

# *The Highline Connection*

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

*April 2008*

## **Ensenada, Here We Come!** **April 6-12, 2008**

**T**hank you so much for your continued support over the past year as we have planned, fund-raised, and prepared for this mission trip. The time has finally come for us to step out in faith and head to Ensenada, Mexico. We will be traveling to the Ensenada Outreach Center (EOC) which is part of YUGO Ministries to **build a home for a family in need and run a Vacation Bible School** in one of the local churches. We are excited to have the opportunity to serve the Lord in this way and are looking forward to doing ministry together as a family while we are there.

The kids have been working hard to learn the VBS songs in Spanish as well as learn how to lead small groups of kids in Mexico to build their lesson/craft. We are very fortunate to have David Lobo-Guerrero, my father-in-law, traveling with us to teach the Bible lessons. The first day of VBS we teach about creation and how each of the kids are special creations made by God. The craft is a decorated mirror they can hang in their home when they are done. It is a reminder of how fearfully and wonderfully made they are. The second day of VBS is about the crucifixion of Jesus to pay the price for our sins. It is called the bitter cross. Through the lesson we make a cross of nails and wire, with each wrap of the wire symbolizing part of the story. The last day of VBS we will combine



the victory we have in Jesus with the need to share His wonderful story. We will be making a beaded cross using the gospel colors, giving the kids a tool to share about God's love. We are looking forward to having lots of fun singing and playing with the kids at VBS.

The **construction** site will be a new adventure for us, but we have a great team of people who are not afraid to get dirty. Again, God has blessed us with another Spanish speaker for the construction site in Luis Hernandez. With Luis able to help us communicate with the family, the YUGO rep to help guide us build, and the servants hearts of the rest of the team we should be able to complete the home in a God-honoring way.

**Prayer support:** Many of you have signed up to be our prayer partners and we thank you in advance for your support. We know we are joining God in His work in Ensenada and ask you to pray for our hearts to be sensitive to follow Him. Following (see page 2) is a simplified itinerary with some prayer ideas for each day. Again, thank all of you so much for your support and for this opportunity to go on this mission trip.

Your brothers and sisters in Jesus,

Bret Thorson and  
the Family Mission Team



## Pray for Mexico Missionaries April 6-12, 2008

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Safe travel and a safe and easy border crossing

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Safety on the construction site and for Jesus to be seen in our actions

April 8<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> – Safety on the construction and VBS sites and for Jesus to be made known

April 11<sup>th</sup> – A fun day of exploring Ensenada, safe travel, and an easy border crossing

April 12<sup>th</sup> – A safe day of travel and for everyone to reflect on all God accomplished



## College Scholarships Available

Are you planning to attend a Christian college next year? If so, you may be eligible for a scholarship from HCC!

### Minimum requirements:

- ◆ Active member of Highline
- ◆ GPA 3.0 or higher
- ◆ Acceptance to an approved Christian college.

### Application deadline: April 28th

See Dave Schroeder for an application



## TOUCH 1 Class Coming

“TOUCH” is an acronym for our purpose statement. We have a series of three classes that we call TOUCH 1, 2, and 3.

TOUCH 1 is ideal for new members or those considering membership at Highline. We also encourage long-time members to take it so we all have the same foundation. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a member in the church universal, and what Highline specifically is about.

We will be offering the TOUCH 1 class this Spring on Monday evening, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The class will be 6:00-9:00 with an optional box dinner provided beforehand at 5:15.

Please call the church office 206-243-4333 to register.

**For graduates of TOUCH 1**, TOUCH 2 will be offered on April 12th 9 A.M.-noon

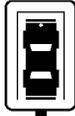
**For graduates of TOUCH 2**, TOUCH 3 will be offered on April 28th 6 P.M.-9 P.M.

Please check your family mailbox for your invitation to either of these classes.



The Mature Singles Ministry continues to meet Sundays at 5 P.M. in Room 101. Our theme and Bible study on singles and relationships is wrapping up. We continue to persevere, praise, trust and thank God for this opportunity to serve a spiritually hungry minority—the single, single-again, and the single-again with children.

## Parking- You Can Help!



Have you noticed the shortage of **Parking** on Sunday mornings? Those who come close to the start of the service sure have! Often there are no spots available when late-arriving visitors are looking for a place to park. You can help guests feel comfortable coming to Highline by parking at the Bank of America lot (one block east of Highline on 150<sup>th</sup> St.) and riding Highline's shuttle. The free shuttle runs between the bank parking lot and the front door of the church building before and after both morning services.

A big thank you to those of you who are already parking at Bank of America (15-20 vehicles every Sunday!).

Also, a couple more shuttle drivers are needed. If you have a good driving record and would be interested in serving Highline in this capacity once a month (either 9:00 or 10:40 service), please contact Scott Barnes.



## And the Lord Added

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

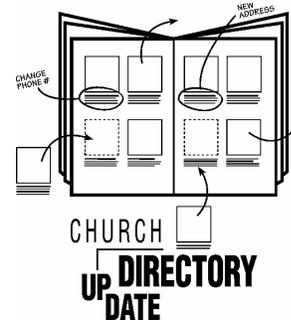
### By Baptism

Alice Webb

### By Transfer

Bob & Pat Barnett

## Church Family Information



### Change of Address

Jim & Maria Michels

*They are married!*

Jake & Angelle (Fader) Straight

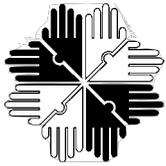
Marty Dena

Dale & Beverly Beard

## Shoemaker Circle News

The Shoemaker Circle meets Wednesday April 16 at 10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall to vote on next year's officers and to join in continuing support of HCC's missionaries. Bring a sandwich and a scripture. Don't forget to bring aluminum cans for our recycling fundraiser. Collection tubs are located in the Fellowship Hall. All women, all ages—welcome!





## Prayer Circle

### *Remember in Prayer*

Psalm 9:1 & 2 “I will praise you, O Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you. I will sing praise to your name, O most high.”

### *Praise our Lord for*

Lilly Strand’s doctor said she didn’t need to be on Parkinson’s medication at this time as she is maintaining. Praise for all the people that are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

### *Pray*

1 Timothy 2:1 “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.”

### *Remember in prayer*

Moe (Gladys Russell’s brother-in-law)—back surgery; Ken (Dave & Pat Sloan’s son)—liver biopsy; Lynda Nech’s great nephew—battling cancer; Dianne Barnes’ friend’s grandson on drugs; Pam (Marilyn Schroeder’s friend)—diagnosed with cancer third time in 5 years; Eileen (Georgia Henney’s sister)—extremely anemic and weak; Joyce (Jane Randall’s friend)—foot surgery; Kat (Becky Bischell’s co-worker)—difficulty coping with the loss of her husband; Bernie Wilt—massive stroke; Lilly Strand fell and fractured her knee cap; Walt Perkowski—health problems; Mike (Joyce Noonan’s son)—pray he continues to grow in strength with the Lord; Darlene Burrill—gall stone surgery; Joy Henley’s friend Michael who recently committed four serious crimes and is battling drug addiction.

### *With Sympathy*

Family of Jeanne Gibbs

Family of Adeline Reitz



## With Sympathy

We would like to offer sympathy to the family of Jeanne Gibbs who went home to be with the Lord on March 5, 2008. Jeanne was member of Highline for over 3 years. Please remember Jeanne’s family in your prayers during this difficult time.

We would also like to offer sympathy to the family of Adeline Reitz who went home to be with the Lord on March 19, 2008. Adeline had been a member of Highline for almost 50 years! Please remember Adeline’s family in your prayers during this difficult time.

## Give the Gift of Mobility

Senior Services’ Transportation Program is seeking **dedicated and caring volunteers** to drive seniors in King County to their medical appointments. Use your own vehicle, choose the days, times, and areas you wish to drive and **receive reimbursement for mileage and parking, plus supplemental liability insurance.** For more information, call **206-448-5740** or visit their website [www.seniorservices.org](http://www.seniorservices.org).

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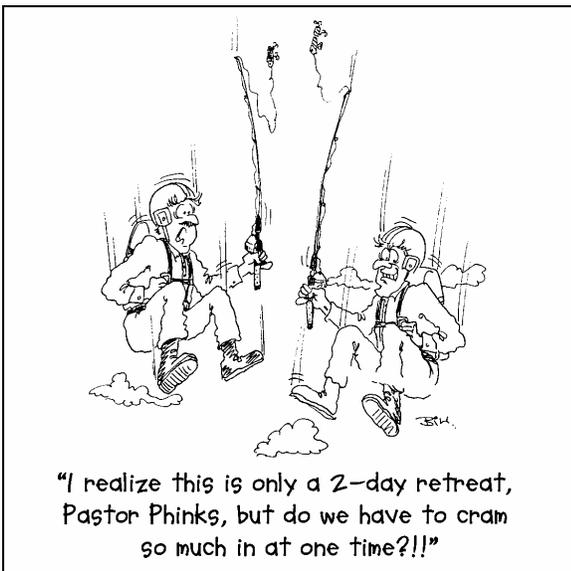
## Prevent a Stroke in as Little as 10 Minutes!

Life Line Screening will be performing a day of preventative health screenings at *Burien Elk's Lodge #2143* on *Wednesday, June 4, 2008*.

The tests offered include a state-of-the-art ultrasound screening of the carotid arteries in the neck (most strokes are linked to plaque build-up in these arteries), another ultrasound screening of the abdominal aortic aneurysm (ruptured AAA's have a 85-94% mortality rate and present little or no signs), a third test which screens for plaque build-up in the arteries of the legs (a strong indicator of coronary heart disease) and a fourth bone density test which screens for signs of osteoporosis.

**“Why not just go to my doctor for these tests?”** you may ask. The answer, although surprising, is that your physician typically cannot order these tests without clear evidence of symptoms. Ironically, most people who suffer a stroke or abdominal aneurysm never show any signs that a major medical catastrophe is about to occur.

These painless, non-invasive tests take about 10 minutes each and are offered for just \$45 each (all four for \$129). **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER** by calling 1-800-324-1851



## April Getaway Packing Lists



### Men's Retreat Lakeview Retreat Center April 4-5, 2008

- Sleeping bag or blankets and pillow
- Bible and notebook
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Rain jacket
- Casual clothes
- Football/Frisbee for free time
- Bathroom Items and towel
- Earplugs
- CPAP machine!

More information is coming soon to your family mailbox. Questions? Contact Tim Crawford.

### Women's Conference Warm Beach Conference Center April 18-20, 2008

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Toiletries
- Hand and bath towels
- Flashlight
- Bible, notebook/paper, pens
- Snacks to share w/ the Highline ladies
- Games
- Earplugs
- Love offering
- Extra spending money
- Backpack or bag
- Bottled water (1/day)
- Red for “Lady in Red” Saturday dinner

More information is coming soon to your family mailbox. Questions? Contact Becky Stampalia.

# HIGHER GROUND KIDS SPOT

## DID YOU KNOW?

**April 6—12**

Family Mission Trip to  
Ensenada  
(Please be praying for us)

**May 23**

Summit Seekers Overnighter  
Celebrating the 6th graders

**June 1**

Promotion Sunday 6:00 p.m.  
Come and see what the kids have been  
learning this year and celebrate with us as  
they all move to the next class.

**July 7-11**

Summit Seekers VBS Campout

**July 28 & 29**

Trail Trekkers VBS Day Camp

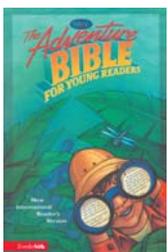
**August 18-22**

Preschool VBS 9:00—12:00 each day  
(Potty trained 3 year olds—Kindergarten)

## TRAIL TREKKERS

He earned his Bible!  
Jacob Osborn

The Trail Trekkers are  
doing a great job this year reading their  
Bibles, working on their power pages, and  
learning the all church memory verses.  
Many of the Trail Trekkers can say all the  
memory verses since last November. Way to  
go Trail Trekkers! Keep it up!



## SUMMIT SEEKERS

We are nearing the end of another  
year of ministry. The time has gone by in a  
flash and I wonder as many of you are  
about to promote out of the ministry are you  
ready? Physically you are big and strong  
and ready to take on the world, but the goal  
of the children's ministry to bring you to the  
peak of your relationship with Jesus for  
your age. Are you there? Have you  
summited spiritually? I believe many of  
you are at the peak of your relationship with  
Jesus for your age and that you will keep  
growing with each passing day. Many of  
you are striving to read your Bible each day,  
spend time in prayer and want to share your  
faith with your friends.

As each of you move on I challenge  
you with what we've been learning in our  
sermons; keep your faith just as you were  
first taught. Just as you received Christ  
Jesus as Lord and Savior, continue to live  
and grow in Him. The ultimate goal of a  
Summit Seeker is not to reach the top of the  
mountain first or to be the biggest,  
strongest, or smartest. The ultimate goal of  
a Summit Seeker is to be a living picture of  
Jesus for all to see, experience, and follow.

We have a few weeks left in this year,  
how are you going to grow spiritually with  
the time you have left? Take the steps you  
need in order to become more like Jesus  
and less like the world around you.

Growing in Jesus together with you,  
Bret Thorson  
Higher Ground Children's Pastor



# Early Childhood News

There are many new faces in the Early Childhood Ministry! Thank you to all who have filled out paperwork to begin serving!

Dropping off young children at church can be a little tough. Many children face a bit of anxiety when they are dropped off in a class. To help your child feel more comfortable, be sure to introduce him or her to the teachers in the room. Reassure your child that you love him or her and will be coming back right after church service. It is helpful to say goodbye and then leave. One goodbye is a lot easier on your child. It can be scary to not know if you are staying or going. Many children may cry for a few minutes, then settle down to play. If your child does not settle down

after 10 minutes, we will page you. If your child has a tough time adjusting to the room, it is also helpful to come back and sign him or her out promptly after service is over. We want all children to feel that church is a fun and safe place.

Spring is coming and the flowers are blooming. We have been learning during the 10:40 service about being rooted in God. We grow closer to God by reading the Bible, praying, and coming to church. The children enjoyed looking at the roots of a flower. Use opportunities when you and your child see a plant or a tree to point out how we can be rooted in God.

Serving kids together,  
Katie Taylor

## ***We need your help in the Early Childhood area!***

Please continue to pray for the Early Childhood areas.

~ There is a big need for helpers to be available at the last minute in case of extra children in a class. This is great for someone who cannot commit to a consistent basis and would like to serve as needed. If this is an area that you are available to help in please talk to Katie Taylor.

*If you would like to help serve in any Early Childhood area please call or email Katie Taylor*



# H.Y.M. CHRONICLES

## April Birthdays

T. Mosier  
S. Hill  
A. Howerton  
R. Knight  
C. Bird

## Special Thanks

### **-Sunday School/YG Coaches/Helpers:**

Don Berg, Kris Chow, Ben Fader, Jamey Kelly, Joseph Kusack, Joseph Markham, Beatriz Schnathorst and Jeff & Melody Strahan, Chris Swanson

### **-All of our Albertson's Community Partners Card Members**

## Youth Programs & Events

### -Sr. High Sunday School

9th-12th grades

Don Berg (**They Sold Their Souls for Rock & Roll**)  
Room 301 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Doug Gustafson (**Understanding the Times**)  
Room 302 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Jeff & Melody Strahan (**Are You Saved?**)  
Room 302 11:00 am — 12:00 pm

### -Sunday Middle School

7th - 8th grades

Chad Schnathorst & Guest  
Room 301 11:00 am — 12:00 pm

### \*Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Meets in the Activity Center 7th-12th grades  
Sundays 5 — 7 PM

### -Gals Small Group

Melody Strahan's home  
Beatriz Schnathorst & Melody Strahan  
Tuesdays 6—7:30 PM  
(Please contact Chad or Melody if interested)

### -SWRPG Small Group

Room 302  
("Last Days," modern campaign)  
Tuesdays 3:30-5:30 & 6—8 PM  
(Please contact Chad if you're interested)

### -Guys Small group:

Room 302  
Wednesdays Time: TBA

## Youth Programs & Events Continued:

### 3rd 4/10-12 Boise Bible College "Prodigal"

5th Preview 2008 (9th-12th graders.)

11th Come and find out what college life is like at  
26th BBC. We will be leaving Wednesday evening  
28th or early Thursday morning and be back at the  
church Saturday evening (Exact times TBA).  
Cost is \$30, more info on the youth news board  
between the Sunday school rooms upstairs in  
the South Building.

### 4/25-27 Seattle Youth Rally (7th-12th grades)

This will be our first year attending this retreat  
which is held at Camp Berachah in Auburn.

Join us for some: Preaching, Teaching, Fun &  
Games, Worship & Praise. Recreation at this  
facility includes: Basketball, Volleyball,  
Swimming. For additional costs: Wall  
Climbing, Mountain Bikes, Go-Carts,  
Horseback Riding and a lot more! Costs are as  
follows: \$58 before April 7th, \$63 after April  
7th, and \$73 at the door. Contact Chad for  
more details!

**Check the Youth Group website for more  
upcoming youth activities, and our summer  
events.** [http://www.highlinechristian.org/ministry/  
youth/events/default.htm](http://www.highlinechristian.org/ministry/youth/events/default.htm)

### You can Help Us

#### Albertson's Community Partners Card

If you shop at Albertson's and haven't picked up  
your Community Partners Card (for HCC) and  
would like one, please ask a greeter, check mailbox  
#1 or see/call Chad (206) 353-6300. Up to 5% of  
your purchase can go towards HCC Youth Activi-  
ties, at no extra cost to you. **Update:** If you cur-  
rently have a card, on your next visit simply hand  
your Community Partners card to the checker along  
with your **Preferred Savings card** and the two will  
be automatically linked. You will only have to use  
your Preferred Savings Card from then on.  
This program has been going very well, Thanks to  
all of you that participate!

### Any Questions or Concerns?

Please Contact Chad:  
Church 206-243-4333  
Cell 206-353-6300

E-Mail:  
[Chad@highlinechristian.org](mailto:Chad@highlinechristian.org)

# April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Sunday School AM <b>YG Clothes Closet Outreach/Dinner @ H.C.F. 5 PM—8PM</b>	31	1 Regular PM meetings	2	3 <b>T. Mosier's Birthday</b>	4	5 <b>S. Hill's Birthday</b>
6 Sr. High Sunday School 9AM/ 11AM Jr. High Sunday School 11 AM YG 5 PM —7 PM	7 <b>Spring Break</b>	8 <b>Spring Break</b> Regular PM meetings	9 <b>Spring Break</b>	10 <b>Spring Break</b> <b>BBC "Preview 2008"</b> 9-12th grades	11 <b>Spring Break</b> <b>BBC "Preview 2008"</b> 9-12th grades <b>A. Howerton Birthday</b>	12 <b>BBC "Preview 2008"</b> 9-12th grades
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27 Sunday School AM <b>Seattle Youth Rally?</b>  <b>YG Clothes Closet Outreach/Dinner @ H.C.F. 5 PM—8PM</b>	28 <b>C. Bird's Birthday</b>	29 Regular PM meetings	30	1	2	3

# The Walk

The Young Adult group is a thriving community of young people that are between the ages of eighteen to mid thirties. Our purpose and vision is to create a circle of fellowship and friendship that will allow us to grow in our walk with the Lord together. This vision is being achieved through small groups, discipleship, worship, activities and being a part of a church that is alive and vibrant.

Young Adults meet twice a month whether you're single, married, in college, or working full-time. We have relevant bible studies that get us in the word and also many different activities that help us build relationships.



## Bible Studies

Sunday Mornings @ 9:00am- Marc Sagmoen leads us through Revelation, (class located in the south building upstairs)

*Bible study: 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm*

Join us for lively discussions on a variety of topics; community, love, faith, family, relationships, etc. Discussions are led by fellow young adults.

(class located in the fellowship hall)

*Prayer Meetings: 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 7:00pm* (class located in the fellowship hall)

If you would like additional information on The Walk please fill out the information below and place in mailbox #151.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

for more information about The WALK contact: Amanda Nelson, Rachel Maruska, or Jenny Louvier.

## Jet City Improv, Saturday April 5th

The show is fast-paced, funny and suitable for all ages. The improvised scenes, games and musical numbers are all based on suggestions provided by our audience. The quick-witted professionals work together to create a live comedy experience that is unique every time.

Meet at church- 6:30pm. We will then carpool and depart at 6:45pm

Address: 5510 University Way NE

Cost: \$10 or \$8 for students (cash only)

Show Time: 8pm Questions?

Contact Rachel

## Service Project, Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Every year the Des Moines Food Bank has a "Letter Carrier's Food Drive." This is where mailmen pick up food donations on their routes and bring it back to the Post Office. Here's how WE can help...the Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help unload the letter carrier's trucks, do a rough sort, pack it into boxes, then into large trucks to be delivered to the warehouse.

If you have any questions please call Amanda Nelson.

### *Kyle Gibson*

How long have you attended Highline Christian Church?

**6 1/2 years**

What is your favorite part about the Walk?

**Fellowship and being there for others. Snacks were a close second "**

What do you like to do in your spare time?

**Explore the mystery of what makes a piece of music 'good', practice my instruments, spend time with my brothers and sis, look for better/faster ways to accomplish mundane tasks**

What is an interesting fact about you that others might not know?

**I have beaned two base runners in my church Softball... um...career. Never intentionally, it's true what they say...you're much safer on an airplane...**

### *Mike Frentz*

How long have you attended Highline Christian Church?

**2 years**

What is your favorite part about the Walk?

**The people**

What do you like to do in your spare time?

**Read and watch sports**

What is an interesting fact about you that others might not know?

**I'm a tournament Scrabble player. (No, seriously.)**



## April 2008

		1	2	3 Leslie Loken Birthday	4 Kim Stampalia Birthday	5 Jet City Improv Event
6	7 Kevin Smith Birthday	8	9	10	11	12 Bret Thorson Birthday
13	14	15	16 Marc Sagmoen Birthday	17 Desiree Colborn Birthday	18	19
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