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Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

Third Saturday Church Work Party

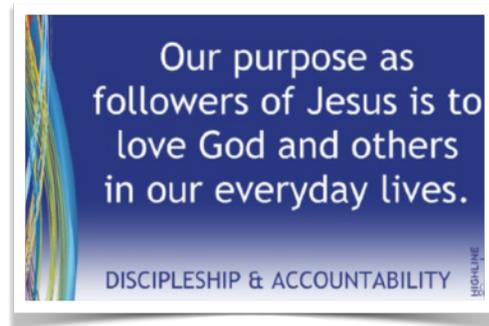
December 19th
8:30-Noon



All are invited to join us for the Third Saturday Work Party. We will be doing general grounds maintenance & fix-its and could use your help. Meet us here in the HCC Parking lot. For any questions, contact Gregg.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, our Prayer Team would like to pray for you. You may enter your request on the APP by tapping on "Connect with Us," through the HUB, or by email at office@highlinechristian.org.



Christmas Tree for Missions

Our annual Christmas Tree Stand opens the day after Thanksgiving. Things may look a little different due to Covid restrictions, however we are still looking forward to sharing God's love of Christmas with each person.



Normally, the proceeds of the tree stand go to support short-term missions and missionaries from Highline. This year the proceeds will go to support our local Christian camp, Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. PVCC has been a part of life transformation for generations of children who have grown up here at Highline. This past year one of our own families took on the position of Camp Manager and we are looking forward to partnering with them for years to come. You can find more information about PVCC at pleasantvalleycamp.org or on FaceBook at www.facebook.com/pleasantvalley64.

To volunteer at the Tree Stand please contact the church office at office@highlinechristian.org to sign up for the two-hour shift of your choice.

Thank you for supporting PVCC and HCC by volunteering at the stand and purchasing your Christmas Trees from us. Have a blessed and merry Christmas.



Christmas Eve Services

The Hope of Christmas

Online at

highlinechristian.online.church

Live-streaming

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Giving Envelopes

Giving Envelopes for 2021 will be available to pick up at the Atrium table the weekend of December 26 & 27th or by contacting the office to make arrangements to pick up for all those who have been receiving them in 2020.



If you plan to use online giving this year instead of using the Giving Envelopes, please let the office or myself 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 you help,
Carol Marshall
Financial Secretary

Legos! Chocolates! Cheese! Plastic Army Men?

Legos. Chocolates. Hairbands. Cheese. Even little plastic military army men! Yes. These all have something in common. Retailers sell “ADVENT” calendars with these items inside. I’m not sure what legos, chocolates, hairbands, and cheese have to do with Jesus coming. In our culture today, advent has simply become a term for “getting small gifts to count down until the day I get the really big gift.” And our culture is not referring to Jesus as the “big gift.” Sadly, we are led to believe advent is merely a countdown to December 25th. Advent is so much more rich and potentially life changing. Let’s take a look at the meaning of advent and ways you can make this rich tradition part of your holiday season.

Christians throughout the world celebrate advent, though it is more emphasized in liturgical churches (Catholics, Anglicans, Episcopalians, Lutherans...). Advent (meaning coming) is a four-week celebration that takes place the four Sundays before Christmas. It also marks the beginning of the church calendar year. Advent ends on Christmas Eve. Many congregations include advent celebrations during their worship services and are included in many homes as well. Advent is celebrated as a reminder of anticipating Christ’s initial coming, Christ’s coming to our everyday lives, and it is also a celebration of Christ’s return yet to be realized. Those who celebrate the advent season are drawn to the person of Jesus, to remember and come to expect his presence past, present, and future.

Check out “Everyday Advent” on [rightnow MEDIA](#) where you’ll be led through 4 six-eight-minute lessons on the four weeks of advent (hope, faith, joy, peace). There’s even a free study guide for those interested in thinking more deeply about the weekly topics. For those who enjoy reading and contemplating art, you might check out “Honest Advent: Awakening to the Wonder of God-With-Us Then, Here, and Now” by Scott Erickson. An internet search on advent can help discover items that might be helpful to have in your home to help make this time more celebratory.

Charlene Crawford

Seeing Community Through a New Lens

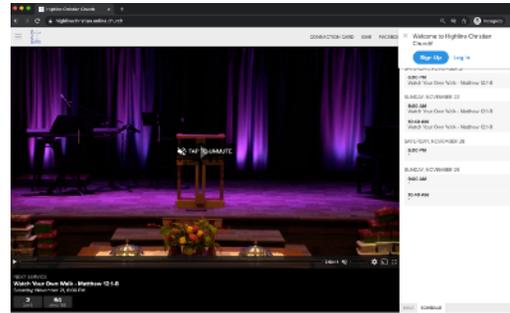
The days, weeks, and months of the Covid-19 pandemic have continued to march on. What many first thought would be an inconvenience for a couple of weeks has become a new norm, or a new reality. This new reality is taking some getting used to, it has pushed many out of their comfort zones and into isolation. The pandemic, like a vise, is squeezing us and is revealing the things inside, both good and bad, and is causing us to seek healing, help, and community.

The church is a community of people, brothers and sisters around the world, but also the local gathering of believers meeting together for worship, prayer, the breaking of bread, and the Word. During the time of Covid the local church, like individuals, has been pushed out of its comfort zone and into the new reality of face masks, social distancing, and occupancy limits. As we have said all along, the church is not closed even if the building has been closed or limited in occupancy. This time of being out of our comfort zone has caused us as church and ministry leaders to grow, learn, and be stretched in what we understand the church gathering and member engagement to look like.

We know there are all sorts of reasons many people are not able to, or have chosen to wait to attend in person services. This time of separation from the faith family and from community is longer than any of us would have imagined and is causing a lot of isolation and loneliness. The prerecorded videos available from our webpage and app have helped, yet the sense of community still feels lacking.

We have good news! Highline's worship services are now available live and online for you to be a part of. We invite you to join us online for church each week at 6:00pm on Saturdays,

and 9:00am and 10:40am on Sundays for our live-streaming services. Direct links to the livestream of our worship services are available on our webpage and app, or you can go directly to www.highlinechristian.online.church to join in.



There are various degrees you can engage as part of the livestream community. The first way to engage in the service is as a viewer. Maybe you've come to the service to participate by singing along and listening to the sermon and you don't really want to be bothered by anything else that may take place, especially in the chat area. I suggest you click into full-screen mode and let the worship space fill your screen as though you were sitting in the middle of the worship center.

A different way of engaging in the livestream community would be to engage in the "Chat" community. One way to not feel alone with your screen is to engage with others and with the sermon via the Chat. When Pastor Tim asks a question, type your answer in the chat box. When something is said which you fully agree with or are moved by, type an "Amen!" in the chat box. When something stands out to you, share it with others and type the quote in the chat box. Others may have been moved by the same word and can then type their "Amen" to the quote you put. The Chat space can be a very enriching space full of sermon notes and quotes as the Spirit leads.

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Holiday Shopping?



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.

[amazonsmile](#)

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

Seeing Community Through a New Lens....(Continued)

A third way to participate in the livestream community is through prayer. Just as the chat box is for public engagement, prayer spaces are private to be able to share prayer requests and to receive prayer. Click the “Request Prayer” button and the hosts will be notified you are requesting prayer and will initiate a private conversation with you for prayer.

A deeper way of engaging in the livestream community is to become a host for one of the services. A host gets to practice hospitality within the online environment. They get to welcome people as they arrive on the page in the chat area. The host has the opportunity to field questions, share exciting moments in the service, respond to prayer requests, and get to know the people who regularly attend the same livestream service each week. If you are interested in becoming a host, please contact Pastor Bret at bret@highlinechristian.org to go through some training to become one of our online service hosts.

It is not our intent for the online community to replace in person community, however in this time of isolation due to the pandemic, we are thanking God for the technology to allow us to provide community through our live-streaming services. Though online church is vastly different than in person church the ability to begin connecting in community again is much the same; bravely step out and say “hello” and the conversation begins. Whatever degree you are willing to engage in the online live-streaming service, we look forward to seeing you there.

May you be blessed as we all gather together in person and online to praise our loving, heavenly Father.

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson

Young Adults

We have been doing really good lately! We meet every Thursday Night at the Church in the Lobby from 8 - 9:15PM! Our group is really enjoying the teaching and the community that gets together and shows support for things that are going on in each others lives.

We have been studying what does it look like for us to connect with God, our families and our enemies in a way that is Godly and pleasing to Him! And we are having a great event the Thursday before Thanksgiving here at the Church for Connect Night!



We are hosting a clothing and food drive as well to give back to our community in an amazing way which is awesome because we want to work with our great Youth ministry to maximize the impact!

We are also taking Thanksgiving week off and the last 3 weeks of December off! Cannot wait for January 6th to be BACK!

Josh Ambrose

Youth Adults

We have been doing very well! In - person at the Church on Wednesday Night for Youth!

Having great worship together and a series called "FaceTime" Looking for ways for us to connect with God and others on a personal level rather just over the social media platforms.

We did had a great event a few weeks ago, a movie night! It was fun with a ton of popcorn and candy! We are hosting a clothing and food drive to give back to our community in an amazing way!



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Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you, Highline, for your generosity in providing the items, money, or full boxes so that

we delivered **511** Operation Christmas Child Boxes this year!! This is a group effort, and even during a pandemic, your generosity was amazing! Not only will 507 children be blessed, but so will their families and their communities!

Thank you, also, for those who purchased *The Greatest Journey* Discipleship program on-line. Statistics show that every 18 seconds, someone chooses to follow Christ as their personal Lord and Savior as a result of Operation Christmas Child boxes or *The Greatest Journey*.

Thank you, as well, for all the helpers that made this effort possible at Highline this year: Bret, Ralph, Len, Debbie, John, Cindy, Andrew, Jaden, Hugo, Stephanie, Julie, Janie, Lynda, Kim, Liesl, Gail, Paul, Preston, Devon, Emily, Abi, Christian, Konrad, Alison, the Youth Group, Josh, and Young Adults. All the help was very appreciated!

For those who like to plan ahead, we will once again (attempt to 😊) collect items on a monthly basis. Please put donated items for next year's boxes in the marked tote of the South Building Community Room. Monetary donations can be given through the Offering by noting on the envelope or memo line "Operation Christmas Child".

January: Socks (there is currently a greater need for boy's socks than girl's)

February: Toys for Girls (ages 2-14) March: Toys for Boys & Soccer Balls

April: Stuffed Animals May: Flashlights with Batteries

June: Toothbrushes July: Wash cloths and bar soap

August: School Supplies September: Cash

October and November: Full Boxes



With Gratitude, Tammie Lindblom, Coordinator

Community Outreach



Like everyone this year, our lives and ministry here at Care Net was been hugely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. We had to temporarily cut programs. Staff volunteered to take pay cuts and be laid off. New programs have been delayed, all to continue to serve our clients.

However, God has been faithful. His grace and goodness have enabled us to continue to reach our communities with hope and healing.

The end of the year is an important time for non-profit ministries like ours.

Today, we embark on our Year-End Campaign. Our goal is to raise **\$300,000** by December 31st, 2020. It is a big number, but we know we serve a bigger God.

We are asking you to be a part of this life-changing work by giving today.

Giving to Care Net is not about giving to a non-profit, but about supporting the women, men, and the families in our communities.

It's about providing women their first introductions to their unborn child through ultrasounds.

It's about providing hope to men as they navigate through fatherhood.

It's about providing love and support to those in pain of their past abortion.

It's about providing a place where our clients can hear and respond to the saving message of the gospel, perhaps for the first time.

Please join us by making your gift by texting **CARENET** to **71777** or clicking the link below.

Thank you for your continued support of this life-sustaining work.

[Give to change a life](#)

World Outreach Update

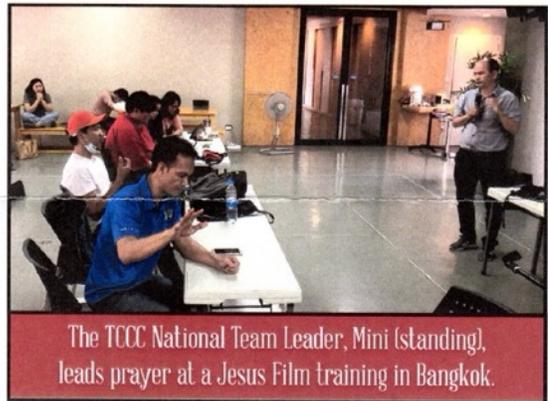


This year has been the Year of the Pivot. Is anyone doing life the way they did in January 2020? We sure aren't.

Normally my (Dan's) schedule would be full of trips to the surrounding countries in Southeast Asia: training nationals to record the *JESUS* film or providing equipment for them to maximize the use of their Gospel tools to reach the lost. But with Thailand's borders still closed, all of my international travel has come to a grinding halt.

Enter Mini, our Thailand Campus Crusade for Christ (TCCC) National Team Leader. Last week, he sat down with my teammate and I to strategize about reaching Thailand for Christ. He reminded us that Thais are very proud of a few things: never being colonized and never being Christianized. In fact, in spite of decades of missionary work in Thailand, still less than 1% of Thais identify as Christians.

But God has given Mini a vision to see that change. "We want to see every church in Thailand have the equipping and training they need to do evangelism and discipleship. And the *JESUS* film is a huge part of making that happen," he said.



The TCCC National Team Leader, Mini (standing), leads prayer at a Jesus Film training in Bangkok.

If this were a normal year, there is a good chance I would not be able to help much. But in the Lord's sovereignty, Mini's vision and excitement lines up perfectly with my inhibited international travel schedule. Being available to come alongside him and his staff has meant that my team and I have helped run several trainings for our TCCC staff and partners—teaching them to use short films and *JESUS* film segments to have Gospel conversations. Dozens of pastors, missionaries and church planters have received training with simple yet effective tools to reach people in their heart language. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and more and more trainings are being scheduled.

And on top of these trainings, Mini has requested that I build hundreds of projector systems to be distributed here in Thailand in the next few years. These systems can be used in homes or outdoor settings, both in the city and in villages where there is no electricity. Mini envisions distributing these to church planters and partners all throughout Thailand, so that people all over the country can hear the Gospel in their own heart language. And because of the closed borders, the Thai economy that depends on tourism has been severely affected. This, however, is actually creating spiritual interest. Mini's take is: the borders are closed, but God is opening doors.

Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the vision and passion of our TCCC staff to reach Thailand with the gospel.
- Praise God that because of closed borders, my team and I are able to focus more on Thailand.
- Pray for the ~99% of Thais who live and die without a knowledge of their Creator.

So, although we are all ready for the craziness of this year to end, we also see what a unique privilege it is to have the capacity and skill set to be able to assist with what God is doing here in Thailand. Thank you for keeping us here with your prayers and giving. We are so glad our family can come alongside our indigenous co-workers to help them reach their country for Christ.



Elliott (left) and teammates after winning their basketball championship

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World Outreach Roots & Wings in Mazatlan, Mexico

Ministry Update
WINTER 2020

CUERPO ROMANO



Prayer Requests

PRAISE

God for His faithfulness in 2020 and all that He allowed us to accomplish this year.

PRAY

for our foster children, their foster families, and parents in treatment.

PRAY

for our growing youth group, and our youth group leaders, Memo, Jose, Xitlali and Nancy.

PRAY

for the continued need for staff; pray for our directors, volunteers, and national staff.

PRAY

for the new year ahead. Pray for God's guidance and direction as we continue to seek His will and purpose for Roots & Wings ministry.

2020 Year in Review

How Roots & Wings made the most of the pandemic—and resulted in an exceptional year!

God's purpose for Roots & Wings has never been felt more clearly than it has in 2020. He placed us here "for such a time as this," and gave Roots & Wings the responsibility to minister to the community, to protect and care for its children, and help restore the families in and around us during one of the most challenging seasons our community has faced since opening our doors. We thank the Lord for his faithfulness in the year 2020!

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

Roots & Wings felt called to be a place where people could find prayer, encouragement and support during a time of so much isolation, uncertainty and fear. More than ever, our families needed us, and each other, and as such, Roots & Wings opened several weekly activities to give families opportunities to worship together, pray for one another, and be in community.



MEETING PHYSICAL NEEDS

The shutdowns left many of our families temporarily out of work and struggling to feed their families. Roots & Wings invited them to join us for breakfast and lunch and our tables filled with family members needing a hot meal. A few parents took on small jobs with us to earn a bit of money, and the children helped assemble food hampers to give to families in the community.



Roots & Wings in Mazatlan, Mexico (Continued)

A message from
Robin & Rochelle



God continues to open opportunities for Roots & Wings to carry out His kingdom purposes. He's placed us exactly where we are because we are in the midst of a battle, a war. How many souls can be spared in the place where we work when we choose to step up to service, even if it involves sacrifice?

We humbly ask God to help us put His purpose and will for Roots & Wings ahead of our own, as well as the courage to live out the calling He has placed on our lives.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers and choosing to join us in carrying out this work. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

With churches closed, Roots & Wings felt an even greater burden to be a place where families could come to hear the Good News of the Gospel. A weekly youth group, prayer meeting, marriage class, and children's church service were opened to the entire community, and now have permanent places on our schedule, so that families can invite their friends to hear the Word.



REHAB MINISTRIES

In 2020, God opened the doors for Roots & Wings to minister to hundreds of addicts in recovery. We continue to support parents of children in the program with their rehabilitation process, and we send a team to minister to four different addiction treatment centers in our city. Our Celebrate Recovery group onsite is also going strong!



REACHING OUTSIDE OUR WALLS

One of the most effective ways to help families experience hope and gratitude is through serving others. Many parents are now serving within Roots & Wings, helping with childcare after hours for parents that are taking evening courses. They are also serving at a women's addiction treatment center, where they minister to the women through Bible study, prayer, games, or treating them to a special snack or meal.



Second Families: Fostering to Restoration

The more we began working with addicts and treatment centers, the more we were confronted with the giant need for temporary foster homes for children of mothers in recovery.

While they are in the rehabilitation process, children of addicts often end up abandoned, institutionalized, or living in rehab centers with their parent. All of these options pose serious risks to the child's safety and healthy development. Thus, Roots & Wings foster care program was born: a program that provides trained foster families for the children of addicts in recovery.

Ultimately, our goal is to see families healed and restored, and so far this year, we have provided foster care for over a dozen children and been a part of 3 family reunifications!

Are You Struggling?

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those



experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation and more.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

If you would like to receive a Stephen Minister or would like more information regarding Stephen Ministry please contact the church office by [email](#) or phone, 206-243-4333.

Sunday, December 27th HCC Outreach Dinner Transform Burien



Serve a meal and provide food and clothing services to those in need in our community.

The 4th Sunday of each month:

2:30 to 3:30 PM - Set Up and Serve

3:30 to 5:00 PM - Serve

4:45 to 5:45 PM - Clean Up

Opportunities:

Set Up

Kitchen-Cook/Prep

Meal Server

Food Bank

Clothing Bank

Hall Monitor

Prayer and Conversation with Attendees

Clean Up

Location:

Sunnydale School

15623 Des Moines Memorial Drive S

Burien WA

Contact

Don Berg

206-243-4333



Long time member Jane Randall passed away in November.

Former Highline Christian Church member, Pat Moak, passed away on November 10, 2020. Please keep her husband Bill and son Brent in your prayers at this difficult time.

Worship Service Times

Saturdays - **6:00**pm
Sundays - **9:00**am, **10:40**am & **12**pm.
Adult & Student Ministries are available at 9 & 10:40am.

Contact Us

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Office Hours

Due to COVID 19 our office is temporarily closed. Emails and messages are checked on a regular basis. Please leave a message and Kim will contact you in a timely manner.

Next eNewsletter Deadline

December 20, 2020 by noon

A Prayer: As I put on my mask

As I prepare to go into the world,
Help me see the sacrament
In wearing of this cloth -
Let it be "an outward sign of an inward grace" -
A tangible and visible way of living
Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ

Since my lips will be covered,
Uncover my heart,
That people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
Help me speak clearly,
Not only with my words,
But with my actions.

Holy Sprit,

As the elastic touches my ears,
Remind my to listen carefully -
And full of care - to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner,
And each breath that it holds,
Be filled with your love.
In your name and
In the name of love
I pray.
May it be so. May it be so.

Ursuline Sisters of Chatham, PA
Submitted by Charlene Crawford

2020-2021 Elders



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