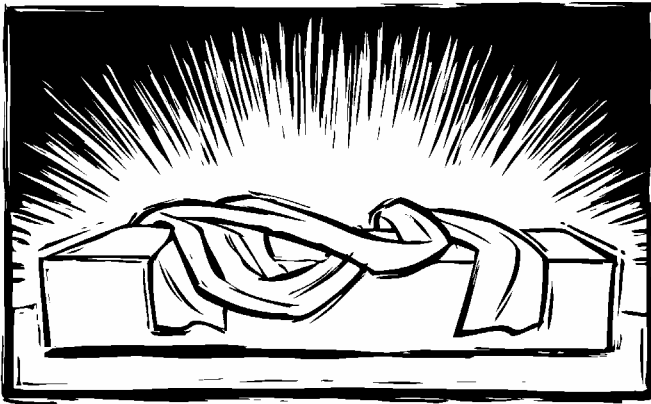


The Highline Connection

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

April 2007

Celebrate the Resurrection



EASTER

Four Morning Services
(Easter Sunday only)
6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00

We want to have space available for guests who come on Easter. You can help by attending an earlier service (especially 6:30 or 8:00). The 6:30 service is an additional full worship service, not a condensed Sunrise Service. No child care or programs available at 6:30.

**The Mexico & Chile Mission Teams
Invite you to an Easter Breakfast**

7:00-9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Menu: scrambled eggs, French toast, pancakes, ham, applesauce and beverages (juice and coffee)

A free-will offering will be taken to support the building projects for both the Chile and Mexico Mission Trips in 2008.





BUILDING UP...

REACHING OUT

What's Happening with the New Building?

A Successful (makeshift) First Service!

Through the prayers and long, hard work of A LOT of people we were able to hold Tom Barnes' memorial service in our new sanctuary. A special thanks goes to Burien City Building officials and Fire Marshall. They were willing to work with us to establish reasonable conditions for granting a temporary occupancy permit. The service was an exciting preview of what's to come! A lot of the components for the service were temporary or portable, but the wiring team also pulled about 20 wires that are permanent. (It's too bad they had to work until 5:00 A.M. to get it done though.) We even had some contractors help get the building ready. Our coordinator from the Local 32 Plumbers Union even worked half a day on general tasks just because he wanted to help.

Thanks to all who helped after the service to clean up, reassemble the sound and video systems back in our current sanctuary, and take down the 730 chairs.

Next Regular Work Parties

We could use your help on April 7th and/or 21st 8:00am - Noon. As we saw last week, many hands can get a lot of work done in a short period. If you can make time in your schedule, please come help.

Other Milestones Achieved

Taping and mudding in the Worship Center is done. The Green Room (the room behind the Worship Center) and the "bride's room" are textured and painted. The main bathrooms are painted. By the time you read this, our new chairs will have arrived.

THANKS

Special thanks this month to the Night Watch people who have covered a lot of shifts during the last eight months. Many other construction

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projects in the area have suffered significant losses due to theft – yet since we began the Night Watch program we have not lost a thing. Les Fader and his family have covered nearly every Thursday night since we began the program. Marv Fritts, Jeff & Melody Strahan, Dave Hicker, Paul Kelly, Gregg Louvier, Tim Knight, John & Nancy Gowdy, Jim Schaller, Dale Beaird, and Steve & Lyla Moreland have also each spent a lot of nights watching our site. Many others have helped by filling in the gaps.



With Sympathy

We would like to offer sympathy to the family of Tom Barnes. Tom went home to be with the Lord on March 18, 2007. Tom had been a very active member of Highline for most of his life.

Over 750 people attended a memorial service for Tom on Friday, March 23, 2007. It was a celebration of his life and dedication to his Lord, his family and his community. Please keep Tom's wife Dianne and the rest of his family in your prayers during this very difficult time.

"That the World May Know"



The World May Know video series will be covering:

April 1 Laodicea: Hot or Cold

April 8 No class on Easter

New Series: In the Dust of the Rabbi

April 15 Galilee: When the Rabbi says, "Come"

April 22 Galilee: When the Rabbi says, "Go"

April 29 Priene: The Presence of God

A Tribute to Tom Barnes

I will never look at cookies the same! COOKIES.....crunchy, with chunks, chocolate coatings and creamy fillings! It's the good stuff! Thanks to Tom Barnes, things will be different when I taste them now.

It's not so much about the cookies though, as it is about what they represent. Following the recent memorial service for our beloved Tom, I paused before I chose a cookie on the table. For some reason, I did not fret over the calories or how I would work them off. Instead, I felt "chummy" with these colorful treats. What was so special about them on this day, that we could be friendly? They used to be "negative" to me, as they can be chocked full of calories and well, they are usually forbidden. At one point, I felt as if I LOOKED like I had certainly devoured my share! Ah ha....I now know what is different. They are now "positive" to me, and Tom Barnes is the reason why.

These cookies represent taking a breather, kicking back, fine fellowship, and good times. They enhance in many ways, what is already superb- our bonds with our brothers and sisters in Christ. They are used as a way to welcome others, converse, approach meetings, and they can even "defuse" some heated discussions or situations. Offer a stranger a mere cookie, and you have just started something special....a conversation. You were perhaps introduced over a cookie, or you cried until you felt better, over one. Just have a cookie.....somehow, someway, it will make things better!



I slowly lifted the cookie from the table and secretly whispered, "This is for you, Tom." Thank you for the hospitality, for your faithful service and for making each of us feel special. Tom did not just "talk the talk," he also "walked the walk" and it does not get much better than this. In a world of shrewd business, climbing the corporate ladder, and being on the fast track in various aspects of our lives, Tom taught us the good stuff.

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I don't doubt he was "driven" as a realtor, but it was more visible that he was driven as a family man and faithful servant of God. He did not have to be magnificent, on center stage or wallowing in public admiration. I somehow know whether he was dining with his grandchildren or having a casual dinner around the kitchen table, he believed it was grandiose. He taught us how to slow down, and enjoy life's more simple things. He had his priorities straight and yes, they included cookies!

So, now I smile when I have a cookie. And I think of Tom. He would have wanted it this way.

By Joy Henley

Thank You From Tom Barnes' Family



Thank you Highline family. It was very special to have the memorial service for Tom (Dad) at Highline and it could not have happened without the countless hours that you put in to make it possible. We only have a small understanding of exactly how many hours were involved in cleaning and wiring the new building to get it ready for the service. We are also thankful for those of you who helped with the food, chairs, and all the other aspects required to create a great celebration of Tom's life. Many of you were also a direct blessing to us personally: we ate well even while we were caught up in the myriad of details involved in handling his death and planning the service.

We got a taste this week of just how many lives Tom has touched and affected. We know you are grieving the loss, not just for us, but with us, as you have lost someone very dear to you as well. We are rejoicing though in Tom's gain and we are excited to see God actively working through his death. We hope God continues to let us see how He's using Tom's death to draw others closer to Him.

Dianne Barnes and Scott, Tammie, Barry, & Mark

Sports Ministry News Update

Spring is here and so are new opportunities to become involved with your brothers and sisters in Christ in various athletic situations.



This spring we have two co-ed volleyball teams participating in the Tukwila community center Tuesday night no-spike league. Also, on Tuesday evenings the men's softball team will be competing in the Spring Renton Church Softball League. We

will begin having practices on Sundays at 2 P.M. Practices will normally be at Evergreen field #2 unless otherwise specified. Please, check the Sports Ministry board for practice updates. There are also plans to participate in a Co-ed indoor soccer league. There is still room for more players in the soccer league. If you are interested, please contact Bill Gross or Clint Kelly. Game schedules for these teams will be on the Sports Ministry board. You are all invited to come and root for your brothers and sisters.

We are ready to start signing people up for summer teams. The teams that will be available will be Men's summer softball, (season begins in early June) Coed softball, (season begins Sunday June 3rd and is limited to players over 18) and summer soccer if there is enough interest. There will be sign up sheets for these activities on the Ministry board in the hallway on the South side of the Sanctuary. Questions may be directed to Bill Gross or Clint Kelly.



Just around the corner are some other sports events to prepare yourselves for. May 12 will be the annual softball invitational tournament, June 10 will be the annual all church picnic and softball game. Also, as weather permits, we will have hikes on some of the local trails in the Puget Sound region which also includes hiking in the Cascades.

If any one would like to present other opportunities for fellowshipping with each other in a physically active environment, please contact Clint Kelly or Bill Gross.

A note to all sport team leaders, Bill Gross, Clint Kelly and Scott Barnes will be planning a meeting to discuss new Sports Ministry strategies. We will inform everyone involved when we have decided on a time for this. In the meanwhile, we would like to extend our appreciation to all the people who have stepped up to help lead the various sports teams and to those who have helped plan special events. God bless you all!

As we participate together please remember Colossians 3:17: *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."*



In case you missed the announcement on March 18, I wanted to let you know the status of our new pictorial church directories. They did arrive!! And we sent them back!! Olan Mills had switched one of the staff members photos and the page had to be fixed. At this point, we will be able to distribute directories on Sunday, April 15. Thank you for your patience.

Tammie Lindblom, Directory Coordinator

First Avenue South Construction Updates

For information on First Avenue construction and traffic disruptions, visit www.ci.burien.wa.us. Under the "City Happenings" heading, scroll down to "1st Avenue South Project Hotline" and click on "Project Update."



Shoemaker Circle Stays Busy!

The pet food drive to benefit the Humane Society garnered over 40 pounds of cat/dog food, which has been delivered to their Bellevue facility (a no-kill location). Thank you everyone who contributed.

The Low Sugar Cookbook has successfully completed six bi-weekly newsletters. The seventh (and final) issue comes out early April, at which time the collection will be evaluated for consolidation into the cookbook to be made available to those interested.

We are continuing to collect for recycling...aluminum cans... collection barrels located in the Fellowship Hall, in support of missions.



Shoemaker Circle is a group of women who meet every third Wednesday (10:30 A.M.) in the Fellowship Hall and whose purpose is to support missions (currently, the aluminum can recycling); to support the Fellowship (annual bake/bazaar sale in November); and the pet food drive to benefit the Humane Society (community support project). The Low Sugar Cookbook project was designed to both encourage healthy living, and to support the Mission 2008 team through the sale of the collection.

Sample Recipe

Pineapple/Lemon Pudding Pie Filling

1. Mix (1) pkg. sugar free lemon instant pudding and (1) can (20 oz) crushed pineapple
2. Fold in (1) cup sugar free whipped topping.
3. Chill (1) hour...may be used as pudding or pie filling



Suggested option: Place spoonfuls in ice cream cake cups—FREEZE—garnish with chopped nuts. Great for picnics or after school treats!

Chile Missions Trip Meeting



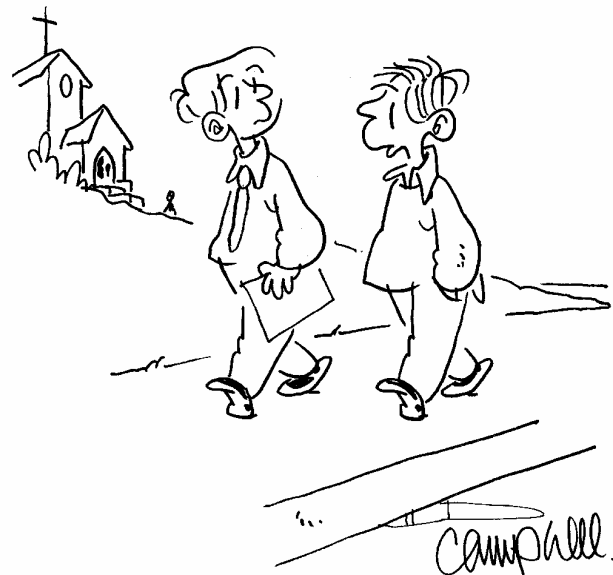
Hola! Interested in experiencing God in a new, dynamic way? Then...the Chile 2008 Adult Mission trip is for you!

Please join us for a planning meeting on Sunday, April 29th at 12:30 P.M. following third service in the Chapel. We will be working on coordinating our auction fundraiser. We look forward to seeing you there!

April All-Church Memory Verses

I Corinthians 15:3-4

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to Scriptures.



"He has a universal remote. That's how God rules the universe."



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

George (Ron Finlay’s friend)—his triple bypass went very well and he is breathing on his own.
Gene Wooster—recovering from kidney operation. 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

Susan (Amanda Davis’ supervisor)—husband struggling with bipolar; Angela (Ken & Judymae Tanttari’s daughter)—medical mission to Haiti; Penny Mosier—pray her cancer markers go down and new meds will work; Sondra Montgomery—dementia and slight stroke; Trey (Marie Ross’ daughter’s friend)—shot in neck in a drive by shooting in Chicago; Garrett (Dianne Barnes’ friend)—two-day-old baby will have heart valve surgery; Laura Blakley—brochitis and pneumonia; Bobby (Lilly Strand’s great grandson)—in hospital with lung problem; Bryan (Pat Sloan’s grandson in the Marines)—hospitalized with bi-polar condition; Donita (Marty Dena’s friend’s grandson)—brain surgery; Erika (Marty Dena’s daughter)—pray that she will follow Jesus; Em Finlay’s 2nd cousin—treatments for leukemia and transplant 3/29; Nancy Brown—pray she joins Weight Watchers and loses weight; Shawna Gillihan—Crohn’s disease test and the fall of her Mom.

With Sympathy

The Barnes Family—death of Tom
Harold Goodridge—death of his cousin Gene.
JoAnn Taylor & Joelle Reynolds—death of their brother
Tamara Sikes—death of her mother

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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.

Photographic Memories



If you have an interest in scrap booking at any level (maybe just organizing your photos), please join us one Friday a month at the church

building for a time of scrap booking together. You will need to bring your own photos, scissors, and consumable supplies. A large variety of tools and idea books are provided, as well as snacks. It is a good time of fellowship as we work on our own projects. We meet in Room 101, 6 - 11 P.M. It is best to enter the building on the 150th St. side. We will be meeting on Friday, April 13 and Friday, May 11. If you have any questions, please contact Tammie Lindblom.

Would You Like to Help Drive?

Q: Lily, a senior in your community who no longer drives, has a doctor’s appointment in a neighboring town. How will she get to her appointment?

A: You! And with mileage and parking reimbursement, flexible hours, supplemental insurance, and a lively conversation with Lily—why not! Volunteers drive their own vehicles and do no heavy lifting or bearing of weight.

Interested? Call Senior Services Transportation Program at 206-448-5740, 800-282-5815 or apply online at www.seniorservices.org.

Church Family Information



Jaelyn Chicatelli

Jake Straight

Chris & Karen Tief

Cindy Rose

They are married!

Darrell & Karen (Thunberg) Provazek



And the Lord Added

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

BY TRANSFER

Anne Marie Reed

BY BAPTISM

Gina Anderson

Rob Heyden



We would like to welcome Daniel Roy Hicker who was born on March 1, 2007 at 1:13 P.M. He weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 18 1/2 inches long. His parents are David & Kim Hicker and his grandmother is Diane Sifres. Welcome to Highline Daniel!

Every Sunday is a Little Easter...

Beginning with the first Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection has been the focus of Christian worship. Because the early disciples were Jews they would have observed the Sabbath on Saturday. However, the first day of the week became the day for Christian worship. It was known as the Lord's Day, the day of Resurrection. Our weekly Sunday worship is a celebration of Jesus' resurrected presence with us - a little Easter each week.

The season of Lent is 40 days long, not counting Sundays. The actual number of days from Lent's start on Ash Wednesday to (but not including) Easter Sunday is 46 days. But because the church sees every Sunday as a mini-Easter celebrating Christ's resurrection, the six Sundays that occur during those 46 days are not counted as part of Lent.

April 2007						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

HIGHER GROUND KIDS SPOT

THANK YOU

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who lifted Davi and me up in prayer when you heard about my accident. I am healing very well and give all praise to God who protected me in the midst of the storm. We give praise to God that neither Davi nor anyone else was in the car with me, and that the medical response time was so fast. Your prayers and concern are so appreciated. I thank God for all of you and for my family who are supporting me through this experience.

I don't know what God has in store for us at Highline, but I do know He has a plan and wants to use each of us to reach people for Him. I believe Satan is going to continue to attack us at Highline especially as we come to the close of the building project. Please continue to lift the staff, eldership, building team, construction workers, and each other up in prayer as we move forward in God's hands.

Again, thank you for your prayers and concern. All praise to God for all He has done, is doing, and will do.

Your servant in Christ,
Bret



TIN CANS

Thank you to everyone who saved and brought in tin cans for our Mexico mission fundraiser. We will be making your cans into luminaries for a fun way to light up your patio in the summer. At this time we have enough tin cans and are no longer collecting them. Please continue to bring your aluminum pop cans to recycle in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The practice days and times for the children's choir will be moving around over the next few weeks and making a change to Sunday evenings. If you are interested there is still time to join the children's choir. Please mark your calendar of the following changes. For questions about the children's choir please contact Ann Stampalia.

- April 5th @ 5:30
- April 12th @ 5:30
- April 15th @ 5:00
- April 22nd @ 5:00
- April 29th @ 5:00

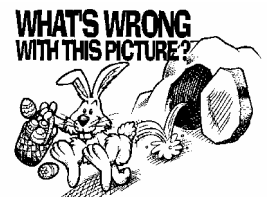
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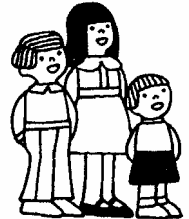
For a fun way to memorize this passage, write each word on a slip of paper and put it in a colored Easter egg. Have one member of the family close their eyes while the rest of the family hides the eggs. Time the person as they find the eggs and put the verse in the correct order. Repeat the process for each member of the family to see who can find the eggs and put the verse in order the fastest. Spend some time talking about the meaning and importance of this passage. Have fun!



HIGHER GROUND SUMMER COMING THIS SUMMER

June

- **June 3rd - Promotion Sunday @ HCC**



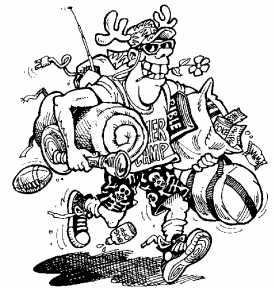
- **July 5-7th - First Chance Camp @ Pleasant Valley Christian Camp for Children entering 2nd or 3rd grade**

- **July 8 - 14th - Junior Camp @ Pleasant Valley Christian Camp for Children entering 4th - 6th grade**



- **August 6-7th - Trail Trekkers VBS Day Camp for kids entering 1st - 3rd grade**

- **August 13-17th - Summit Seekers VBS Campout @ Camp Lakeview for kids entering 4th - 6th grade**



- **August 20-24th - Preschool VBS @ Highline Christian Church for potty trained three year olds through children entering kindergarten.**

