

# *The Highline Connection*

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

*February 2006*

## Girls Got Game?



## Players Wanted!

Women's Ministries Presents:

Game Night: A Winter Social Event!

Date: Friday, February 17, 2006

Time: 6:30 – 10:00 P.M.

Place: Highline Chapel

Price: FREE! (Please pre-register so we know how many to expect!)

A finger food potluck with beverages provided by the Women's Ministry Team.

Pre-register in the Fellowship Hall  
After all three services February 5 & 12.

Invite your friends and come for an evening of fun, laughter, and play!

## Power to Win Super Bowl XL Party Sunday, February 5!

Seattle Seahawks vs Pittsburgh Steelers

Highline Christian Church Fellowship Hall

Kick-off at 3:30 P.M.

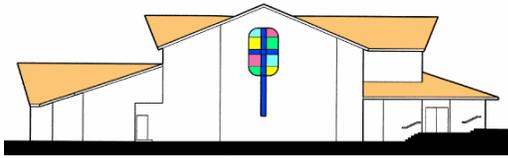
Invite a Friend — Everyone Welcome!

Bring A Snack to Share!

**\*Special Halftime Video Featuring  
Testimony of Colts Coach Tony Dungy!\***

Sponsored by Highline Christian Church  
Men's Ministry





## Building To Touch Lives

There Is Just “Something”  
About A New Church Building....

By Joy Henley

***Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.*** Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

Everyone is talking about Highline Christian Church! Have you noticed how the community seems to be “embracing” the new sanctuary? People who have no connection to Highline are intrigued with the day-to-day development. They are literally following the construction progress! Step-by-step. Day-by-day. On some days, they update *me* about the latest changes.

I have found myself in many community settings and places- i.e. grocery stores, conducting an interview, etc. with people asking me specifics about the new sanctuary. “What is the one part of the building that faces 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue?” “Where will the entrance be?” One person gleefully entered my office and announced to everyone, “I can’t believe how fast your church is being built. I just drove by the other day and saw it....now today it looks totally different!” People who have no affiliation with Highline Christian Church have already approached me with hope that in the future, perhaps a community ecumenical service or musical concert can be held in the new sanctuary!

Is it just me or have others driven by the construction site and seen the same workers at 6:30 P.M. that were there on the way to work at 8:30 A.M? One Sunday evening I drove by and saw workers in the pouring rain. These workers are the epitome of commitment and dedication. Their efforts and accomplishments echo a loud voice. Their hard work conveys the nurturing we provide for our church and our love for our Heavenly Father. Mere words could never express our devotion in such a clear way.

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Upon leaving worship one recent Sunday, I observed several people peering at the construction. An older gentleman approached me, simply motioned to a section and proudly exclaimed, “That is where I worked the other day.” The structure projects such a majestic presence- it is in some ways a “conversation piece,” and in others, validation of our dreams and faith. Just marvel at that construction...and celebrate each step closer to our goal!

I sometimes feel that the community is “on the outside looking in.” You know what I think some of the onlookers *really* want? They just want an invitation, an extended hand, or a “welcome mat.” When someone asks questions about our new church, invite them to “Work Day.” Encourage them to get closer! Direct them to the church website so they can see the progress in pictures. We do not have to wait until the new sanctuary is completed and everything is perfect to touch lives. Let your own enthusiasm overflow ... I promise that it will be “contagious!”

There truly is just “something” about a new church. What is it? The beauty is that we don’t exactly know! It represents “something” different for each of us. Whatever surfaces in us, we know we are growing closer to God’s love. SO, it’s ok to be a “look-e-loo!” It is not necessary to simply stand on the outside of a construction site, or peer through wood. Invite others to join our flurry of excitement, learn more... and come a little closer!



Are you someone who loves to plan events? Do you have a flair for decorating? Would you like to work with brides as they plan their weddings and receptions? The Highline Christian Church is looking for women who would like to be involved in a bridal ministry. If you are interested but have questions, please contact Kathy Bledsoe, head of the Women's Ministry Team.

## That The World May Know

A series of video and Bible studies by Ray Vander Laan will be offered on Sunday Evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. (plus or minus - to coordinate with those with youth in their programs) beginning in February. The class is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Bible and strengthening their faith through the coordination of Bible study, archaeology presentation and discussion. We will be viewing and studying on "Faith Lessons on the Promised Land."

February's Schedule of Presentations:

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| February 5  | Standing At The Crossroads: From the ruins of Gezer, why did God place Israel where it is? |
| February 12 | Wet Feet: Crossing the Jordan River and entering the Promised Land.                        |
| February 19 | First Fruits: The taking of Jericho and its meaning.                                       |
| February 26 | Confronting Evil: The culture Samson was born into.  |
| March 5     | Iron of Culture: David and Goliath in the setting of technology and Israel's struggle.     |

Each lesson is designed to be stand-alone, so you can miss some, take only the ones you find interesting, etc. without losing any lesson value.

In all there are five series Ray Vander Laan has produced through the encouragement of Focus on the Family, who discovered him giving tours in Israel and felt that his unique presentation style and incredible knowledge of Israel's history would be of value to Christians at all levels of knowledge, age and experience.

Hope you can come and share in the excitement of seeing our Bible presented in a new and interesting manner.

## Need a College Scholarship?

Are you planning to attend a Christian college next year? You may be eligible to apply for a tuition scholarship from the World Outreach Team at Highline Christian Church



Requirements:

1. Active member of Highline Christian Church
2. Acceptance to an approved Christian college
3. Cumulative 3.0 GPA for prior education (high school or college)
4. Must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA while receiving scholarship

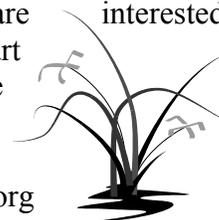
Completed application DUE by April 15, 2006 (late applications will not be accepted).

Applications/questions? See Donna Davis.

## Green Thumbs Needed

Are you a "green thumb" or do you like working with plants? We need a team of people to start working to purchase and place in the ground plants that will go around the new parking lot. The architectural plans specify what kind of plants are needed and where they go. Now is the time to start getting them in the ground so they have time to settle in before spring. If you are interested in helping with this mandatory part of the construction project, please contact Scott Barnes, or send an e-mail to:

[buildingteam@highlinechristian.org](mailto:buildingteam@highlinechristian.org)



## Can You Help?

There will be a kitchen cleaning on February 25 starting at 9 A.M. Please call Marilyn Schroeder if you can help. We especially need some willing young adults to help with the high areas.



## Prayer Circle

### *Praise God*

Exodus 15:2 “The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation. He is my God and I will praise Him.”

### *Praise our Lord for*

Praise for all the people who are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

### *Pray*

Psalms 63:1 “O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You, my body longs for You in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

### *Remember in prayer*

Pat Sloan’s Mother—at home with Hospice; Jason (Jill Rowley’s friend)—broke his neck; Peggy (Tom Barnes’ cousin)—bladder cancer; Nancy Brown—trouble breathing; Paula James has Epstein Barr virus and possible Chronic Fatigue Syndrome; Kenny (Paula James’ brother)—may have throat cancer; Mike (Dave Weeks’ brother-in-law)—has perforated colon; Gerald James may have Rheumatoid Arthritis; Ron Finlay, Jr.—concern in conversing with friend; Dan Johnson (Irina Check’s friend)—head on car collision; Robert (Laura Blakley’s grandson)—throat cancer; Deanna Kelley (Karen Standley’s aunt and Kathy Crowley’s sister)—having an angioplasty; Joyce Noonan that her house will sell soon; Mike (Joyce Noonan’s son)—hopes he finds housing.

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.

## Are you a Burien Elks Member?

The Banquet Committee for the next phase of our building campaign is looking for someone who attends Highline Christian who is a member of the Burien Elks. If you are a member or know someone who is, please contact Kathy Bledsoe.

## Michelle Parker is Leaving To Serve In Chile

I am leaving on Monday January 30 to return to Maipu, Chile. I will meet up with the Kallestad family where they are serving in numerous churches and schools they have helped plant around the surrounding Santiago area. I will return in six months on August 2. I will be doing numerous ministries while serving with the Kallestad family including serving in a summer youth outreach program at the San Luis church, helping with children's ministries, construction, translating and helping U.S. teams who come to serve, music and dramas, and much more. I hope to get a great tan and come back speaking fluent Spanish! I know God will use me to touch many people's lives while in Chile, and many seeds will be planted. Who knows? Maybe I'll be able to witness someone coming to Christ through one of the ministries! Please keep my mission in your prayers as I start this journey. Specific prayer requests include:

- ◆ For God to prepare the hearts of those who I will come in contact with.
- ◆ For the unsaved in Chile to be saved.
- ◆ For the people of Chile who claim to be Christians (or Catholics) but have no true relationship with Christ to be able to start a personal relationship with Him and experience His deep love.
- ◆ For many opportunities to share my faith with others
- ◆ Boldness and obedience to God's will
- ◆ Good health and safety
- ◆ Joy, peace and endurance

Please visit my website to contact me while in Chile at:

[www.michelleinchile.blogspot.com](http://www.michelleinchile.blogspot.com)

Thank you to the entire congregation and those who have supported me! God bless you. Verte cuando vuelvo!





## And the Lord Added

We rejoiced as the Lord added the following people to Highline:

### BY TRANSFER:

April Bahnsen

Paul & Sandy Hewett

Rachel Maruska

Lucille Potter

Tamara Sikes

Ken & Judymae Tanttari

## Church Family Updates



Jenny Feuling

Oren McGonigal

Mike & Karen Milbrandt

Richie & Katie Taylor

Gene Wooster

**They are married!!**  
Marc & Linda (Foster) Roush

## Have you taken the class yet?

If you're a **long-time member**, a **recent member**, or **just considering joining Highline**, and want to know more about Highline and what it means to be a member, we have a class for you. Sign up **today** for:

### TOUCH 1

Next class Saturday, February 4, 2006

9:00 A.M.– Noon (Lunch provided)

Come and find out what it means to be a part of God's family at Highline. Please contact the office at 206-243-4333 if you are planning to attend. If you should need childcare please let the office know when you sign-up.

## Sports Ministry Update



The winter sports season is in full swing with four teams spread around South King County.

1. There is a **co-ed soccer team** playing at the Starfire indoor sports arena in Tukwila on Tuesday evenings (they are still looking for more female participants).
2. Also on Tuesday evenings is **co-ed no-spike volleyball** at the Tukwila Community Center.
3. Playing at the Renton Community Center on Tuesday evenings is the **men's basketball team**.
4. We also have a group of hardcore **volleyball** players playing in the **spike league** on Wednesday evenings at the Renton Community Center.

Schedules for these teams are posted on the sports ministry board in the hallway by the bathrooms and in the bulletin on the "This Week" page.

Our **sports teams have multiple objectives** in each of these leagues. Number one is to honor God. Number two is to protect Highline Christian Church's reputation. Number three is to encourage all participants. Lastly, we play to win. Playing in non-church leagues can make these objectives difficult to maintain. Please remember us in your prayers that we may adhere to these goals and that our players may remain injury free.

I am looking for special people to **help organize upcoming events**. Anyone who would like to organize the popular bowling tournament or fall golf tournament please contact Clint Kelly (mailbox #79).

Now is also the time to start thinking about **softball**. League play will begin April 24<sup>th</sup>. If interested, contact Mike Dettling or Bill Bird. We are limited to a maximum number of players on the roster. Please, respond as soon as possible. Once we start to experience drier weather, we will start throwing and hitting balls around on Sundays after church.

## For Women!

This is a chance for the ladies of the congregation to get together for



fellowship and conditioning. Debbie Osborne is working up routines that will involve strength training and cardiovascular activities. There is no cost to join. Apparatus to be used will be hand weights and stability balls. There will be some aerobic exercise involved, also. Debbie can furnish some apparatus if you are unable to bring any. This class will begin once we have enough participants. Sign up sheets are posted on the sports ministry board and on the women's ministry board located on the North wall of the Fellowship Hall close to the kitchen doors. Questions may be directed to Debbie (mailbox #239) or Clint Kelly.

## Mid-Week Painters Needed

The new building construction team has an important task coming up starting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The project is to paint some large steel brackets. After they are painted, the construction crew can begin installing them. They play a vital role in the construction because they hold together the beams that are the foundation for the roof system.



We can't have 20 people show up on one day, however, to do the painting. We need four people each day of the week for 1-2 weeks.

If you're available on a weekday between Feb 6 and 17 and are willing to help with this project, please contact Randy Nye by sending an e-mail to [buildingteam@highlinechristian.org](mailto:buildingteam@highlinechristian.org) or if you don't have e-mail call Randy.

## Look Who's Having a Birthday in February

1. Shawna Leahy
2. Melody Heath  
Paul Smith
3. Jacob Benedict  
Helen McKeegan
5. Kathy Crowley
6. Jena Krantz  
Nancy Metzenberg
7. Kelley Breon
8. Chuck Perry
10. Taylor Hutchens  
Taylor Hutsell
12. Amanda Davis  
Lisa Davis  
Verniece Struzik
13. Molly Fontejon  
Robert Gallardo  
Tammie Lindblom  
Phil Ronco
14. Yvonne Eckman  
Bill Gross
18. John Check
19. Kyle Gibson  
Lynda Nech  
Michael Swanson
20. Joey Taylor
21. Laura Blakley  
Dick Woodward
22. Bonnie Warner



23. Palmer Russell
24. Madeline Nielsen  
Patty Patterson  
Jonathan Swanson
25. Ty Bandy  
Vicki Chow  
Pam Gallardo  
Tina Hurrell  
Mark Knight  
Nancy Sumner
26. John Davis
27. Roberta Smith  
Jane Young

### Two New Boys!



We would like to welcome Bronson Markus Vaden who was born on December 16, 2005 at 2:58 A.M. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches long. His parents are Gavin & Angie and he has a big brother Silas and a big sister Ravenna. Welcome to Highline Bronson!

We would also like to welcome Josiah Alan Stuns who was born on December 14, 2005 at 12:29 P.M. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. His parents are Robert & Ceara Stuns, and his grandmother is Susie Stuns.



### USHERS NEEDED

Because the Lord is bringing many people to worship, there is a great need for more of our church body to help seat people. If you could be part of a rotating schedule the first 10-15 minutes of the 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service, please contact Tom Barnes.

# HIGHER GROUND KIDS SPOT

**The Amazing R.A.C.E.  
Winter Retreat**

## SUMMIT SEEKERS

4th - 6th Graders

**Who: Summit Seekers and friends**

**What: A winter retreat**

**When: February 17-20**

**Where: PVCC**

**Why: A time of growing by  
Running After Christ's Example**

**What's it cost: \$65**

**Where do I sign up: Registration  
forms on the back, at the check-  
in counter, and on the web**



## TRAIL TREKKERS

1st - 3rd Graders



Are you ready for a totally tubular time? Get ready to go and play in the snow at the Snoqualmie tubing center.

Permission forms now available. Space is limited, so turn your form in early.

**Totally Tubular Time**

**February 21**

**11:00 - 5:30**

**Sign up today!!!**

# The Amazing R.A.C.E. Junior Retreat Registration Form Pleasant Valley Christian Camp February 17-20, 2006

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

### Liability Release Form

Parent/Guardian of Camper, you must complete and sign this form. Please read the release carefully: This application is made with my approval. I shall indemnify and hold harmless Puget Sound Christian Service Camp (also known as Pleasant Valley Christian Camp) and any and all of its personnel of any and all claims of any nature and manner over and above the insurance included in the registration fee, but not limited to the same. **I grant my permission for emergency medical treatment deemed necessary by the camp management and attending physician.**

### Photo Use Permission

Yes, I give permission to Pleasant Valley Christian Camp to use appropriate pictures of my child from this event for the PVCC brochures and the website located at [pleasantvalleycamp.org](http://pleasantvalleycamp.org).

No, I do not give permission for Pleasant Valley Christian Camp to use photos of my child on brochures or the web page.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company (Camp is secondary insurer) \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate/emergency phone \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please call the camp office at 1-800-789-9841.

# H.Y.M. CHRONICLES

## January Birthdays

Sam R. 10th  
Kevin G. 21st  
Beatriz. 27th

## Youth Programs & Events

**-Sr. High Gals Sunday School** Room 302  
11th — 12th grades Chris & Dixie Check  
Sundays 9:30 — 10:40 am

**-Sr. High Guys Sunday School** Room 301  
11th — 12th grades Jesse Curlee  
Sundays 9:30 — 10:40 am

**-Mid. High Gals Sunday School** Room 303  
9th — 10th grades Carlie C. & Beatriz S.  
Sundays 11:00 am — 12:15 pm

**-Mid. High Guys Sunday School** Room 301  
9th — 10th grades Don Berg  
Sundays 11:00 am — 12:15 pm

**-Mid. High Guys Sunday School** Chad's Ofc  
9th — 10th grades Chad Schnathorst  
Sundays 11:00 am — 12:15 pm

**-Jr. High Sunday School** Room 302  
7th - 8th grades Jeff & Melody S, Laura S.  
Sundays 11:00 am — 12:15 pm

**-Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group** Room 302  
Sundays 6 — 7:30 pm

**-DragonRaid Teams** Various Rooms  
Wed & Thurs. 3:30-5:30 PM & 6:30-8:30PM  
(See Chad Schnathorst or Jeff Strahan for details)

## Special Thanks to:

**Youth Worship Team:** Mark K.  
Josh E., Ben F., Brittany F.,  
Nathan H., Ryan K.,  
Kelsey L., Audra P., Preston P.

**-Sunday School Teachers:** Chris & Dixie Check,  
Jeff and Melody Strahan, Irina Check, Don Berg,  
Jesse Curlee, Carlie Curlee, Beatriz Schnathorst

## Special Events:

**1/14 All Youth Group Work Party:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>  
grade students. Come and help with the new  
building construction. Meet @ HCC 8 am, done  
by 2 pm, (or as long as you can stay.) Lunch is  
provided.

**1/20 All-Nighter/Broom Hockey:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>  
grades. Meet at HCC 8 pm. We will leave the  
church to drop student off at home at 6 am on  
1/21. 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, 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.

**2/3—2/5 Winter Retreat @ PVCC** 7th—12th  
graders. Cost :\$60 Partial scholarships available  
for regular HCC youth group members.  
Information flyer on Youth News Board  
(between youth classrooms on 3rd floor.)

## You can Help Us

### *Albertson's Community Partners Card*

If you shop at Albertson's and haven't  
picked up your *Community Partners Card*  
(for HCC) and would like one, please ask a  
greeter, check mailbox #1 or see/call  
Chad. Up to 5% of your purchase can go  
towards HCC Youth Activities, at no extra  
cost to you. **Update:** If you currently have a  
card, on your next visit simply hand your  
Community Partners card to the checker  
along with your **Preferred Savings card**  
and the two will be automatically linked.  
You will only have to use your *Preferred  
Savings Card* from then on.  
*This program has been going very well,  
Thanks to all of you that participate!*

## Any Questions or Concerns?

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