

The Highline Connection

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

December 2007

December Events

December 2
Opening Services
in the New Worship Center
9:00 A.M. and 10:40 A.M.

December 14
7:00 P.M.
Choir and Friends Christmas Concert

December 24
6:00 P.M.
Christmas Eve Service

December 31
Family Game Night
8:00 P.M.—12:00 A.M.

Christ the Savior is Born!



BUILDING UP...

REACHING OUT

What's Happening with the New Building?

Here it comes!

Our planned first worship service in the new building is December 2nd and the new service times are 9:00 a.m. and 10:40 a.m.

Wanted: Patience & Prayer

A lot of people are putting a huge amount of time and effort into the final stages of getting the new building ready. (We are extremely thankful for them!) There are still some key hurdles that must be cleared in order to gain an occupancy permit for the new building. Please pray for this! In spite of the excellent efforts of everyone, there will undoubtedly be some challenges and we ask for your patience as we work through them.

Praise God

We continue to praise God for this effort and give Him the glory! Pastor Tim has been encouraging us in his sermons this month to have "flexible grace" with one another during this time of transition. There will be a lot of changes in Highline's life soon, but God doesn't change and his message doesn't change. We need to keep the main thing the main thing as we stay mission minded, kingdom focused, community concerned, unified, and trusting God.

Check out a Great Resource!

Did you know you can listen to any of Pastor Tim's sermons since June 2002 on your computer? Click on Sermons-On-Line from the church website and follow the directions to listen online, download in MP3 format or sign up for an automatic Podcast every week.

www.highlinechristian.org

Shuttle Service December 2 and 9



While the new building gives us many reasons to praise, it also provides some challenges to work through. One of those challenges concerns our crowded parking lot. There are several ways you can help us with parking:

- 1) Make sure you only occupy one parking spot.
- 2) Minimize the number of vehicles your family brings to the church building.
- 3) If you are able, park farther away to allow those with special needs to park closer. If you're looking for good offsite options you could park in the lot just west of our property. You can also park in the Bank of America lot which is a little west of the church building on 150th and either get a little morning walk or ride the shuttle for curbside service.
- 4) Help drive the shuttle. John Davis has committed to drive a shuttle bus for at least the first two weeks after we move to two services. We need more drivers though. If you have a CDL endorsement or are interested in getting one, please contact John.

Is It Yours?

We are in the process of sprucing things up for Christmas and would really appreciate it if you left anything at the church building that you please pick it up ASAP. We are planning to remove (ie. toss or give to charities) all of the unclaimed items in the Family Mailbox Room and the coat closet by December 9th. Just a reminder...please make sure that anything that is placed in the Family Mailbox Room is clearly labeled with the recipient's name. Thanks for your help.

New Envelopes Available

A special “thank you” to all who have been faithfully using offering envelopes this past year. This helps to speed up the weekly counting process and also enables us to provide accurate yearly statements for your income tax purposes.

Some of you may not be aware that we have offering envelopes on hand for anyone who requests them. They do not cost you anything because the church buys a large supply each year for this purpose.

We will be issuing new sets of offering envelopes for 2008 to those who already have them assigned, and we would like to offer them to anyone else who would like them.

If you would like a set of 2008 offering envelopes and are not receiving them already, put a note to that effect on the comment section of your bulletin welcome card section, call the church office 206-243-4333 or call Carol Marshall. We hope to have the 2008 envelopes distributed before the 1st Sunday of 2008, so please let us know right away if you would like them.

Please note also that we encourage you to put your building fund offering (Building To Touch Lives) in those envelopes rather than using the envelopes in the pews. The envelopes in the pews are intended for new attendees and those who do not have designated envelopes.

Thanks to all of you for your faithful giving over the past year.

Carol Marshall
Financial Secretary

Offering Envelopes



All Are Invited



The seniors will be going on an outing to the Lights of Christmas at Warm Beach Christian Camp and Conference Center on Saturday December 22nd. The bus will leave the church building at 4:00 P.M. and we would like to invite all adults that are interested — whether you are a senior or not — to join us. The price for adults is \$12 and for seniors \$8. Please contact Ray Petrich to reserve your place.



Come ring in the New Year with your church family at the New Year's Eve Family Game Night. Bring your favorite game to play and a snack to share. The game night starts at 8:00 P.M. and will end with a short devotional by Pastor Tim and a time of prayer as we bring in the New Year. No sign ups required, simply drop by for some or all of the fun.

Who: The families and friends of Highline Christian Church

What: A night of fun and games, a short devotional and prayer to bring in the New Year

When: December 31st 8:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M. or so

Where: Highline Christian Church South Building in the Fellowship Hall and the Activity Center

Why: Fun and fellowship to celebrate the end of '07 and the start of '08

How Much: A snack to share would be great

Happy New Year ☽ *Happy New Year* ☽ *Happy New Year*

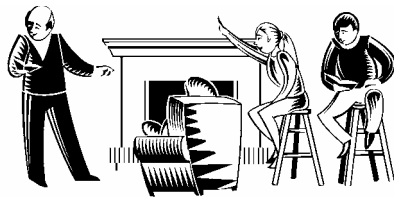
New Believers' Bible Study

Have you accepted Christ in the last year or two?

We are hosting a seven-week small group study in the basics of Christian life, using "30 Discipleship Exercises: Pathway to Christian Maturity" by the Billy Graham Association. Booklets will be provided to you at no charge. Together we will discuss and study the first seven exercises. This study is also great for any Christian desiring a "tune-up".

We will meet Tuesdays at 7 P.M. starting November 27 in our home. Please RSVP to ensure that we have enough booklets for the first class.

If interested please call Gerald & Paula James.



Home Bible Study

Shoemaker Circle News

Shoemaker Circle will be meeting Wednesday, December 19 at 10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall for the annual Christmas potluck and Bingo for prizes. Members are requested to bring a small wrapped gift for the prizes. We play until everyone wins! Don't forget to bring a favorite potluck dish. We are also asking everyone to bring a canned food for the food bank.

Special thanks to those who contributed so generously to the Bake/Bazaar Sale. The sale garnered \$1,145 for the Mission 2008 teams to Chile & Mexico! Good job!

Single? Single Again? With Children?



Singles Ministry

Has God got a plan for me/us?
What has God planned for me/us? Am I alone?
Where do I belong in God's Family?

The Singles Ministry group is seeking answers to "Helping people meet daily with God." What advice does the Bible have for unpartnered individuals? How can I (we) develop deeper friendships? What can I (we) do to resolve relational conflicts?

God has designed every person with a need for a relationship with Him...and with other people.

The Singles Ministry group will be starting a study in January 2008 designed especially for singles (including single agains) who wish to learn to appreciate what God has already given (us)...to trust in Him...how to care about others and to avoid relationships that will cause harm. Best of all, to deepen our friendship with God...our very best friend.

These points are meant to stir thinking and talking and participation in this unique group of believers. Come join our study group as we search for answers. Sundays 5:00 P.M. in Room 101. Please contact Beve if transportation is needed.

Beve Cord, Leader

Transportation Ministry

Highline is very blessed to have both a van and a bus. We have a ministry opening for someone who is willing to oversee the maintenance and operation of these vehicles. If you are interested in this area of ministry, please contact Gregg Louvier.

Merry Christmas from the Staff

Christmas time is a season to count our blessings. As a staff at Highline Christian Church, we want you to know what a wonderful blessing you are to us. It is obvious in so many ways to see how the Child of Christmas has impacted your lives. Your heart of service, your continued encouragement, and your desire to know Him more are all part of God's blessing through you to each of us. As our ministry changes and expands in our new building, may we all have the attitude and mind of Christ as we extend to each other His amazing grace. Merry Christmas!

*Tim & Jane Knight
Chad Schnathorst
Bret Thorson
Teresa Barnes
Holly Fader
Nancy Metzenberg
Joni Krantz
Gregg & Marsha Louvier*



December's All-church Memory Verse

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



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

Vernon (Gladys Russell’s cousin)—successful heart valve replacement. 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

Mark (Stephanie Riley’s uncle)—needs to gain strength from MRSA infection in his lungs; Linda and her husband (Sue Smith’s sister and brother-in-law)—evacuated from home in San Diego; Jewell Hall—serious medical problems; Jody (Judymae Tanttari’s friend)—bladder cancer; Les (Judymae Tanttari’s friend)—serious health problems; Lynda Nech—hospitalized from loss of blood and confusion; Dick (Laurel Mercury’s Step Dad)—prostate cancer surgery; Karen (Steve Moreland’s niece)—difficulty handling loss of her daughter; Jim (Steve Moreland’s nephew)—assaulted at rest stop in Kentucky; Ryan (Amanda Nelson’s brother)—recovering from appendicitis; Jan Kesler-Dickson—fractured shoulder; Tammy Wallin had her 5th chemo treatment; Evelyn (Jane Randall’s friend)—leukemia and hospice; Dorothy (Jane Randall’s sister)—eye lid surgery; George Koontz—recovering from hip surgery; Susan Ingraham—laid off her job; Mark Smith (friend of Marie Ross)—car accident; Fay (Laura Blakley’s daughter)—no insulin is agreeing with her; Penny Mosier—cancer found in her skull; Tammy (Sue Schemp’s daughter)—carpal tunnel surgery; Kim Bobbitt—prayers needed for her work situation; Tracie (Nona Denny’s granddaughter)—3 of her male friends in car accident—one not expected to live.

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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.

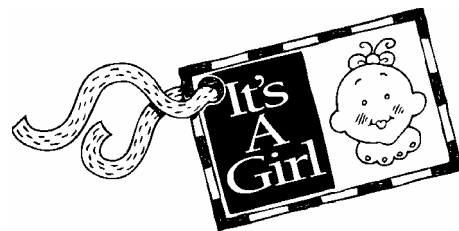
The Continuing Conversation

When no one else is around, do you talk to yourself? When he was alone, the 17th-century Christian monk known as Brother Lawrence carried on conversations with God.

Lawrence was the cook for his religious community. He practiced the presence of God while he prepared meals. Describing his experience of work and prayer, he said:

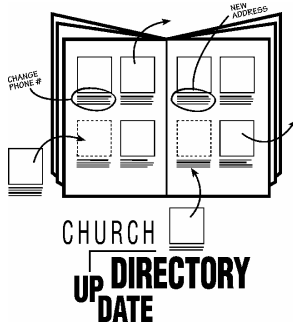
“The time of business does not ... differ from the time of prayer, and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are calling for different things, I possess God in the same great tranquility as if I were upon my knees.”

With God’s help, our prayer life can bring a similar tranquility to our busy days.



We would like to welcome Gracie Carolyn Des Marais who was born on November 19, 2007 at 6:05 p.m. She was 8 lbs 15 oz and 20 1/4 inches long. Her parents are Gabe & Irina Des Marais and her grandparents are Chris & Dixie Check. Welcome to Highline Gracie!

Church Family Information



Change of Address

Cindy Scott

Nancy Sumner

They are married!
Ernest & Chelene Bird

December 2007

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The top 10 things the Apostle Paul would have done if he had a PC:

10. Download MP3s of the Righteous Brothers for entertainment while on those long and tedious missionary journeys.
9. Visit WebMD.com about that persistent pain in his flesh.
8. Include virus protection software in his list of spiritual armor.
7. Proclaim, "To live is Christ, to die is to have a 28K modem."
6. Book boat tickets using Priceline.com.
5. E-mail pictures of Peter eating pork to the gang back in Jerusalem.
4. Assign church officers: pastor, elder, deacon, system administrator.
3. Use decryption software to interpret tongues.
2. Describe conversion experience as the "Divine Reboot."
1. Add spam to list of cardinal sins.

—Gary Cantwell (2002)



HIGHER GROUND

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUMMIT SEEKERS AND TRAIL TREKKERS

- No Meetings in December - Enjoy the time with your family and do something fun together. Ideas include:
 - Go look at Christmas lights either on houses, at Zoolights, or the Christmas ships
 - Bake Christmas cookies then go caroling and deliver the fresh baked cookies to someone special
 - Take a night and decorate the tree
 - Contact Angel Tree and adopt a family for Christmas
- Keep working on the all church memory verses; we'll be asking you about them when you come back in January.
- Summit Seekers Overnighter January 18th - 19th. Permission forms available this month near the check-in counter.

STARTING THIS MONTH

9:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

- Sunday School classes birth - 6th grade in the same rooms they already meet
- Adult Sunday School classes also available

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

- Children's Choir on the stage of the Activity Center (sanctuary)

10:40 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

- Base Camp (children's church) for grades 1 - 6 in room 108. We will also be using the Activity Center (sanctuary) for part of the time.
- Early Childhood classes - 2 year old - Kindergarten will receive a short lesson based on an idea from the sermon each week.
- Adult Sunday School classes also available

FAMILY MISSION TO MEXICO

I'm sure you've heard of short-term missions or youth missions, but what about family missions? This coming April '08, 22 people representing 7 different families will be traveling to Ensenada, Mexico to serve the people of Mexico. We will be working with a missions organization called Yugo Ministries which has been partnering with churches to do mission work in Mexico for 40 years.

Our team plans to work on a building project (a house for a family), as well as run a VBS through one of the partnering churches. We may also have the opportunity to serve breakfast to children and seniors who are in need through the breakfast program.

We want to thank each of you for your support of the team through purchasing one or more of the various items we've been selling. We would also ask for your continued support as we continue to prepare to go. Please join us in praying for the trip by praying for the team members during the following months.

Kim Bobbitt

Tamela & Dominique DeRosso

**Les, Holly, Brigitta, & Brinston Fader
Luis, Carolyn, Thomas, & Tyler Hernandez
Curtis, Garrett, Tyler, & Leah Mosier
Chris, Karen, Dean, Kyle, & Sarah Tief
David Lobo-Guerrero & Bret Thorson**

Upcoming Fundraisers to Support the Family
Mission Team

- January & February - The Family Mission Team will be running the espresso cart
- January 25th - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
"A Winter Carnival" in the Activity Center - A night of fun and games geared for children.

For more info please contact Bret.



Early Childhood News

Changes are coming!

Hello families!

With the excitement of the new building please be praying for the Early Childhood Children's Ministry. With the switch to 2 services, there will be a few changes.

The 9:00 a.m. hour will be the Sunday School hour with the same teachers that presently teach Sunday School.

During the 10:40 a.m. hour the children will continue to stay in their classrooms.

I will be rotating into the 2's and 3's room for a lesson and craft time, and then combining the 4's through kindergarten children for a separate lesson and craft time. The lesson this hour will be an age appropriate lesson based off Pastor Tim's sermon. We hope this creates opportunities for families to share what you have learned.
Loving Kids Together,

Katie Taylor
Early Childhood Director



Let the little children
come to me...

We need your help...

~ Please pray for the transition to 2 services and for the teachers and children in these classes.

~ We need many volunteers on a Sunday morning. Can you be a helper, teacher, snack provider, or a mid week room cleaner? We need people who can help once a month, every week, and most anything in between.

If you could help serve in any of these areas please call or email Katie Taylor



PAGERS

Worship freely: the pager system can transmit to the new building if necessary.

H.Y.M. CHRONICLES

December Birthdays

Jessica L.	4th
Star B.	7th
Chris S.	17th
Jonathan B.	31st

Special Thanks

-Sunday School/YG Coaches/Helpers:

Don Berg, Kris Chow, Brandt Dary, Ben Fader, Joseph Kusack, 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	Room 301/302
Jeff & Melody Strahan (The Law)	
Room 301	
Don Berg & Guest (They Sold Their Souls for Rock and Roll DVD Series or ?)	Room 302
Sundays	10:40 am — 12:00 pm

-Jr. High Sunday School

7th - 8th grades	Room 303/304
Chad Schnathorst & Guest	
Sundays	10:40 am — 12:00 pm

-Young Man in the Mirror Small Group

9th—10th grade guys small group	Room 301
Don Berg	
Tuesdays	5—6PM
(Please contact Chad or Don if you are interested)	

-Gals Small Group Melody Strahan's home

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

Any Questions or Concerns?

Please Contact Chad:
Church 206-243-4333
Cell 206-353-6300
E-Mail Chad@highlinechristian.org

Youth Programs & Events Continued:

Christmas Schedule

During the month of December, regular youth programs will be changed to accommodate this busy time of year. Please note that the Youth Group will only meet on the 2nd on this month to paint the youth rooms, (from 1–5 PM.) Tuesday night Groups will only meet on Nov. 27th & Dec. 4th. Regular programming, **except for Sunday School classes** are postponed until January. I pray that all of you have a blessed month spending time with family and friends and thanking God for all that He has done for us through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Special Events

12/02 Youth Rooms Pizza/Work Party

1—5 PM. Come and help us spruce up the youth rooms by painting, repairing walls, etc. Pizza & Pop will be served for those who help.

12/14—12/15 All-Nighter/Ice Skating.

7th – 12th grades. Meet at HCC (South building) at 7 pm. We will leave the church to drop student off (take home) at 6 am on 12/15. Students should be home by 7 am. Cost is \$10 (Bring your house key so you don't wake mom or dad up when you get home.) Only Students that live in Burien and the surrounding area will be given rides home (South Seattle/White Center, Tukwila, SeaTac, Des Moines, Normandy Park, etc.) Students coming from further out will need to make arrangements to be picked up at the church or a friend's house.

12/16 Clothes Closet Outreach/Dinner @

H.C.F. Wow, our youth did a great job serving a Thanksgiving meal to the needy in our community and we want to do it again for Christmas! Details coming soon!

12/31 Youth Group New Years Party/All-Church Game Night

Details coming soon, and will be announced in Sunday school classes.