



# The Highline eConnection

August 2014

**Highline  
Christian  
Church**

**Touched by Jesus to Touch Others' Lives. . .  
Experience God's T.O.U.C.H.**

Welcome to our new  
Church Life Director  
**Jack Fratangelo**



## **Words from Jack**

Hello Highliners!

Each day we see how blessed we are to have Highline as our church home. Our Elders, Senior Pastor, Youth Pastor, Children's & Family Pastor, and staff work tirelessly to spread the Word. Our volunteers give selflessly at a moment's notice and their acts of self-sacrifice are often overwhelming. When you take a look, it's awesome to see how the hands and feet of Christ work here at Highline, as we fulfill our mission of following The Great Commission.

I'm blessed to be given the opportunity to serve you as Church Life Director (CLD), and to be given the expanded opportunity to help with our work here at HCC. At this point you might ask: How does the CLD fit in? What does the CLD do?

To answer the first question, my role is to proactively promote unity between the people and ministries here at Highline. In short, to be a walking-talking Highline Unity Builder.

The answer to the second question is, too many things to list! With the hope of being clearer, here are some of my prioritized tasks at this time:

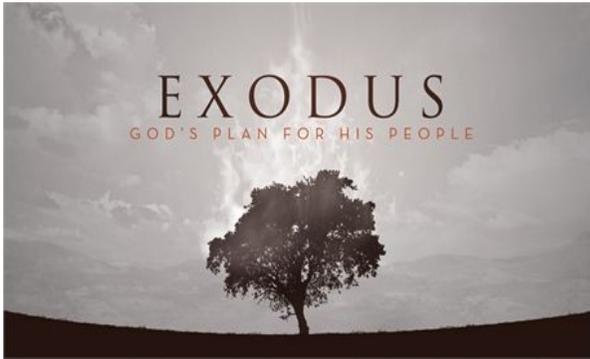
- ★ Coordinate small groups: leaders, members, follow-up, HUB process queues
- ★ Coordinate Bible study classes for this Fall 2014 (and beyond)
- ★ Coordinate visitor interaction: with Jane Knight and Al Chance, brochures, HUB follow-up
- ★ Oversee the Welcome Center: staffing, set-up, HUB interaction for visitors & members
- ★ Oversee the Visitor -> Attender -> Member -> Small Group Participant -> Servant Process: develop tracking, discover percentage of Highliners in each area
- ★ Coordinate TOUCH classes: with Scott Barnes
- ★ Coordinate church-wide events
- ★ Communicate and coordinate future needs regularly with Pastor Tim and staff

At first glance, this appears to be an extensive list. But, with God's help, working through our Elders, pastors, staff, and volunteers, this work is very doable. Given the limited weekly hours as a part-time CLD, I pray the Holy Spirit will guide me in prioritizing the time available, so as to make it efficient, purposeful and enriching to Highline.

Each day I am blessed with the love and support of my wife Kelly, and our three sons: Nicky, Michael, and Vincent. Let me use this forum to say thank-you to them, and to you for reading this!

Your servant in Christ,

*Jack*



Meeting to study God's Word together now for over ten years, the Women's Bible Study Class has experienced many very special journeys with the Lord in which deeper relationships with him have occurred, new discoveries and truths learned, and individual spiritual growth challenged.

Join the class this Fall as another exciting adventure begins with a deep study of the book of Exodus and the focus on our Sovereign God's amazing plan of redemption for his people. Learn how that plan has not changed and applies in our lives today as much as it did thousands of years ago. Find truth in the fact that the Old Testament is alive and relevant and not just some dusty old stories that have been replaced by the physical arrival of Jesus to fulfill God's Law, but the vital history of Judaism and Christianity. God is the same, yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

Class Begins: September 7, 2014  
Class Ends: June 28, 2015  
Class Time: 9:00 A.M.  
Location: Adult Ed Wing—North Room  
Facilitator: Kathy Bledsoe

Classroom is upstairs but the elevator is available.



## Fall 2014: Ecclesiology and Eschatology

Start Date: Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>- January 25<sup>th</sup> 2015?  
Time: 10:40 A.M.  
Location: The Great Room  
Format: Alternate Between DVD/  
Group Discussion of  
Questions

This course is a 20-week study of both the nature and purpose of the Church and a study of the end times. The purpose of this course is to orient people to the program of God throughout the ages, understanding how the Church fits into His program.

Questions will be asked such as:

- What is the Church?
- Why is the Church here?
- What is the Church supposed to be doing? And how is the Church supposed to do it?

The vital relationship between how one answers these questions and the questions concerning the end times will be emphasized, understanding that while orthodox Christianity has always believed that Christ is coming back, there are many differences concerning the details of His coming.

Our main objectives will be to:

1. Learn the various views of the nature of the Church.
2. Understand the difference between the universal body of Christ and the local church.
3. Learn the different ways that people have understood the relationship of Israel to the Church.
4. Help us gain a greater understanding of the purpose of the Church by asking the question, Why is the Church here?
5. Help us gain an understanding of what the essential ministries of the local church are.
6. Learn the various theories concerning the end times.
7. Will be to study the glories of Heaven and the fears of Hell.

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## ***Ecclesiology (continued from page 2)***

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> and final segment of **The Theology Program**. Though it's designed as a more advanced class and presupposes a certain level of prior understanding, it is open to all. If this is of interest to you, please prayerfully consider attending.

Our purpose is "Faith Seeking Understanding" with the goal of helping us to "Know What We Believe and Why We Believe It"!

Please feel free to contact me in person or by e-mail if you have any questions. Brad Krantz.



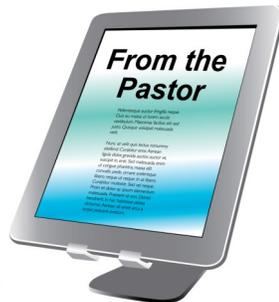
I'm thanking God for our new Church Life Director, Jack Fratangelo! Jack has only been on the job for a few weeks, yet so much good has already been done.

With the assistance of others, Jack has the Welcome Center up and running. It's a work in progress (so be patient), but brochures are available, the announcement TV is working (thanks Galen and Tim C!), people are finding a place to ask questions, get directions and get involved. What a blessing!

Jack has also been working with Al Chance to contact our visitors and help get people involved in the life of the church. He has enrolled in our own "advanced immersion" into the H.U.B. so he can help us all use this wonderful tool to its full potential at Highline.

As Fall gets close, Jack is working with small group leaders and Bible Studies teachers to plan for classes, rooms, schedules, tech needs, promotion, sign-ups and more all must be coordinated. Jack is on it!

That's just a sampling, and Jack's just getting started. Already I feel a relief that many of the administrative



## **Worship Pastor Search Team Formed**



The search team for a new worship pastor has been formed. The team includes the following:

Teresa Barnes  
Jacob Dazey  
Les Fader (Elder representative)  
Julie Kemp  
Stephanie Louvier  
Galen Marcille (Elder representative)  
Mahogany Villars

We are now in the process of planning the dates and times of our group meetings and determining the process for the search. Please keep the whole team in your prayers as we search for our new Worship Pastor.

duties that have been on my plate are being capably handled by our Church Life Director.

Please understand, even though this position is part-time (for now), Jack has the full confidence of the Elders. This position comes with responsibility and with authority. He can say "no" when needed and will have to help mediate between conflicting desires and needs among the various ministries at Highline.

I'm sure Jack will prayerfully make decisions that are best for our church family. At times, however, that will mean making a tough call that won't please everyone. We (the Elders and Senior Pastor) have called Jack for this very purpose and will support him in this role. We ask that you do that as well.

Having a Church Life Director is going to strengthen the ministry at Highline in so many ways. When you see Jack, thank him, encourage him, and pray for him!

He's a blessing already! Thank you God for our Church Life Director!

Your brother,

*Pastor Tim*



## Seniors (Encore Ministries) Outing to Edmonds

Bring your walking shoes on this trip! The van's first stop will be the home and garden of Sharon Ballough, followed by a walk through charming downtown Edmonds. We will continue to the waterfront and culminate at Arnie's for lunch.

The date is the SECOND Wednesday, August 13. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m.. Plan on a donation of \$1.50 toward gas. Our anticipated return is 2 P.M. Please sign up on the HUB or in the Atrium on August 3rd or 10th. Address questions to Steve Moreland or Georgia Henney.

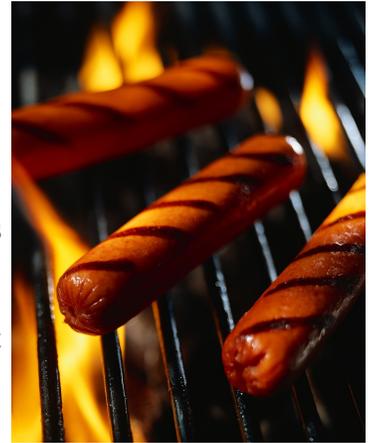
### Bat-Breaking News!

**Highline vs. Highline**  
**Mosier Field 1**  
**Tuesday, July 29**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Next**  
**eNewsletter Deadline**  
**August 24**

## Men's Summer BBQ

You're invited to join us for the Men By God Summer BBQ coming up on Thursday, August 7th at 6 P.M. We're planning an outdoor BBQ plus an outdoor viewing of the first exhibition game of the Seattle Seahawks against the Denver Broncos! We're planning on having hamburgers, BBQ chicken and Polish dogs along with salad, chips and drinks. Dinner cost is only \$5. We're not taking any sign-ups so you can just come join us if you're available. We'll be in the church building parking lot near the garage.



### It's a Girl!

We would like to welcome Lucy Scales who was born on July 24, 2014. She weighed 8 lbs 4 oz and was 21 3/4 inches long. Her parents are Rich & Corri Scales, her big brother is Tobiah and her big sisters are Elliana, Naomi, Ruth & Jeanette. Welcome to Highline Lucy!



...And the Lord added

### By Baptism

Bradley Anderson

Neil Branham

Payton Cowan

Lisa Poppe



## Mount St. Helens Tour

On the road to Mount St. Helens is the 7 Wonders Creation Museum. Reverend Lloyd Anderson, the director, presents a power point presentation, “Mount St. Helens: a big bang for creation science” to demonstrate how various catastrophic processes during the eruptions in the 1980’s changed the north side of the mountain beyond recognition in minutes, produced a river system in a day, deposited hundreds of layers in hours, carved canyons through rock in months and put to rest a myth perpetuated at Yellowstone National Park for many years. Essentially, he argues that the earth is thousands, not billions of years old, according to the Bible.

The devastation and its rapid recovery at MSH still attract nearly a million visitors each year. However, if it were not for Creation scientists, claims Anderson, “tourists might be led to believe the earth was simply recycling itself, and may not understand that God was at work reminding us what catastrophic processes

can do to change the earth’s surface dramatically, rather than gradually.”

Lloyd Anderson will give us a running commentary as we travel up the mountain in the van. Lunch will be eaten at a scenic viewpoint at Weyerhaeuser Museum with a short visit to the museum. We will continue up the mountain to the Hummocks Trail where we will have a guided walk that takes 2 ¼ hours, of which 1½ hours is talking time explaining what we will be observing. Our last stop is a visit to Johnston Ridge Observatory where we will expectantly view the mountain close-up.

All age groups are welcome. Each person needs to bring their sack lunch, water and snacks, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a light jacket. Transportation is the main cost of the trip, plus a donation to the museum and entrance to the Observatory. We will purchase passes for entry to the Observatory when we arrive.

The 7 Wonders Museum has a bookstore with many creation books and DVDs available for both children and adults, as well as displays.

This geological treasure is only a day trip away. Look up the 7 Wonders Museum and Bookstore for a five-minute preview at [www.creationism.org/sthelens](http://www.creationism.org/sthelens). August should be an excellent month to view the mountain in brilliant sunshine. Sign up in the Atrium or call Connie Egger.

# Women in Touch

Lives will be changed when we are REAL

## August Already?



Believe it or not we are already past the midway through Summer mark. If you are not gearing up for back to school or back to work you are most likely preparing yourself for back to Fall. This season can be particularly daunting or stressful if you're experiencing a case of 'calendar overcrowd' or 'scheduling insufficiency.' During this time we can tend to find ourselves living for the minutes rather than *in* the minutes. Women in Touch would like to encourage you to take a breath and cherish the moments you have right now.

## Monthly Breakfast Invitation

Hebrews 10:24-25 reads: And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Come fellowship and be encouraged! The first Saturday of each month the women's ministry team hosts a breakfast for women at Highline and their guests. Women will have opportunities to break bread, chat, and laugh! Women are encouraged to attend in order to continue developing and strengthening relationships.

The next breakfast on will take place August 2nd from 9:30-11:00am. We look forward to seeing you there! If you'd like, bring a dish to share!



### Women in Touch Leadership Team

Jenny Louvier, Mahogany Villars, Gayle Wylie, Sue Evans, Teresa Barnes,  
Kim Bobbitt, Ruth Easterling, Shelley Smith, Dyan Lauer, Julie Kemp  
Contact any of us through the HUB or call (206) 243-4333

## Women in Touch Spotlight: Shelley Smith

Each month a woman at Highline will be spotlighted as a way to keep in touch!

What brought you to HCC?

'Moved up here from the Palm Springs area in CA to work with Youth Missions International. I live just 5 min from the church and found out my friend and coach/trainer went to church at HCC so I decided to give it a try.

How did you come to know the Lord?

I did not grow up in a Christian home. My parents divorced when I was 6, but my grandmother was a very strong Christian and she took me to church all the time. Through her and the many Sunday School teachers and people at the church who took me under their wings I learned so much about what it meant to be a Christian. Then during Vacation Bible School when I was eight, I accepted the Lord as my Savior ...I have not always walked with the Lord through this life. I went through a very dark period in my life where I turned my back on the Lord and wasn't ever going to step foot back in church. But because of God's love, forgiveness and pursuit, He brought me back to Himself, back to church and to the family of God.

Tell us about your family?

I am single with no children. I have a brother and a couple of step-brothers and step-sisters. My best friend from college is as close to me as my blood family and her three boys (my nephews) are my pride and joy.

What do you do like to do for fun?

I love sports. I like to play more than watch, but I would never turn down a chance to go to a Seahawks, Mariners or Storm game! I play on the church volleyball team and enjoy playing softball too. I also really enjoy watching my nephews play football, basketball and baseball. Spending time with good friends is always time well spent!

What's the farthest you have been from home?

I have been privileged to be able to go on several mission trips! I have been to Brazil, Argentina, India, Spain and Uganda.

If money was no object how would you most want to spend your time?

Mission trips!!!

If the whole world were listening to you right now, what would you say?

One of the things that I am truly passionate about because of the journey I have been on is that I want other people to know that our God is a God of second chances. Romans 8 is one of my favorite passages. There is nothing we can do that can keep us from God's love and forgiveness. If we could learn to live our lives in such a way that we truly believed that, I know it would transform our lives.



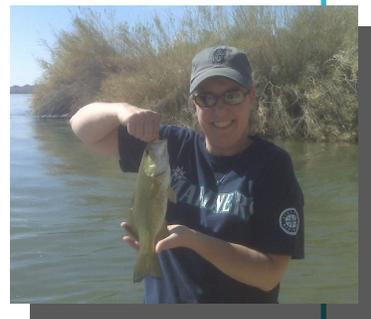
Shelley Smith

Born: Pullman WA

Raised: Richland, WA



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"You cannot amputate your history from your destiny, because that is redemption." - Beth Moore

- Beth Moore

Light up your city for Christ

Matthew 5:14

# illuminate Youth Ministry

## Update Letter August 2014

Summer is in full bloom and yet Fall is hiding just around the corner. Nicole and I are very excited to be at Highline and are looking forward to what God has in store for the Youth Ministry Program! Our goal is to come alongside you as the parents and be a resource and aid to you in your student's spiritual development! We will be sending out monthly update letters, emails, HUB and Facebook posts, along with having quarterly parent meetings as just a few ways to help us better communicate with you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments, questions or concerns. We look forward to serving together in ministry!

Blessings in Him,

**Pastor Steve, Nicole  
Jayden, Riley & Baby Brock**

## News Updates

We voted and as a group came up with our new name! We are illuminate Youth Ministry coming from Matthew 5:14 where Jesus says to let our lights shine before others. Our goal is to be a group that lives for Jesus and lights up our city for Christ!

I am excited about all the new changes going on with the HCC Youth Ministry Program! However with these changes we are going to need more leaders to join our team so that we can better reach our students! We have many different ministry opportunities and would love to get you plugged in! If you would like more info or would like to join the illuminate youth ministry team please email Pastor Steve at [steve@highlinechristian.org](mailto:steve@highlinechristian.org).

As we wrap up the Summer we will be taking the month of September off for our Wednesday night youth program. The purpose of this break is to allow our students to focus on family and school during the busy time of starting a new school year. This break will also give the illuminate leadership team some time to rest, recharge and get ready for the Fall Kickoff in October. During September our JH and HS Sunday school classes will continue to meet at their normal times and there will be special youth events and activities.

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## Prayer Partners

- Our leadership team development
- Our students & families
- Our ministry programs growth

\*If you have any questions or comments about our youth program or would like to join the illuminate Youth Leadership Team, please contact Pastor Steve.

E: [Steve@highlinechristian.org](mailto:Steve@highlinechristian.org)

## When We Meet

### Junior High

- Sunday Morning 10:40 a.m.-12:00pm
- Wednesday Night 6:00-8:00pm

### High School

- Sunday Morning 10:40 a.m.-12:00pm
- Wednesday Night 6:00-8:00pm

## Teaching Topics JH & HS

### Monthly Theme: *Tough Questions for Christians*

- August 6<sup>th</sup> – Evolution vs. Creation?
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Is the Bible more than a book?
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – Is Jesus actually God?
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – How can God allow pain and suffering?

## Up Coming Events

Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group in the Park 6pm

Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> – Parents Meeting 12:15pm

Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Seahawks at the Brocks 6:30pm

Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group in the Park 6pm

Friday August 29<sup>th</sup> – JH & HS SOCKS Event 7pm

**Look for more events on our youth facebook page!**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/illuminateyouthministry](http://www.facebook.com/groups/illuminateyouthministry)

**Light up your city for Christ**

**Matthew 5:14**



**illuminate Youth Ministry**

**illuminate: Light up your city for Christ**

## **Theology of Ministry:**

- 1. Matthew 5:14 - Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven...**
- 2. Mark 2:17 - Come, follow me, Jesus said, and I will send you out to fish for people...**
- 3. Proverbs 27:17 - As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another...**

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# illuminate Youth Ministry

## Philosophy of Ministry:

*To illuminate through outreach, discipleship and fellowship*

## Mission Statement:

*To help students illuminate this dark world for Jesus*

## Vision Statement:

*To create a safe environment focused on Jesus and others*

## Fundamentals of Ministry:

**illuminate Out** [Outreach] *Loving Jesus by Loving Others*

**illuminate In** [Discipleship] *Making Disciples who make Disciples*

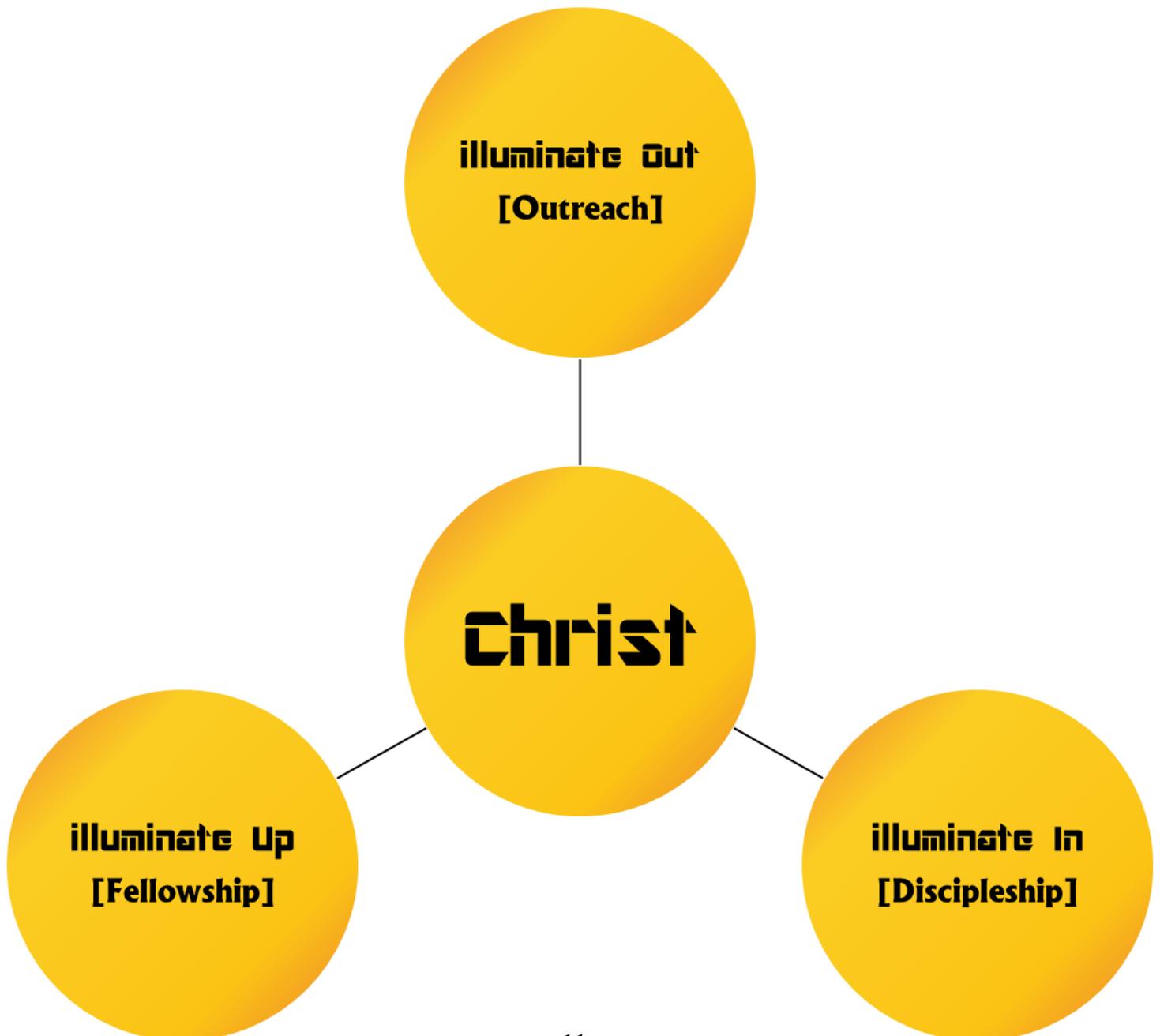
**illuminate Up** [Fellowship] *Learning and Growing Together*

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# illuminate Youth Ministry

## Model of Ministry



# HIGHER GROUND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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## **TRAIL TREKKER VBS DAY CAMP REVIEW**

We had a great time at the Trail Trekker VBS this year as we learned to keep our focus on Jesus. Our theme passage this year was Hebrews 12:1-2 and we looked at a couple of examples of Peter to show us what focusing on Jesus may or may not look like.

The first day we went on a hike in Saint Edwards State Park learning the importance of following the map for direction on the trail or following Jesus and His Word for direction in life. Once at the lake, we acted out our lesson of Peter walking on water learning to keep our eyes on Jesus and not get distracted by the wind and waves all around us. As part of our response time the kids threw a rock and a stick into the water and focused first on the waves asking God to show them the distractions in their lives then on the floating stick to remind them to keep their eyes on Jesus.

The second day we did lots of activities (including bowling and archery led by Pastor Steve) to help us learn that the longer we keep our eyes on Jesus the better we get at following Him. Again we looked at Peter, only this time instead of being afraid of going in the water, he was so focused on being close to Jesus that he threw himself out of the boat and swam over a football field length to sit at Jesus' feet. Focusing on Jesus changes how we live.

Photos from the VBS Day Camp should be on the church web page for viewing soon.

## **SUMMIT SEEKERS VBS CAMP**

What a great week until the record breaking rainfall on Wednesday, and even then everyone had a great attitude and continued to focus on Jesus to the best of our ability. Our theme this year was Focus: Living Life On Purpose and we looked at Hebrews 12:1-2 for each of our lessons. Each devotion, lesson, game, and activity worked together to help us focus on a different part of our theme passage. Barb, our campfire speaker, AKA Captain Focus, did a great job each day bringing the concept of focus to life in real and practical ways.

One of the things we are practicing in the children's ministry is learning to listen to the Holy Spirit in our lives especially after hearing the Big God Story/Word of God. We call this Response Time. After each lesson the kids had around 15 minutes to respond to God's Word and to listen to the Holy Spirit in their lives. It was wonderful to be able to pray for the kids while they responded in various ways. Journaling allowed the kids to write, listen, draw, and doodle things God put on their hearts. We also made a paper chain of the things God was telling us to lay down or repent of. We decorated binoculars and used them to focus on the name of Jesus while minimizing any peripheral distractions. We ran laps to remind us we are in a race and that living for Jesus is not easy and that we do it one step at a time. Finally we sat still with blindfolds on to aid us in focusing on Jesus with our hearts and lives as we sat still before Him.

Photos of our time at camp should be on the church web page soon. Also, there will be a SS VBS Camp make up day coming this August. Please feel free to call me if you have not received the make up information.



# Early Childhood News

## Thank you Highline!

Thank you so much Highline for helping collect all the needed supplies for VBS. Please pray for the staff as they are preparing for the lessons. On Sunday August 3rd we will be setting up for VBS. If you would like to help we will begin set up about 12:30 p.m.

Serving Kids Together,

Katie Taylor

*If you have any concerns or questions please call email: [Katie@HighlineChristian.org](mailto:Katie@HighlineChristian.org)*

**Fall is coming fast! We have a need for some more teachers to help both Saturday nights and Sunday mornings. If you would like to help in an early childhood classroom, please call or email Katie Taylor.**



## Fall Sunday School



Christmas in July? Yes!! Now is a great time, if you haven't already, to begin shopping for items to fill an Operation Christmas Child shoebox.

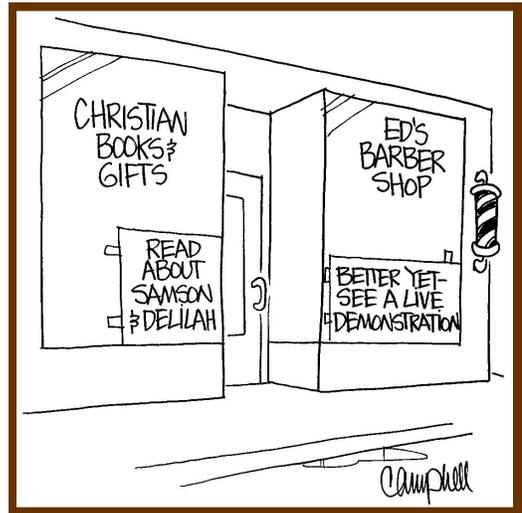
There are many sales between now and September, especially on school supplies, but also on a variety of items that would bless a child for whom this will be their only Christmas gift. If you purchase boots for this fall, please consider saving the box for someone who needs a larger box. If you are purchasing items for an Operation Christmas Child box that are larger than the OCC boxes, please provide your own plastic tote or larger shoebox.

As you are shopping, keep in mind the following categories of items that would make a complete box:

1. Something to write on (small tablets work well, notebook paper or theme books may need a larger box)
2. Something to write with (pens, markers, SHARPENED pencils or colored pencils with a sharpener, crayons)
3. Something warm (socks!!!, t-shirts, hat, gloves/mittens)
4. Something to snuggle with (stuffed animal that fits, doll, beanie baby, sm blanket)
5. Something necessary (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, washcloth, flashlight w/ batteries)
6. Something to play with (any variety of small toys that are not violent or war-related, balls work for all ages, solar calculators, must be NEW) Note: As much as it is a temptation to do some Summer cleaning and give those toys away, Operation Christmas Child can only accept NEW items. McDonald-type toys can be included if they are still in the packaging. Thanks!
7. Something to eat (ONLY hard candy and gum)

Empty boxes will be available for distribution at a kick-off in mid-October. Completed and Paid For boxes will be due BY NOVEMBER 16.

Please feel free to contact Tammie Lindblom with any Operation Christmas Child questions.



## Worship Service Times

**Saturdays—6:00 P.M.**  
**Sundays—9:00 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.**  
**Sunday School – 9 a.m. for all ages;**  
**10:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Base Camp**

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**Monday—Thursday**  
**8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.**

**Friday**  
**8:30 a.m.—Noon**

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## Elders 2014-2015



**Scott Barnes**



**Tim Crawford**



**Sal Dena**



**Rob Evans**



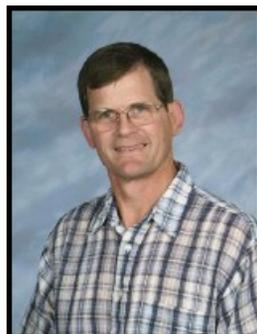
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