

The Highline Connection

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

April 2010



Easter Services

Join us for Easter Services
Easter services are on April 4, 2010
at the following times:

7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:40 A.M.

**There will be no childcare nor
children's programs during the
7:30 service.**

Easter Morning Breakfast

Come join us once again for a delicious Easter Breakfast for you and the family on Sunday April 4th. We are featuring a scrumptious menu of Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Tea, Milk & Orange Juice for you to enjoy. This is a fundraising event to help raise money for the Go Inc. Mexico Missions trip. A free-will offering will be taken to Support Mexico Missionaries. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 A.M. and continue until 10:30 A.M. in the South Building Activity Room and Fellowship Hall. If you get lost just follow the aroma.

As this is a wonderful chance for you to give back, we are asking for anyone willing to volunteer to help with this event to contact either Jacob Dazey or Steve Moreland. If you are not able to help by volunteering, we hope that you will help by coming and eating a lot!





It's a Boy!

We would like to welcome Devan James Bailey who was born on February 26, 2010 at 8:08 A.M. He weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20 inches long. His parents are Louie & Stephanie Bailey and his siblings are Anna, Elizabeth, Camryn & Cody. Welcome to Highline Devan!

It's a Girl!

We would like to welcome Hannah Marie Wilson who was born on March 18, 2010 at 10:26 P.M. She weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 19 ½ inches long. Her parents are Scott & Heather Wilson. Welcome to Highline Hannah!



It's time to start thinking about our Annual All Church Campout, but alas we can't because we don't have directors, a chairman, or facilitators to get it going. Would several of you die-hard campout attendees be willing to meet with Steve & Lyla Moreland? They will tell you everything you need to know. They have done this for four years and are stepping down, but would be more than willing to meet with anyone (or several ones) even slightly interested to find out what is involved. Three or four people would be great. Give them a call if you have ANY interest in finding out about this opportunity.



Financial Peace University is coming to Highline!

Highline will be hosting a 13 week class known as Financial Peace University. During this Life-Changing Class, you will learn how to:

Get Control of Your Money

- Follow the step-by-step process for getting out of debt and staying out of debt
- Put together a monthly spending plan that really works
- Set financial goals and communicate about money

Stop Struggling To Make Ends Meet

- Protect your family from life's emergencies
- Eliminate the stress that comes from financial problems
- Save and invest for your future

Tell Your Money What To Do

- Know what insurance to buy...and what to avoid
- Get great deals on things you buy
- Buy or sell a home the right way
- Plan for your retirement and make the right investment choices

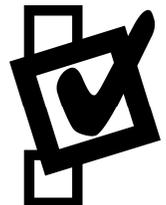
Change Your Family's Future

- Utilize a good money plan to strengthen your marriage
- Unlock the power of giving to change your community

There will be a sign-up table in the Atrium on April 11, 2010. There will also be a Financial Peace University Promotional Video shown on April 18th at 10:40 a.m. in the North Classroom of the Adult Education Wing.

Congregational Vote Results

The congregational vote that was held on February 28th to approve the corrected budget numbers passed unanimously. Thank you to all who participated in this process.



Scholarships Available

We encourage students to seek ministry majors by awarding scholarships to those attending a Christian college. While all majors are welcome, preference is given to those seeking to enter Christian ministry.

Minimum Requirements:

- Must be a current member of Highline
- GPA 3.0 or higher
- Acceptance to an approved Christian college

The application deadline is May 31, 2009
See Dave Schroeder for an application form.

Financial Update

Some of you have asked for a more regular update on our financial status. The Elders and the Finance team are working on a monthly report that can be made available to interested people. We'd hoped to have it available to summarize and publicize this month, but we're still working out a couple of bugs.

Lost and Found

Please remember to check the Lost and Found for any items you may have lost recently. Lost and Found is located in the entryway to the South Building. Items remaining unclaimed for a month will be donated to the local outreach or an appropriate ministry. Items left around the buildings, including the Family Mailbox Room without a name on them will be moved to the lost and found. Thank you for your help in keeping our buildings free of clutter!



Elder Nominees Finalized

Thank you to all who submitted suggestions for Elder nominations. All of your suggestions were considered. For the term of July 2010 to June 2013, the current Eldership is nominating the following candidates: Kurt Bennett, Tim Knight, Gregg Louvier, Galen Marcille, and Paul Smith (pictured below starting upper left corner).

If you think one of these candidates should not be an Elder at Highline, please give reasons in writing to one of the current Elders by April 11th. The current Elders are Scott Barnes, Ken Beagle, John Davis, Les Fader, Bill Gross, Tim Knight, Gregg Louvier, Chad Schnathorst, and Bret Thorson.

Elder nominees and current elders will be participating in the Ministry Moment on March 28th. There will be a congregational meeting on May 16th to explain responsibilities of each position that will be voted on on May 23rd: Elders, Trustee, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. Next year's church budget will also be explained on May 16th and will be voted on on May 23rd.

At Highline, Elders are elected by the congregation for three-year terms. An elder can be elected for two consecutive terms and then must take at least one year off following the second term.



The Prayer Closet

By Galen and Carole Marcille

The other day on the radio a woman was sharing about how hard it was for her to pray aloud conversationally. She was self-conscious and afraid she would say the wrong thing. It brought to mind the fact that one of the top fears of most people is public speaking—and it would not be surprising if that included praying in front of people—whether the group be large or small. It's a sad thing to cut oneself off from this wonderful source of blessing for others and for ourselves.

Few of us are born excellent at praying aloud, but, thankfully, it is something that can be practiced. But why should we learn how to pray out loud? Is there some Biblical command to do so? Are we sinning if we don't? The answer to both of those questions is no. However, praying for each other is part of bearing one another's burdens and can help lift the load someone is carrying. Perhaps we are experiencing something we don't know how to handle. Praying with our brothers and sisters can strengthen us to face those challenges—knowing with certainty that someone cared enough to come along side us and we are not alone. So praying with others is a huge source of blessing for all involved.

We also see evidence of prayer meetings in the scripture and believers praying together for each other. The early church met together for special times of prayer, such as in Acts 1: 14-15 when they gathered in the upper room to pray. We read in Acts 4:24-31 when they prayed together aloud because someone recorded at least one of the prayers. In Acts 12, we read about Peter being arrested after the apostle James was put to death, and the church met together and prayed together for Peter's deliverance. In James 5:13-18, we read of prayer for the sick and instructions to confess our sins to each other and pray for each other to be healed.

So let's say we're on board and want to learn how to pray out loud for each other. Here are some thoughts about how we might go about learning to

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pray for others audibly:

Start small. Try praying aloud with a friend who is having a struggle. Maybe try the opening prayer or closing prayer in your Sunday School class or Bible Study.

Keep it simple. There is no need for fancy or poetic language. There is no need to say "Thee" or "Thou", which are not holy words, but were words spoken between those of the closest relationships in the day of King James. Therefore, use the words of closest relationships you would use today. Do you call your closest friends and relations "thee" or "thou"? Then there is definitely no need to use those tongue twisters if you don't really want to, or the thought makes your tongue swell and your palms sweat. "You" and "Yours" work just fine.

It is okay to think about what we're praying when we pray it. If we have to pause a minute to engage the brain as we pray, that's actually a good thing. We don't have to continue non-stop. It is also nice when we can pray together—with a couple of people taking turns praying for the same request, but focusing on different parts as the Holy Spirit leads.

Keep to the basics. If you are praying over a prayer request, you don't have to pray ten minutes. Fifteen to 30 seconds isn't too little and most likely five minutes is overdo. Tell God the request, ask Him for what is needed, and thank Him for His answer. Remember our mission is to get started and to practice our praying—not to be perfect. For example, if someone asks for prayer for Sue because she's sick, then our prayer might go something like this: "*Lord, Sue is sick. Please help her get better. Thank you for taking care of her.*" Simple. Basic. To the point. And we're getting started! Yeah!

After we master that, we can start to go a little deeper. Let's think about the request and try to put ourselves in their shoes. How would we want people to pray about it if it were us? We can remember a time when we were sick. How did we

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feel at that time? What were the issues that came up for us as we dealt with our sickness? We can use these insights to expand our prayer as we grow more confident. Our prayers for Sue might sound something like this: *“Lord, Sue is sick. She is really struggling with this illness. We ask for Your help, Your healing, Your comfort, and Your provision for her needs at this time. We thank You for caring for Sue. We thank You for Your healing for Sue.”* There now. A little longer. Less scary. More personal.

We are doing great, so we are going to stretch a little more and lean into the exercise. Think about God and the Bible—how do we think God feels and thinks about the situation? Here is where knowledge of the Bible makes a huge difference when we pray. So our prayer might grow to something like this: *“Lord, we thank You that Sue’s situation is near to your heart. You love her and want the best for her. You tell us to bring all our cares to You because You care for us. We are grateful for the privilege of bringing her situation before You—even though it has never been out of Your sight nor far from Your heart. We ask for Sue’s healing and for Your help for Sue. We pray for those around her that support her—bless them and comfort them all. We thank You for hearing us, for caring, and for Your healing help. We want You to be glorified most of all through this whole situation.”* Wow! Look how far we’ve come! What a blessing!

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Remember, this is a growing process. It can take a while to learn how to do this, but ultimately it won’t happen until we step out in faith and practice praying. Enjoy the adventure! ~ Carole



“Do I have to give thanks for all the spirash or just the bits I’m going to eat?”

Pictured below: Group photo taken at Five Mile Lake, location of the 2010 Spring Men’s Retreat, attended by 54 Men and youth from Highline Christian Church.



Prayer Circle



Praise God

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

Jenny (Laura Blakley’s granddaughter)—her surgery went well and she is back at work; Shirley Capp (former HCC member and secretary)—doing well after cancer surgery. Dianne Barnes came through her leg procedure fine. Praise for all the people that are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

Pray

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

Remember in prayer

Camryn and Cody (children of Louie Bailey)—pray they will be safe, healthy and calm through possible custody changes; Beve Cord—suffering ankle pain; Shirley Capp (former HCC member and secretary)—stage 3 ovarian cancer; Peter (Valarie Davies’ husband)—suffering from insomnia, also pray that their daughter Kaylen has a renewal of faith and can gain employment; Frances (Beve Cord’s neighbor)—another cancer lump appeared; Dave & Pat Sloan’s daughter and son-in-law—danger of losing their home and going into bankruptcy; Jim Louvier—cancer has spread to lymph system and having some pain; Marita (Realonda Thorson’s sister)—on wait for liver transplant, original donor’s liver was bad; Terri Storms (former HCC member)—went to TX to care for her mom; Billy (Melissa Hicks’ uncle)—pneumonia and surgery to remove fluid from his lungs; Britni (Palmer & Gladys Russell’s granddaughter)—prayers for her; James (friend of Paula James)—on list for kidney transplant; Josephine (Paula James’ aunt)—has Alzheimers

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and is in bad health; Paul & Jodi (Cathy Ureste’s friends)—he was laid off but has job offer and Jodi has medical problems; Luke, Lynda Nech's 8-year-old great-nephew, has been in remission for Leukemia, but his symptoms have come back and he is in the hospital not doing well; Nancy Brown is having pain in her thighs and will have an ultrasound on March 29th to hopefully see what is causing it.

With Sympathy

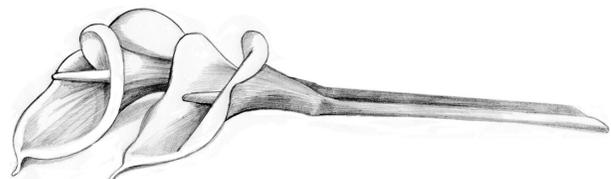
Beve Cord for the death of her brother-in-law Richard

Jan Dickson, Robin and the family in the death of their mother Clemy Jewell.

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. Please make sure that when you are giving a prayer request for the prayer chain, that you okay it with all the parties involved to make sure that they do in fact want it on the prayer chain. Thank you.

With Sympathy

We would like to offer sympathy to the family of Clementine Jewell. Clemy went home to be with the Lord on March 16, 2010. Clemy had been an active member of Highline for over 14 years. A memorial service to celebrate Clemy’s life was held at Highline on March 20, 2010. Please keep Clemy’s family in your prayers during this difficult time.





Evergreen Prison Ministry News

1. Evergreen Prison Ministry is **collecting non-perishable food** for House of Hope (HOH). HOH is a prison discipleship ministry, under the care of Michael and Margie Sgobba, who minister to and mentor brothers in Christ who have been just released from prison (and to their families), as they adjust to the outside world and need help to grow spiritually and maintain their basic physical needs of living. Many are released from Jail/Prison without money, clothing, shelter or food. HOH is God's arms extended to the "Least of these" (Matthew 25:35-40) to aid in breaking the vicious cycle of crime. Thank you for your love and heart to serve in God's kingdom!

Arnulfo and Janita Lagasca will have their orange HHR station wagon in the front of the church to receive donations of non-perishable food, before both services, on Sunday, April 11th. Matthew 9:37-38

2. Also, House of Hope is in **need of a guitar**, if you have one that you could donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

3. We continue to **need Bibles (esp. study Bibles) and Christian literature**; any that you no longer use would be appreciated. Keep an eye out at garage sales, sometimes the sellers are very glad to donate any Bibles and Christian literature for the prison ministry. We **order Bibles by the case and receive a 55% discount**, so if you prefer to make a donation, a check may be made out to Highline Christian Church and in the memo put 'EPM', and the full amount will go towards study Bibles.

Janita Lagasca



And the Lord Added

We would like to welcome Cheryl who confessed Christ and her desire to make Highline her church home:

Cheryl Peterson

Church Family Information



Mel Beagle

Ryan & Rachel Gilbert

Kirk & Barbara Skaggs

Kevin Smith

They are married!

Nathan & Starlotte (Beard) Phelps

HIGHER KIDS

GROUND SPOT

DATES TO KNOW FOR SUMMER PLANNING

(Registration forms available this month)

May 27

Last day of Trail Trekkers and Summit Seekers

May 28

Summit Seekers Overnighter
Celebrating the 6th graders

June 6

Promotion Sunday 6:00 p.m. in the North building to celebrate Sunday School.

July 8—10

1st Chance Camp @ PVCC for students entering 2nd & 3rd grade

July 11-16

Summit Seekers VBS Campout @ Camp Lakeview for students entering 4th—6th grade

July 26 & 27

Trail Trekkers VBS Day Camp 9:00—5:00 each day for students entering 1st—3rd grade

August 2-6

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

August 8—14

Junior Camp at PVCC for students entering 4th-6th grades



HCC FAMILY² MISSION TRIP

The time has come. We have been planning and preparing for a year now and it's finally, or surprisingly here already.

I'd like to take a moment to thank the Highline congregation for your support of the F2 Family Mission Team for everything from supporting at fundraisers to prayer all along the way. I know that without your support some of our families may not have been able to make this trip, now these families are going to have the opportunity to affect the Kingdom as a family in a cross cultural way. Again, thank you for your support.

Now, I'd like to ask you for your continued support. Please pray, pray, pray. Here is a simple list of things to pray for. If you would like a more detailed list, please email me at bret@highlinechristian.org and I would be happy to send you one.

- Safe travels for everyone heading down on the trip both driving and flying
- Good and safe working condition of the vehicles we will drive
- Easy boarder crossing
- Safety on the construction site
- The good news of Jesus shine through all of us as we build a home for a family
- The good news of Jesus to be taught and received at VBS
- People to come to a deep relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior

Your servant in Christ,
Bret Thorson



Early Childhood News

Dear Families,

Highline Christian seeks to teach children about Jesus. We want to create a place that is safe and fun for children to come to. Part of creating a safe place is making sure that the staff have a process to sign in your children. In the next few months, families will be able to sign children in to the Early Childhood Ministry by way of a computerized check in system. This computerized system will track attendance and allow parents to sign in multiple children at one time. In preparation for the changeover, we will be taking updated family photos. As you sign in, the staff will be able to see the photo of your family on the screen. This helps your child be secure in the ministry. Thank you for your patience as we change to a new system to protect your precious children.

Important Dates:

- June 6th: Promotion Sunday at 6:00 p.m.. Preschool and Kindergarten children will be performing.
- June 13th: If your child will be entering into Preschool or Kindergarten next school year, he or she will be in the Preschool class or Kindergarten class both hours. If your child will be entering into first grade, he or she will be officially a Trail Trekker in the school age ministry. Please watch for Trail Trekker events coming soon!
- August 2-6: Polar Expedition is coming! Children ages 3 (and potty trained) through Kindergarten are invited to Preschool Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Serving Kids Together,
Katie Taylor

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

Katie@HighlineChristian.org

Donating to the Early Childhood Ministry

Please talk to Katie Taylor if you would like to donate an item to the Early Childhood Ministry. Some items are great for home use, but not necessarily safe in a group setting such as a multi age classroom.

Thank you for helping keep the children at Highline safe.

H.Y.M. CHRONICLES

April Birthdays

Tyler M.	3rd
Savannah H.	5th
Emma M.	11th
Kami M.	17th
Isaac M.	20th
Kyle P.	22nd
Christian B.	28th

Special Thanks

-Youth Coaches/Helpers:

Don Berg, Tony Beaumont, Terry & Kathy Clark, Linda Foster, Lucas Heath, Sharon McCandliss, Molly McBroom, Beatriz Schnathorst, Chris Terry & All of our Albertson's Community Partners Card Members

Youth Programs & Events

-Sunday High School 9th – 12 grades
Chris Check, Kathy Clark, Linda Foster

(Open Topic)
Room 302 10:40 am — 12:00 pm

-Sunday Middle School 7th - 8th grades
Chad & Bea Schnathorst

(Being a Leader, Serving Others)
Room 301 10:40 am — 12:00 pm

-Sunday Ministry Class (Child. Ministry Helpers)
Chapel 12:45 pm — 1:45 pm

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
Who: (7th-12th grades) Wednesdays
Activity Center 6:30—8 PM

Jr. High Gals Small Group 7th—8th grades
Room 302 6:30 pm—8 pm

Sunday 3/28 & 4/25: Youth Group Outreach Dinner @ Hope Christian Community (7-12th graders) We'll be reaching our community by: serving a meal to those in need, fellowshiping, and ministering to children. Meet @ Hope Christian Community at 2:30 PM, done by 5:30 PM
Hope Christian Community 206-244-1399
632 SW 143rd Street, Burien, WA 98166
website: <http://www.hope-christian.net>

Youth Programs & Events Continued:

(HCC will not be hosting the out-reach dinner on Easter Sunday, enjoy your family time together!)

Tuesdays/Thursdays: Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate (7th—12th graders)

Where: The HCC Activity Center
Classes are on held on Tuesdays from 7—9 PM and on Thursdays from 7:30—9:30 PM. Come and check it out! **Cost:** \$10 a month + outfit

Thursday-Saturday 4/8-4/10—Boise Bible College "Preview 2010" @ The Campus in Boise (Sr. High 9th—12th grades)

More info on the youth news board!
Leave HCC @ 6 AM on 4-8
Back at HCC @ 6 PM on 4-10
Cost: \$35 website:
<http://www.boisebible.edu/Events/preview.htm>

Friday-Saturday 4/30/10—5/1/10 Jr. High "Believe" Conference @ the Portland Convention Center (Jr. High 7th –8th grades)

More info on the youth news board!
A youth conference for 7th – 8th graders,
<http://www.ciy.com/believe/about>
Meet at HCC 11:30 AM, 4/30/10.

Yes you will have to take part of the day off from school!

(Bring a sack lunch and something to drink with you for the trip down) Back at HCC by 10 PM (5/1/10.)

Cost:
\$35 if registered by 4/7/10 (Committed to go & permission slip turned into Mailbox #1 by 8:30 PM)
\$45 if registered after 4/7/10

We would like all of our Middle School students to attend this conference, so please contact Chad if you cannot afford to go, partial and full scholarships are available! Payment includes: *The Conference, transportation, and all meals*)

***Payment not due until 4/30/10, the day we leave.**

Any Questions or Concerns?

Please Contact Chad:
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