volunteer labor has been a huge help and is still needed.*

### Workers Needed – Especially Mid-week

Work parties are held every Saturday (except Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends). They start at 8:00 and usually go all day. Come for an hour or come for the day.

We have a special need for people who can help mid-week. If you're willing and available to help in a week-day work party, please call Randy Nye.

## Make Note Fun Activities for Summer

Attention Campers! Reserve July 15 – 17 for our **Annual All Church Camp Out** at Camp Lakeview. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship activities: swimming, karaoke, volleyball, hiking, golf, games and crafts for the younger generation. For more information contact



Bill Breon  
Steve Morland  
Lee Kibler



Attention Golfers, Stokers, and Ball Whackers! Reserve Saturday September 10 for a time of laughs and fun on Lake Wilderness golf course. All levels of players (from never-before-golfers to pros) are welcome to play.

For those interested in participating in the above events, please sign up on the sports ministry board, or contact Lee Kibler for more information.

## Mayday for Marriage Update

A special thank you to the 50 people who took the time out of a busy Tuesday to attend the “Take A Stand for Marriage” rally in Olympia on March 8, sponsored by Washington Evangelicals for Responsible Government (W.E.R.G.).

Once again, God demonstrated his awesome power. Not only did he provide a perfectly beautiful, sunny, spring day and safety to all who went, but he exceeded attendance expectations by tenfold!!!

Against all odds, over 10,000 Christians from all over Washington State and from as far as Spokane showed up to let our elected officials know where we stand on marriage. (The other side had about 200 people.) The park police said it was the largest rally ever held in Olympia! It was a powerful experience to see so many believers together praising God and praying.

BUT, our job does not end here! REMEMBER – WE ALL NEED TO CONTINUE TO PRAY DAILY ON THIS ISSUE! Our State Supreme Court will take 2-6 months before making their decision on the validity of our State Defense of Marriage Act. We need to pray daily for the hearts & minds of our judges. Pray that they will decide in favor of upholding our current law which defines marriage to be the union of one man and one woman.

If you are interested in becoming part of WERG’s Legislative Action Alert team, please let us know. The time commitment would only be about 15 minutes whenever they issue an alert, and there may only be a few alerts per year. It can be as simple as one phone call to the toll-free Legislative Hotline. Your involvement could make a HUGE DIFFERENCE in defending our Christian values in Washington State. United we stand, divided we fall. Call us for further details.

Gerald & Paula James



## Sunday School Staff Potluck

April 11, 2005 at 6:30 P.M.

Our spring ministry team meeting will include good food, good fellowship and a good exchange of information.

Bret is anxious to share insights from the Willow Creek seminar he attended in Chicago. Also, a few of our teachers will present gems of knowledge gathered from the Northwest Christian Education Conference.

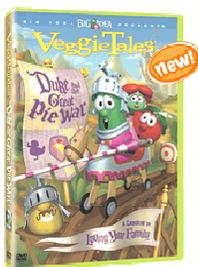
Plan now to attend!

If you are not able to bring a dish come anyway, we always have plenty.

*If you are not yet involved in Christian Education but are interested in learning about being part of our ministry team, then please join us.*

## Men's Night Out

Friday, April 8  
6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.  
Pizza, Games and Movie!



As the women drive north for the Spring Women's Retreat, all the men are invited to come together at the church building for dinner and games. Come see "Duke and the Great Pie War," the newest VeggieTale movie on the big screen! This event is open to all guys, with or without kids (just don't leave them at home alone!). Cost for pizza and drinks is \$4 for men, \$2 for kids. Come for some or all of the evening. Dinner starts at 6:30 P.M.

### **\*\*Mark Your Calendar\*\***

Men's Night Out at the Ballpark  
Mariners vs. Phillies Baseball Game  
Wednesday, June 15  
Ticket sign-ups begin in April

[mensministry@highlinechristian.org](mailto:mensministry@highlinechristian.org)



## Attention Young Adults!

"The Walk" Bible study is starting soon. We will be studying the book of 1 John.

Please join us Tuesdays at 7 P.M. in the chapel/choir room upstairs. Our first study will be Tuesday, April 5.



If you're a **long-time member**, a **recent member**, or **just considering joining Highline**, and want to know more about Highline and what it means to be a member, we have a class for you.

## TOUCH 1

**Saturday, April 23, 2005**

9:00 A.M.– Noon. (Lunch provided)

Come and find out what it means to be a part of God's family at Highline. Please call the office (206-243-4333) to register.

We love children but are unable to provide childcare for this particular event.

**Touch 2** will also be offered at this time so if you have completed Touch 1, please contact the office to register for Touch 2. This session's focus is on the basic habits of spiritual maturity.

**Touch 3** will also be offered at this time so if you have completed Touch 1 & 2, please contact the office to register for Touch 3. In this session, you'll learn about discovering your **SHAPE** (spiritual gifts, hearbeat, abilities, personality, and experiences).

## United Singles



**Easter** Happy Easter!! At first when I started writing this article I was thinking that "Happy Easter" was an oxymoron. I was thinking why should I be wishing someone a Happy Easter when as a Christian I am referring to Jesus dying on the cross. What is happy about that? The death, the burial, the mourning, the aching of a mother, the sense of loneliness the disciples felt. What is happy about that? But then I remembered that on the third day Jesus rose from the dead. He overcame the grip of death; He fulfilled the scriptures. He raised the temple. O Glorious Day! The day Jesus rose from the dead. That is what we are to be happy about. So I say again HAPPY EASTER!

The "United Singles" were led in a study of the cross on the 20th by Michelle McCarthy. She used all four accounts and had different items that were put by the cross. It started out with the 30 pieces of silver that the priests gave to Judas for the betrayal. Next we had a bowl, a jar, and a towel that represented Pilate washing his hands of Jesus' blood. We also had a crown of thorns (which incidentally are a weed caused by man's sin in the Garden of Eden), a purple cloth and a staff that the soldiers placed on Jesus and mocked. Then we had a sheet that was the burial cloth and spices used to anoint the body when it was buried. One of the points of the lesson was even though there are four different accounts and each one tells of different aspects, they all tell the same thing. They tell about Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

I finally have the dates for tickets for "Creation Fest" at the Gorge in George, Washington. I will start collecting money for the tickets on May 1. The cost for the tickets is \$38 for adults, \$20 for youth (ages 6-11), and children 5 and under are free. Tickets are \$2 more at the gate. I would like to have all the money collected by June 1 so I can get the tickets by July 22 for the **July 30 concert**. See me for more information and to sign up.

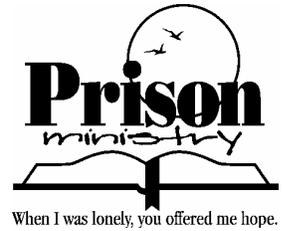
In Christ,

Gene Cole

## Thank You

From Evergreen Prison Ministry  
A Ministry of Highline Christian Church  
Janita Lagasca and Ruthie Goetz

With the blessings of Study Bibles and funds to buy Bibles donated through Highline Christian Church to Evergreen Prison Ministry, and the privilege of being allowed to do Bible study with the women inmates at KRJC through UGM, it is a winning combination through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. After many months of only being able to go in once a month, we now have enough volunteers to do Bible studies each Sunday, thank God, but more volunteers are always needed. We wanted to share some of praises we have received from inmates.



*"The Bible has reached a part of me, that not even I knew I had in me."*

*"It has meant so much to me to receive my Bible and all of my Daily Walk literature. I thank all involved in making it possible for such items. I am very grateful for all I have been blessed with from your group."*

*"I'm very grateful that they give up their time to come into the jail and worship with us."*

*"Having the Life Application Study Bible has truly been a blessing for me. Its footnotes help me to understand the scriptures and because I now am understanding the word, I'm more committed to reading it daily. Thank you Jesus."*

*"I give a million thanks for the Study Bible I received. I've learned so much, it makes reading the Bible fun and interesting. I wouldn't give it up. Thanks again."*

If you look about, you will be distressed.  
If you look inside, you will be depressed.  
But if you look at Him, you will be at rest.

## Bonjour from Paris

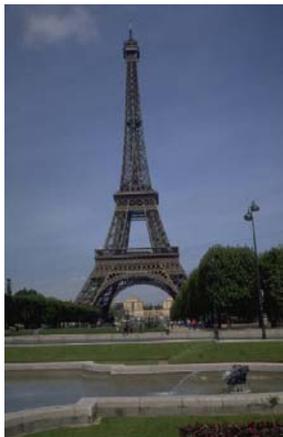
Dear Family and Friends,

It is very hard to believe that it has been almost one year since we moved to Paris, France. But here it is, coming up on Easter 2005, and we were here attending the Easter service at the American Church of Paris in 2004, of course we had to find it first. Everything was about finding things and places, and getting to know our way around last year. Now we are pretty good at reading our different maps that help us do just that. The learning process has been an experience all on its own. Public transportation is very user friendly and takes you almost anywhere in Paris.

We had several visitors come from the States last year and this year many more have planned to come visit. It has been a real joy to have family and friends come over and visit. Railene came over at Christmas and Bret and Davi will be coming near the end of this summer. We also, have been in contact with people through instant message, Email, and a program called Skype (using the computer to call home).

The Highline web site helps keep us informed on the progress of the church building. WOW! What a change, looks like everyone has been doing great work!

The Lord has blessed us. We have been in good health and been able to see many wonderful things, and have met many people over the year.



We pray God will bless all of you at this Easter season.

God Bless,

Bob and Realonda

## Thank You for Your Generosity

Highline is such a giving church and it was seen again when you so graciously gave to Emmanuel School of Religion to help support the Western Student Scholarship. The offering collected totaled \$914.65! Thank you again for your generous spirit.



## Thank You

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you all for the prayers you said for me and all the cards and flowers. Thanks to Pastor Tim for all his visits and thanks to Nadine for the ride home from the hospital. Everything was appreciated very much by John and me.

Love in Jesus,

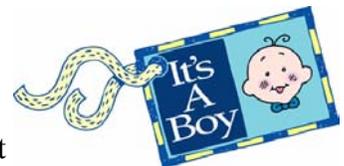
Nancy Gowdy



Spring forward is here. Remember to move the time forward on your clocks on Saturday, April 2.

## We welcome the arrival...

...of Lucas Noah Bennett born March 13, 2005 at 1:56 A.M. He weighed in at 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 inches long. He was born five weeks early, but mom and baby are doing fine. Lucas is the son of Kurt and Barb Bennett and the brother of Zachary & Maya..





## Prayer Circle

### *Praise God*

Psalm 105:1 & 2 “Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful acts.

### *Praise our Lord for*

Marge (Em Finlay’s friend)—well enough to have a kidney transplant in April. Praise for all the people that are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

### *Pray*

Philippians 4:6 “Don’t be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God.”

### *Remember in prayer*

Frank Fullington (friend of Jill & Monty Rowley)—hospitalized with a brain bleed; Amanda Davis’ co-worker’s Mom died; pray for a friend of Amanda’s who is the only living survivor of a family that died in a house fire; Arlene Larson (friend of Jeanne Gibbs)—granddaughter involved in drugs and trying to get guardianship of her 4 year old daughter; Jill & Monty Rowley—co-worker undergoing breast cancer treatments; Bryan (Harold & Barbara Goodridge’s grandson)—pray for safe return from Iraq; Linda Fontejon—injured foot during volleyball; Gail & Janet Breithaupt’s nephew—second heart attack; Penny Mosier—God’s hand on her for treatment for a sore throat; Marge (Em Finlay’s friend)—kidney transplant; Taylor (5 month old friend of Rowley’s)—heart surgery to repair hole.

### *With Sympathy*

Evelyn Keen—death of her mother-in-law  
Edna Corey—passed away March 7<sup>th</sup>  
Dave Sloan—death of his brother Richard

If you have any praises or prayer requests or want to be on the all church prayer chain, please call Barbara Goodridge or Jane Randall.

## Church Family Information



Daja Sedletzeck

Mike & Becky Stampalia

Kathleen Goforth

Chera Kraemer

Jim Rowland

Bryant Davis

Lilly Strand

## With Sympathy

We would like to offer sympathy to the family of Edna Corey. Edna went home to be with the Lord on March 7, 2005. Edna had been a member of Highline for many years. Please remember Edna’s family in your prayers during this difficult time.



## Look Who's Having a Birthday in April

1. Natasha Nieman  
Diane Sifres
3. Tyler Mosier
4. Fred de Leest  
Kim Stampalia
6. John Tiefel
7. Kevin Smith
8. Gretchen Erickson
9. Barb Bennett
11. Annette de Leest  
Kathy Eley  
Ethel Winter
12. Bret Thorson
13. Karen Lester
14. Rob Evans  
Marcelo Pelogi
15. Galen Marcille
16. Marc Sagmoen
17. Desiree Colborn  
Kami Morman  
Cindy Rose  
Gladys Russell
18. Bryant Davis
20. Travis Carlston  
Mariana Gurrola  
Quinton Spence
21. Lynda Smith  
Chris Tief
22. Michelle Parker



24. Wes Willoughby
25. Irina Check
26. Dale Beaird  
Ryan Knight  
Pat Nye
27. Michelle McCarthy  
Bob Winter
28. Christian Bird  
Maya Picinich
29. Ted Lawrence  
Jenny Louvier
30. Natalie Barnes  
George Evans  
Jason Picinich



## And the Lord Added

We rejoiced as the Lord added the following people to Highline:

### By Baptism:

Christian Bird

Kevin Gibson

### By Transfer:

Sue Ingraham

Jim Michels

Maria Wales