



The Highline eConnection

December 2012

Highline
Christian
Church

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

Outdoor Living Nativity

Friday December 14th
7:00, 7:30 & 8:00 P.M.

Saturday December 15th
6:30, 7:00, 7:30 & 8:00 P.M.

Christmas Weekend Services

December 22
6 P.M.

December 23
9 & 10:40 A.M.

December 24
4 P.M.

Family Game Night

December 31
7:30 P.M. – Midnight





In September we unveiled EMBRACING OUR TOMMOROW! Our desire is to see each person at Highline “Experience God’s Touch.” By “TOUCH” we mean.

- T-together with family and friends (Fellowship)
- O-overcoming the past (Evangelism)
- U-understanding God’s Word by His Spirit (Discipleship)
- C-celebrating God’s love (Worship)
- H-helping others through hope (Ministry)

Embracing Our Tomorrow is the vehicle God is using to accomplish that purpose. Since the idea of E.O.T. (Embracing Our Tomorrow) was created a lot of things have begun to happen around Highline. This is an ON-GOING process that is being prayed over and pursued.

Here are some E.O.T. Changes that have already occurred (or are occurring) as we move with God into the future He has for us:

- * Vision Formed
- * Vision Communicated (To Staff, Elders, Ministry Team Forum, Congregation)
- * Staff Sermon To Communicate Vision
- * Logo designed
- * Banner Up
- * Logo appearing on HCC handouts, slides, web-page, etc.
- * Welcome Wagon has returned
- * Touch One and Two restarted
- * Community Celebration Times
- * Baptism Videos in Services
- * History of HCC Video
- * 1st Family Night—Huge Success
- * Monthly Testimonials of how God is working in our congregation (Mark and Lanae Orphan Sunday November)
- * White Board Planning Tool mounted in Great Room
- * Wall Signs Up for North Building Adult

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It’s a Mugging!



Ladies – please join the women’s ministry team for our annual Christmas Mugging! The fun starts on Friday, December 7th at 6:30 P.M. in the North Building Worship Center . All you will need is a mug filled with something (fun or tasty or beautiful or useful or entertaining or ????) with a value of around \$10 or less. Then we have fun exchanging our mugs, eating cookies, drinking hot chocolate and generally getting in the Christmas mood! A table with examples and someone to answer any questions will be set up in the Atrium on December 1st and 2nd.

Childcare is currently unavailable for this event. Please call Linda Fontejon or Dixie Check if you have any questions.

Also Ladies, please mark your calendars for January 4th, 2013 at 7 P.M. for Chick Flick Friday! The movie will be announced in the January eNewsletter and upcoming bulletins.

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Class Rooms and Great Room

- * More congregational/community active participation in our church prayer times
- * Regular E.O.T. meeting to push project forward
- * TRU Parent Meeting the 1st Thursday of Each Month

That is a great start and there is much more in the works as I write this. Keep praying for Highline as we seek God’s will and T.O.U.C.H. lives for Jesus. Invite your friends! This is an exciting place to be loving and serving God together.

More to share next month!

E.O.T. with you,

Pastor Tim

Meet the Beagles!

The World Outreach Committee is hosting a potluck in honor of Jason and Amy Beagle, our missionaries to Africa, on Sunday **December 16th following the 10:40 a.m. service.**



Jason Beagle, son of Ken and Marmie Beagle, and his family have served two years in Kitale, Kenya. They will be returning to Kenya at the end of the year to continue their work with 54 children who have been orphaned, abandoned, or abused. In addition to providing administrative services, Jason and Amy help to nurture and disciple the children and staff, sharing the love and healing power of Jesus. Jason and Amy will be sharing about their work during the Ministry Moment at all three worship services. Please join us in the South Fellowship Hall to greet Jason and Amy and learn more about this wonderful work they are doing for the Lord.

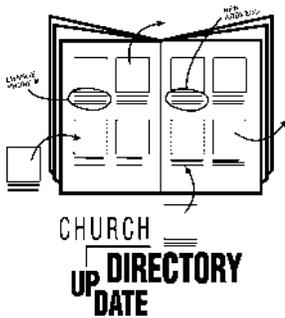
New Staff

Highline has been blessed with an excellent ministerial and administrative staff! With a growing church, comes growing demands on our staff. Many of you have and are assisting our paid staff in many ways and that is a HUGE blessing! THANK YOU for your service in these ways! Through conversations between the Elders and some of our ministerial staff, we discovered a significant portion of their time was being used by “administrative” functions. Consequently the Elders decided to hire two very part-time administrative assistants – actually they were both re-hires.

Barb Bennett was part of the Interim Worship Leader team last year and has been an active participant in many areas of ministry around Highline. She has been re-hired, now as the Administrative Assistant assigned to work with our part-time Associate Pastor (Kurt Bennett). This is an especially mutually beneficial relationship for Highline and the Bennett family. Kurt, Barb, and the Elders are excited to have Barb formally helping Kurt with his ministry!

Teresa Barnes has also been re-hired as the Administrative Assistant assigned to work with our full time Children’s Pastor (Bret Thorson) and our full time Youth Pastor (Chad Schnathorst). Teresa was our Minister of Music until about a year ago. Earlier in her career, she was also our Office Manager. Teresa’s experience with Highline, with Bret & Chad personally, and with the Children’s and Youth ministries makes her an excellent addition in this role.

Please join the Elders in welcoming these two ladies back on staff.



DENA, Sal & Barbara

FREEMAN, Cassandra

KELSEY, Brenda

LUNDIN, April

**Next Newsletter Deadline
December 30**

The Tree Stand is Open!

The stand will be open until the 21st of December. The stand is open Monday – Friday from 3 P.M. – 8:30 PM and on Saturday and Sunday from 12 PM – 8:30PM. We have three types of trees this year-- Douglas Firs \$20-\$25; Grands \$30-\$35; Nobles \$40-\$60. We will also be selling the wreaths for \$20 each. We look forward to seeing you at the tree stand. All proceeds go to Highline Christian Church's Short-term Missions. We still need volunteers to help man the stand. If you can help, please sign-up at the table in the Atrium in the North Building. If you have any questions please contact Jacob Dazey or Wes Willoughby.



Would You Like Envelopes?

Have you considered using offering envelopes for your giving in 2013? Using the envelopes is a way to insure that your giving is recorded correctly by the counters and provides a more accurate statement for your end of the year income tax statements. Our counters strive for accuracy, but using the envelopes is one more check in the record keeping process to insure that your giving is credited properly to your account.

If you are not currently receiving envelopes and would like to have them for the New Year, please call the church office 206-243-4333 or Carol Marshall so we can prepare a box for your use. You will automatically receive new envelopes, so only notify us if you are not currently receiving them.

The new envelopes for 2013 will be put into your Church Family Mailbox before the start of the New Year.



Ballads for the Blind Concert

“Save the Date” for a free “Ballads for the Blind” concert featuring *Breath of Aire* on Friday, February 8, 2013 at 7 P.M. which benefits Tape Ministries NW's ministry of books on tape to the blind and disabled. *Breath of Aire*, a Pacific NW choir with a membership of almost 100 singers, performs for local communities and organizations, helping those who help others. The concert will be held at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 109 SW Normandy Road in Normandy Park, WA. A free will offering will be taken to support Tape Ministries NW.

Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs at Pacific Science Center



There is a group going to visit the King Tut exhibit at Pacific Science Center. Here is your chance! The Seniors will be going to see this last chance viewing of these Egyptian articles December 5. If our group has enough signed up, the cost will only be \$20 per person. If you saw this exhibit when it was here before, you know how interesting it is! If you missed it then, now is said to be the last time this exhibit will be shown in the Seattle area!

There is still time to sign up for this wonderful event. We will plan to leave the church at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday December 5. Return should be before 4:00 P.M..

For more information, contact Steve Moreland.



The Importance of the Outdoor Living Nativity

By Lowell Hall

Highline Christian Church is dedicated to bringing the message of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible. During the Christmas season the church invites anyone who will to come and observe the Outdoor Living Nativity presentation. The Highline Family becomes "participants" in presenting the account of the birth of Jesus the Christ. From the baby to the wise man they are all portrayed by people here at Highline. The animals are "real animals" (which can be petted after a performance).

The written accounts of the birth of Jesus are found in Matthew 1:15-25 and in Luke 1:26 - 56, and 2:1-20. To benefit the most from watching the presentation of the Living Nativity presentation, you may want to read the above noted Bible passages. Some people have the ability to be emotionally involved in what they read. For other people they respond as they see the account unfold before their eyes. Children, youths and adults will all benefit. Come, and also invite your friends and neighbors.

To see and experience the account of Jesus' birth unfold before your very eyes can be a wonderful, emotional, and inspiring experience.

For some people this experience is life changing. For other people, it becomes a time of encouragement and inspiration.

You can experience the joy of Joseph and Mary, the wonder and awe of the shepherds, the harsh rejection by the innkeeper, and the thrill and adoration of the wise men. It will be difficult for anyone to be untouched emotionally and may cause many people to thank God for his great Gift to us. After reading the accounts of Jesus' birth, you can now experience the wonderful event on Friday, December 14th at 7:00, 7:30, & 8:00 pm and Saturday, December 15th at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, & 8 pm.

Christmas is a time of gift giving and also a time of gift receiving. Let Christmas be a time to receive God's gift of His Son into our lives.

At Highline Christian Church you can "hear the rest of the story" at each worship service and during the other church activities.

A Christmas prayer for all of us:

Thank you God for the wonderful gift of your son Jesus Christ. Thank you for His life, His teachings, and His resurrection. Thank you for the written account for your gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Thank you for the sincere dedication of those who brought us this wonderful Outdoor Living Nativity experience. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you, Highline, for your generosity in filling and providing for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. As a congregation, we sent 205 boxes!!

I would encourage you to be on the lookout all year long for items that would bless a child next year. You may find some great sales on items that would keep well or look for seasonal toys (around Easter time there are extra small toys on the market).

This entire week following Thanksgiving, volunteers from around the country are busy at the Distribution Centers inspecting boxes, adding a Bible Storybook in the appropriate language of the recipient, and preparing the boxes to be shipped. At this point, they know which box is going to which country. Please be in prayer for the safety of the boxes as a variety of transportation methods are used, efficient border crossings, timely arrival of the boxes by Christmas, and that just the right child receives just the right box to meet his/her needs!

Samaritan's Purse has also outlined several ways that you can pray for this project throughout the weeks ahead:

Sunday: Pray for the collection and processing of shoe box gifts as we anticipate reaching a milestone this year -- sharing the love of Jesus Christ with over 100 million children since the start of the project in 1993.

Monday: Pray for God to direct each shoe box gift into the hands of just the right child so that each one will experience His unconditional love and provision.

Tuesday: Pray that God will use Operation Christmas Child to bring joy to boys and girls who are facing poverty, sickness, or war.

Wednesday: Pray that the boxes will open doors for children to hear the Good News in parts of the world that are typically closed to proclaiming the Gospel.

Thursday: Pray for the children who enroll in *The Greatest Journey* follow-up discipleship program, that they will come to faith in Jesus and tell their friends and family about the Savior.

Friday: Pray for our National Leadership Team volunteers who work with local churches to distribute shoe boxes and to implement *The Greatest Journey*.

Saturday: Pray for God to provide the wisdom, resources, and volunteers needed to oversee this expanding global outreach to children.



Save the Date!

**Men's Annual Spring Retreat
Friday, March 8
thru
Sunday, March 10**

Prayer Needs and Praises



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

Nevaeh (Marty Dena's granddaughter)--her surgery was successful; Terri (Linda Rome's friend)--had a heart transplant 18 years ago, she is still alive and doing well.

Pray

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

Remember in prayer

Vern and Helen Britton's car window broken and their GPS stolen, pray that a person can be hired to replace Vern so he can retire; Rebecca (Anon.)--healing for her and Hannah and for emotional and physical help; Justin (Anon.'s nephew)--his diabetes numbers are very high and for his mom who has to deal with him and his attitude; Mikala (Anon.)--a 15-year-old who is missing on her way to school; Jim Kemp--has more interviews for employment; Mischa (Bob and Chris Schnathorst's granddaughter)--prayers for her immune system; Rachelle Langhans--pray for her healing marriage, needs help making tough decisions and for her health issues; Jennifer Horn--for her feeling better and the doctors see Margie Sannes, pray for Randy and Ryan that they may believe and see the truth; Janet Holttum--pray for good ultrasound results; Jean (Laura Blakley's niece)--was reported to have shingles and now doctor's aren't sure what it is; Lilly Strand--on new medications, pray there will be no side effects; Vonnie (Anon.'s Mom)--has pneumonia and low blood pressure, also needs healing for her two grandkids with the flu; Terry (Anon.)--to forgive herself and for Nathan to find a

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job; Amanda (Anon.)--good life decisions; Kaylen (Valarie Davies' daughter)--pray she finds a job and for encouragement, Jordyn Olson--needs help in getting in shape to run 30 minutes without stopping, to also help friend Samuel who is having a hard time since his Mom passed away; Amy (Bob and Chris Schnathorst's daughter-in-law)--who is very ill; Bill and Nancy Brown--pray God leads them to go to a drier climate

With Sympathy

Pastor Kurt Bennett and family--death of Kurt's father

Lori Nye and family—death of Lori's mother

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.

Prayer Team Members Needed

Highline provides an opportunity after each worship service to pray with those who have prayer needs. If you would like to participate in this prayer team ministry, please call Dianne Barnes.





Early Childhood News

Dear Families,

Christmas is coming so fast! At this special time of year, I would love to encourage you to take time and enjoy the wonder of the season with your child. Here are some fun activities you can do as a family.

- Take a drive and look at Christmas lights. Talk about shining for Jesus.
- Watch the Living Nativity at church as a family
- Bake and take goodies to your neighbors. Pray for them!
- Look at candy canes! They are the letter "J" for Jesus
- Tell the Nativity Story using a Nativity play set.



Climber's Class

The children will learn that God keeps all his promises. God made a promise to send a Savior! We will learn about the birth of Jesus!

Preschool and Kindergarten Classes

In December the children will be learning about how God prepared the way for Jesus to be born. We will study God's word and learn about the birth of Jesus.

Serving Kids Together,
Katie Taylor

*If you have any concerns or questions please email:
Katie@HighlineChristian.org*

Saturday Service

On Saturday evenings there is care for children 2 and under available. If you are available to commit to serve on Saturday evenings, please call Katie Taylor.

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SHORT TERM MISSIONS

The World Outreach Team of HCC **NEEDS YOUR HELP**. Highline supports lots of different full time missions and missionaries as well as short term mission organizations and short term mission teams based out of HCC. Starting this year the Tree Stand will now be hosted by the World Outreach Team to support all the different short term mission teams going out from Highline.

One of the goals of the World Outreach Team as part of Embracing Our Tomorrow is to spread the passion and involvement of missions throughout the whole church body. One way we seek to accomplish this partnership is through the Tree Stand fundraiser. We have a number of tree sales shifts available and are looking for volunteers to help cover each shift and to share God's love at this special time of year. If you are available please contact Jacob Dazey.



TRU PARENT NIGHT December 6th

I've recently had a few questions about what the Tru Parent Night is and how it differs from Family Nights at Highline. Though both are focused on families, they each have their own purpose. The HCC Family Nights help us come together as a faith community to be intentional about engaging as the body of Christ beyond church service and small groups.

The Tru Parent Nights are about creating a community of parents with children similar in age and using the Tru curriculum. We meet together to inspire, equip and support one another as we seek to join the Spirit in forming faith in our children. For more information please contact Pastor Bret.

OUTDOOR NATIVITY

The time of year for the Outdoor Nativity is here again and along with it an opportunity to for you to share your faith with your neighbors. Please be sure to grab a few flyers and share them as you share God's love around your neighborhood.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT



December 31st
Highline Christian Church
7:30 p.m.-12:00

Come and ring in the New Year with fun, fellowship and family. Watch for more information coming soon!

H.Y.M. CHRONICLES

December Birthdays

Janelle Gibson	1st
Sam Houghtby	5th
Brinston Fader	6th
Jonathan Wilcox	16th
Julian Ennest	20th

Special Thanks

Youth Coaches/Adult Helpers:

Scott & Teresa Barnes, Don Berg, Terry Clark,
David & Tiffany Cowan, Tim & Charlene Crawford,
Les & Holly Fader, Jim & Julie Kemp,
Konrad & Tammie Lindblom, Sharon McCandliss,
Beatriz Schnathorst, Jim & Bonnie Stilts, Chris Terry,
and Cathy Ureste

This Past Month's Teen Team- Students/Helpers:

Anthony A., Thomas H., and
Lucas U.

Youth Programs & Events

-Sunday High School 9th –12 grades
Room 302 10:40 AM — 12:00 PM

-Sunday Middle School 7th—8th grades
Chapel 10:40 AM — 12:00 PM

-Sunday T.L.D.C. 7th—12th grades
Chapel 1 PM— 2 PM

-Sunday Jr. High DRRPG 7th—8th grades
DragonRaid Role Playing Game
Room 302 2:30—4:30 PM
(This team does not meet on 12/23/12 & 12/30/12)

-Sunday Sr. High DRRPG 9th—12th grades
DragonRaid Role Playing Game
Room 302 5—7 PM
(This team does not meet on 12/23/12 & 12/30/12)

Tuesday Jr. & Sr. High DRRPG 7th—12th grades
Room 302 3—5 PM
(This team does not meet on 12/25/12 & 1/1/12)

Youth Programs & Events Continued:

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

Where: The HCC Activity Center

Who: 14 years+, *make an appointment with the instructor to see if you qualify.* Classes are on held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30—8:30 PM.
Cost: \$10 a month + outfit, Call Chad for more info.

Wednesday (7th -12th graders)

Youth Group @ Highline Christian Church

Where: The HCC Activity Center

When: 6 PM – 8 PM

Come join us for friends, fun, worship and teaching.

(There will be no YG on 12/19/12 & 12/26/12.)

12/31/12 All-Church New Year's Eve Game Night

Meet at H.C.C. @ 7:30 PM done by 12 AM. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

Future activities

(Currently on the calendar: This list does not include all YG activities in the coming months.)

1/18-21/13 Jr. & Sr. High Snowblast @ PVCC

2/3/13 Sr. High RCM Sign-Ups/Meeting

3/15-16/13 Jr. High Believe in Portland
(7th & 8th graders)

4/5-6/13 Sr. High Dare 2 Share Conference
(9th – 12th graders)

Any Questions or Concerns?

Please Contact Chad:

Church: 206-243-4333

Cell: 206-353-6300

E-Mail: Chad@highlinechristian.org

Youth News December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Sunday School <i>Sr./Jr. High 10:40 AM</i> <i>T.L.D.C. 1 PM—2 PM</i> <u>Outreach Dinner</u> <u>1:30 PM - 5:30 PM</u>	26	27 <i>DRRPG</i> 2:30—5 PM Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate 6:30—8:30 PM	28 Youth Group 6—8 PM	29 Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate 6:30—8:30 PM	30	1 <u>Janelle G. B-Day</u>
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16 Regular Schedule AM/PM <u>Jonathan W.</u> <u>B-day</u>	17	18 <i>DRRPG</i> 2:30—5 PM Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate 6:30—8:30 PM	19 <i>Christmas Break</i> <u>No Youth Group</u>	20 <i>Christmas Break</i> <i>Karate 6:30-8:30 PM</i> <u>Julian E. B-Day</u>	21 <i>Christmas Break</i>	22
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Seniors Computer Class

All Seniors are invited to join us **THIS** Saturday December 1 from 9 A.M. to Noon in the Great Room—North Building.

Please take a survey from our website: highlinechristian.org under activities, computer survey, so we can figure out what subjects would be most helpful for you.

The Origin of the Christmas Tree



It's difficult to pinpoint when and why Christians first began to use evergreen trees at Christmastime. There are many legends and myths regarding the origin of Christmas trees. For example, the ancient Romans brought greenery into their homes in winter to symbolize life in the midst of bleakness and death.

German Christians in the early part of the 16th century may have been the first to use evergreen trees during Advent and Christmas. Those trees had no candles on them, but were decorated with items of hand: colored paper, gold foil, apples and dolls. German immigrants brought the custom to America around 1700 when they settled in Pennsylvania.

Some scholars say that evergreen trees represent Christ, because they, too, are everlasting. Others say that Christmas trees remind us of salvation which came to us through Christ who died on a "tree." St. Peter wrote: "He [Christ] himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24, RSV).

The forbidden fruit of the tree in the Garden of Eden, when eaten, brought guilt and death. On the other hand, the "tree" on Calvary was the instrument by which God through Christ ushered in salvation, new life and hope. The Christmas tree can remind us of those wonderful gifts.

...And the Lord Added

By Baptism:
April Lundin



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Worship Schedule

Saturdays—6:00 P.M.
Sundays—9:00 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
for all ages;
10:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School &
Base Camp

Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m.—Noon



Chad Schnathorst



Tim Knight



Kurt Bennett



Kyle Wisdom



Bret Thorson



Katie Taylor



Holly Fader



Nancy Metzberg



Barb Bennett



Marsha Louvier



Jane Knight



Joni Krantz



Teresa Barnes

*The staff of Highline Christian Church
wishes you a very Merry Christmas.*

Merry
Christmas



Merry Christmas from Highline's Elders



Scott Barnes



Kurt Bennett



Rob Evans



Les Fader



Bill Gross



Tim Knight



Gregg Louvier



Galen Marcille



Chad Schnathorst



Paul Smith