

*As followers of Jesus,
love God and others in our everyday lives.*



Christmas Services

In celebration of Christ's past, present, and future ruling presence, please join us at the following worship services.

Saturday, December 22

6 PM

This is a family service and there will not be any childcare provided.

Sunday, December 23

9 and 10:40 AM

We will have classes for Birth through 6th grade during both services. No programming for students 7th-12th grade during the 10:40 AM service. No adult classes.

December 24

3 and 5 PM

These are family services and there will not be any childcare provided.

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CHRISTMAS TIME EVENTS

Drive-thru Christmas Story

For ten minutes this Christmas season, you and your family can be transported to Bethlehem while driving through the parking lot at Normandy Christian Church. Scores of volunteers, thousands of lights, and full-size sets bring to life the Nativity Story. You will visit live scenes of angels, shepherds, animals, guests at the inn, wise men, Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus.



December 15-16

6-8:30 PM

Normandy Christian Church
908 S 200th, Des Moines, WA 98198

Men's Christmas Potluck

All men invited to share a festive meal together!

- ➔ December 19th at 6PM in Atrium
- ➔ Bring entree, side dish or dessert to share
- ➔ Drinks will be provided

Seniors (Encore) Ministries — Christmas Lights

On Wednesday evening, December 5th at 6pm, the Highline BUS will tour some beautiful neighborhoods that have Christmas displays. Who knows? Maybe we'll stop for pie and coffee on the way home! Please sign up in the Atrium or on the HUB. If you have questions, contact Steve Moreland.

Christmas Caroling

Old-fashioned, door-to-door Christmas Caroling

When: Sunday, December 16, 6:00 PM

Where: Meet at the Lindblom's house

What: Door-to-door caroling and cookies afterward

Who: Anyone who likes to carol. No choir experience necessary ☺

Contact Tammie Lindblom for more information or further directions.





CHRISTMAS TIME REFLECTIONS AND THOUGHTS

Thoughts on Christmas

By Sarah Schaper

When Mary visited Elizabeth and Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby [Greek=Brephos] leaped in Elizabeth's womb (Luke 1:41). Later the shepherds "found Mary and Joseph and the baby [Brephos] lying in the manger" (Luke 2:16). A baby in the womb is the same thing as a new-born baby, a Brephos.



As soon as Mary knew she was pregnant, she went with haste to visit Elizabeth. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, called Mary "the mother of my Lord." (Luke 1:43). Mary's pre-born child was already the Lord.

Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped Highline Christian fill and collect 580 shoeboxes this year!!!! This was a success because people like you were willing to fold/distribute/fill boxes, donate items, pay for and donate money for shipping, shopping, collect filled boxes, and load boxes into vans. In addition many of you purchased discipleship program on-line to give shoebox recipients the opportunity to further their walk with Christ.



Even though the shoebox collection dates have passed, you can still help! Purchase online *The Greatest Journey*, pray for the volunteers delivering the boxes to over 150 countries, pray for each child to receive the box that God wants them to receive, and begin shopping for next year's boxes.

We are beginning collections now for next year's boxes. For the next 11 months, different items will be collected. This will help people who cannot pack an entire shoebox or who want to purchase all year long. Please bring items to the the South Building Community Room bin designated "Operation Christmas Child." **DECEMBER FOCUS: TOOTHBRUSHES**



Contact Tammie Lindblom with questions about Operation Christmas Child.





WAYS TO GIVE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Audio Book Ministry Invites Support for Wildfire Victims “Close to Home”

Natural disasters happen around the world every day, but they take on new meaning when they involve family and friends. Paradise, California and surrounding small towns of 27,000 residents, are now ghost towns. Many have horrific stories of escape as cars were abandoned on the main road out of town, with flames whipping on both sides of the highway.

This disaster hit one of our own ABM's family members - Georgia Henney - our Operations Assistant. Georgia's son-in-law's (Tim Crawford) family lost everything in the fire. Their car, clothes, and all the things that you and I take for granted, were completely destroyed in the fire. They left the house on the day of the fire running for safety with only their clothes on their backs. Imagine that...?

There is no timetable yet regarding when residents can return, as loss of lives, downed and burning trees, power lines, and burned vehicles are current priorities. Paradise has greatly impacted all walks of life - from disabled and elderly to people who are visually impaired.

We invite you to join us in making a donation of whatever size you can to help Georgia's family walk towards a stable life even though their lives have been rocked by the California fires. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Giving With a “Smile”

For those who like to shop at Amazon, Highline Christian Church is registered as a charitable organization. The link is listed below. Here's how it works:

You shop. Amazon gives. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Just click on the link. Sign in with your regular Amazon account. Choose Highline Christian Church as your charity organization. And Shop. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6016377>

Thank you for supporting the ongoing ministries of Highline Christian Church!





Dear Highline Family,

I have had the privilege to work at Highline Christian Church in various roles for the last 25 years and I am SO thankful! My employment with Highline has given me the opportunity to enjoy flexibility as Scott and I raised our daughters. Now, as we enter the empty nest phase of life, I have decided to pursue other employment and recently was hired on at Wesley Homes in Des Moines. I will be working with their corporate Human Resources team, primarily doing benefits and database administration. One of the best parts of this process is noticing God's handiwork -- I absolutely love how He uses our past experiences in ways we never would have imagined!



Although I will miss the more regular interactions with Highline folks, I will hold you close to my heart and will appreciate all the more any time spent together. I will always enjoy the memory of the very first person I met when I walked in the door at Highline -- my dear sister Holly Fader. And I will always be thankful for my boss (Pastor Tim) who helped me navigate being a working mom.

It is definitely bittersweet to leave behind employment at Highline but I am super thankful that I will still be part of the church family and I look forward to continuing to worship, fellowship, and serve alongside you.

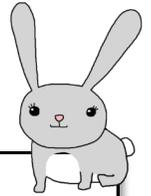
With joy and gratitude,
Teresa Barnes





Preschool Park

Birth through
Kindergarten



Save the date!

*Sunday, December 23rd,
Preschool Park Ministry
presents a walk through
Living Nativity during
Sunday morning classes
for the Preschool
Children.*



PRESCHOOL PARK
HIGHLINE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Living Nativity will be a way for the children to experience the Christmas Story in a hands-on way. If you would like to be a part of this special day, please let Katie know as soon as possible! We will need help with snack, worship, leading crafts, craft preparation, decorations, as well as acting out the main characters.



This time of year it is easy to be distracted by the lights and presents. Take time as a family to focus on Jesus. Look for God working in your community and family. God is showing up and we get to be a part of His Story!





Memory Verse



"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us."

2 CORINTHIANS 1:4



This coming month, so much of what we will be learning is going to be centered on God's faithfulness and his generosity. We will look at big ideas such as God is Kind, God is our provider, God is Generous, and God is comforting. This verse hammers home that because God is kind, generous and comforting, we should be those same things in the lives of the people around us.

LATE NIGHT GAME NIGHT

WHEN: DECEMBER 14TH

TIME: 6:00-9:00 P.M.

WHO: 4TH-6TH GRADERS

WHAT: INVITE FRIENDS FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND GAMES!

This one is for our 1st-3rd grade students! Laser Tag, Capture the flag, Hide n' seek, and Mission Impossible just scratch the surface of fun to be had at this late night game night. This is an amazing opportunity to invite friends to join in on the fun! Parents are more than welcome to come, hang out and see all that goes on.



Table Talk Questions

BELIEVER'S BIRTHMARKS
1 JOHN 5:1-5

Whether it's around the dinner table, on the way to school/practice or in a small group, these questions are designed to get you talking! Don't worry about answering each question, just start the discussion. Share and grow together.

Set Up

- Just for fun: Create a one word story. Make a story by going around the table and have each person add one word at a time. Repeat until the story has a good ending.
- What is something that you feel makes you unique?
- What would it mean for Christians to all have the same birthmarks?

Dig In

- Read 1 John 5:1-5
- What does it mean to be "born of God?" (Vs.1)
- Is it possible to truly love God and not love His people? (Vs.1)
- Is it always easy to love those around us? Why is it important that we try even if it is hard? (Vs.1)
- Vs. 2-3 talk about obedience. Do we have to be perfectly obedient to be God's Children?
- How do God's children have victory over the world? (Vs. 4-5)

Look Ahead

- What is one way that you can show people you are a child of God?
- Share one way that you could use prayer this week. Pray for the person on your right.

Table Talk Questions!

We are trying something new!

Some of you already know this, but every week at Base Camp (10:40 service, Children's Church), we teach a lesson based off of the same passage and Main Idea that Pastor Tim uses in his sermon. We do this to create common ground for the whole family. It is a powerful thing for families to go home having encountered, and wrestled with the same God Truths. To take this principle, and grow its impact, we have started doing something called Table Talk Questions. These are a list of questions designed to get your family talking! Whether it is in the car, around the table, or before bed, this is a tool to help your family share and grow together. There will be some set up questions, some "dig deep" questions, and a couple of questions that help us to look ahead to the coming week. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. The purpose of TTQs is to encourage organic discussion, not to be "just one more thing" to add to your list.

It may be awkward at first, but give it a shot and see how God will move!

Let us know how this works for your family. We want this to be a useful tool, and your feedback will help us get there!

Be looking at the Kid's Ministry check in table for TTQ's each week.

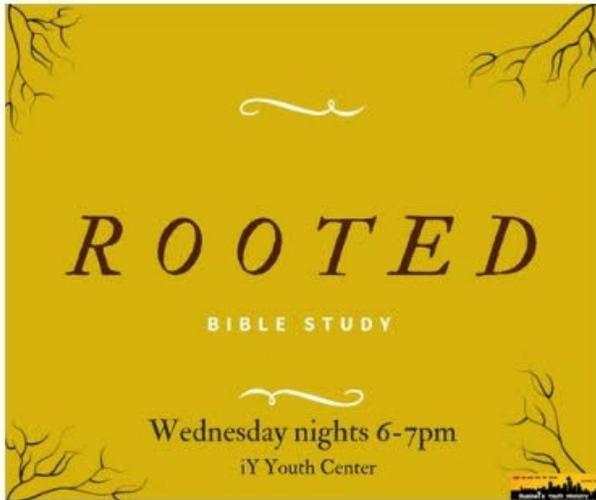
See above an example of TTQs from last month



Light up your city for Christ

Matthew 5:14

illuminate Youth Ministry



QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or you would like more information about our youth program, Please Contact Pastor Steve.

E: Steve@highlinechristian.org
facebook.com/illuminateHCC

WHEN WE MEET

Junior High [6-8]

Sunday Up-Word / 10:40-12:00pm
Sunday Youth Group / 6:00-7:45pm
Wednesday Rooted / 6:00-7:00pm

High School [9-12]

Sunday Up-Word / 10:40-12:00pm
Sunday Youth Group / 6:00-7:45pm
Wednesday Rooted / 6:00-7:00pm

All Classes Meet in the Youth Center



You are the LIGHT of the world... Matthew 5:14



Giving Envelopes for 2019

The giving envelopes for 2019 will be available the weekend of December 29 & 30, 2018 for all those who have been receiving them in 2018. You will be able to pick them up at the Atrium table on that weekend between the services.

If you plan to use online giving this year instead of using the giving envelopes or if you prefer to not use the envelopes, please let me know and I will not issue you a box.

If you would like giving envelopes and are not currently receiving them, please let me know and I will provide them for you. You can email me through the HUB or leave a message on my home phone.



Thanks for your help,

Carol Marshall

Financial Secretary

Sold Out!

**Ladies
Christmas
Dinner**

December 7th
6:30pm -8:30pm

"Hometown Christmas"





FROM OUR DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

This is an opportune time in the year to remind ourselves and families of God's blessing to mankind in the person of Jesus. You have a tool available — Right Now Media — that can help you engage your family in conversations around the person of Jesus. Click on "[Highline Christian Church](#)" under libraries to see current Christmas recommendations.

Not set up? [Click here](#) to register for your free Right Now Media account.

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Thank You and Mahalo

Thank you does not even begin to express how grateful Davi and I are for our Highline family. The Remember and Celebrate weekend was very overwhelming and in many ways we are still taking it in as we process all that happened. The remembrance video was so well done and brought back a lot of memories and has stirred our hearts in different ways each time we have had opportunity to watch it. The blessing of the trip to Maui was extravagant and unexpected. While on the trip we had a wonderful time slowing down and taking in God's creation from sunrises at the top of the volcano, to sunsets on the beach, from swimming in waterfalls to swimming with dolphins. Again, thank you does not even begin to express our gratitude. From full hearts we say "Mahalo!"

Thank you!

Bret and Davi Thorson



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Worship Service Times:

Saturdays—6:00 PM

Sundays—9:00 AM & 10:40 AM

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM-Noon

The church office will be closed

December 25, 26

January 1

**Next
eNewsletter
Deadline:
December 30**



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December Break for Monday Night Prayer Group

Some Monday nights the group "Prayer For the Nation" is taking a break in December. There are three dates the group will not meet. They are December 17, Christmas Eve December 24, and New Years Eve December 31. We will resume praying as a group on January 7.

Proverbs 29:2 says, "*When the righteous increase, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule the people groan.*" Our prayer is that "*people who are called by [God's] name, will humble themselves and pray and seek [God's] face and turn from their wicked ways, then [God] will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.*" II Chronicles 7:14. You are welcome to come join us as we pray for our nation.



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