

Our purpose as followers of Jesus  
is to love God and others in our everyday lives.  
*Discipleship & Accountability*

## STRONG IN THE LORD®

### HCC Spring Men's Retreat

**Theme:** Strong in the Lord ~  
God is my Strength and Power

**Speaker:** Dr. John Leffler

**Dates:** Thursday evening thru Saturday  
afternoon  
February 28 - March 2

**Location:** Camp Lakeview on Five Mile  
Lake, Federal Way.

Registration forms available during February at  
table in the Atrium, HCC App or through the  
HUB. See Tim Crawford or Shane Easterling  
for more information.

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## Thoughts of Love

**Bret Thorson, Discipleship Pastor**

February is here, and with it a month in the middle of winter we often seek to warm with thoughts of love. Soon there will be red balloons, cards, cookies, heart shapes, stuffed animals and more all around seeking to sell love. Biblically, there are different words used for different kinds of love, and it is a good study to learn the different words, when, where, and how often they are used. It is also true that the triune God is the definition of see 1 John 4:7-13. God as the definition of love can also be seen in 1 Corinthians 13. This is a common passage about love, often used in weddings, as well as to challenge believers how they should love. Because God is love, we can also re-read 1 Corinthians 13, and replace love with God to help us have a better understanding of God and His love for us possibly even affecting our narrative beliefs about God.



**God** is patient and kind; **God** does not envy or boast; **God** is not arrogant or rude. **God** does not insist on His own way; **God** is not irritable or resentful; **God** does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. **God** bears all things, **God** believes all things, **God** hopes all things, **God** endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Now this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, 1 John 4:10, God loves us first. God always loves us first. Before God spoke a word in creation, He already knew us, loved us completely, and had a plan in place to reconcile us back into relationship with Himself. In the midst of our sin God loves us and died for us. In the morning before we wake up, God is there loving us. Before we take our first bite, God is loving us and providing food for us. Before we make our way to work, God is there loving us and opening opportunities for us to share His love with others. God loves us first, God loves us completely, God loves us always, God wants, wills, and acts for our best in each and every circumstance.

Before we begin to explore how we are to love others, which is to want, will, and act for the best of others to the extent of our ability, it is good to rest in the love of the God who loves us first. Set aside time this month to slowly read through the Gospel of John through the lens of God's loving us first. Maybe in the spirit of all the red balloons this month, you could put a little red mark next to each loving act of God through the gospel.

This month may you greater fall in love with the God who loves you first, always, sacrificially, and completely.

Moment by moment with Jesus,

Bret Thorson





## Northwest Christian Women's Conference

The Northwest Christian Women's Conference will be held at Warm Beach Conference Center on April 26-28. The theme is "Fearless" and the workshops look like they have great variety, yet pulling everything back to the theme of living without fear. Our speaker will be a returning speaker to the Conference, Shelly Larson. This is a great weekend to draw closer to the women of Highline and yet worship and learn with women from all over Western Washington. Registration materials should be mailed to you within a week or so if you have attended the conference within the past three years. If you are new to attending or don't receive your packet in the mail, please contact Tammie Lindblom or watch for sign-up information in the Atrium.





## Welcome to Our New Office Manager

It's taken almost a year to fill in the office manager position that was held by Jane Knight for over 20 years. We're so thrilled to welcome Kim Allen to the church staff team. She started as our office manager at the beginning of January. Kim comes to us from a local chiropractic clinic where she managed the office for over twenty years.

Thanks to Teresa Barnes, Charlene Crawford, Myah Vinther, Katy Mosier, and Jennifer Taylor for covering the office duties in the interim.



*Teresa, Kim, Charlene*

## Encore (Seniors') Fun & Frivolous Potluck

February 6, 2019

11:30 AM—2:00 PM

North Building—Atrium

Bring your favorite dish. Be prepared to have fun and fellowship.

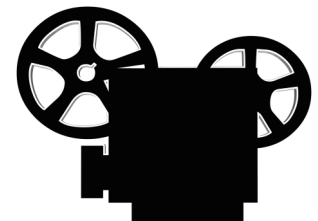


## Every Pop Can Counts!

As a fundraiser in support of missions such as Transform Burien Resource Center and Bread of Life Downtown Seattle Mission, we are collecting aluminum cans for recycling. Collection bins are located in the South Building Community Room and are picked up regularly. Any questions? Contact Mary or Alice Webb.

## Shoemaker Circle

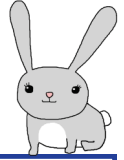
Shoemaker Circle will meet Wednesday, February 20 at 10:30 AM in the South Building Lodge for a short meeting and then to see a one-hour movie, and lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided, so bring a sandwich and a scripture, and enjoy the no-host fellowship. Questions? Call Mary or Alice Webb.





# Preschool Park

Birth through  
Kindergarten



**H**ave you considered recently the impact of your words? For better or worse, children listen and hear what we say, internalize the meaning, and form an identity narrative based on what they hear. Even the tone of our words are important. Parents, family members, Sunday school teachers, and peers all contribute to the stories we tell ourselves about who we are. I'm humbled by the below story shared with us by one of our congregation members.

*"He lay crying on the floor—this three-year-old boy — dropped off for the first time at church by his mother. Then a four-year-old came in, saw him, and went and lay down beside him, patting his back, and speaking softly. 'She'll be back. She'll be back.' Compassionate understanding for a four-year-old. Words do matter!"*

Thank you for all you say in the midst of small children to offer encouragement, support, and love to the littlest in God's kingdom.

Charlene Crawford

P.S. Stay tuned for Easter Sunday Preschool Park activities.



**Current Remember Verse**

***"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced."***

***(1 Chronicles 16:11-12)***





## Upcoming Events

### Kids Winter Retreat 2019

Hey campers and parents!

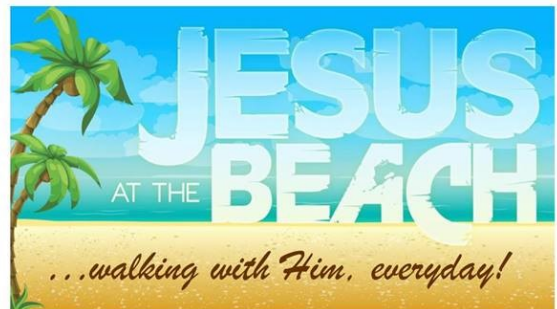
Join our mid-winter beach party as we join Jesus at the beach as He calls disciples, tells stories, freaks them out by walking on water past their boat, and leaves instructions for them to carry on His ministry. We're planning a luau and some fun, surfer dude type of games so, if you have one, bring your Hawaiian shirt, and come join us at camp where the Son shines! The worship will be amazing, the response stations touching, and the food yummy; you won't want to miss this weekend. Brought to you by the Kids Retreat planning team of MBTAC&N\*, and the coolest counselors around.

Your 4th through 6th grader will love it! See you there!

Check in begins Friday at 8:30pm  
[note: we know it's late, but it'll save you a lot of sitting in traffic...really...]  
Check out is Monday at 2:00pm

\*Mike Hobby (Life Point Church), Brian Heninger (NW Church), Tyler Mosier (Highline Christian Church), Adam & Christina Lindner (High Pointe Church), and Nancy Waner (Normandy Christian Church)

### 2019 Kids Winter Retreat Feb 15-18



**It's a mid-winter beach party  
For 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders  
at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp**

**register online at [pleasantvalleycamp.org](http://pleasantvalleycamp.org)**

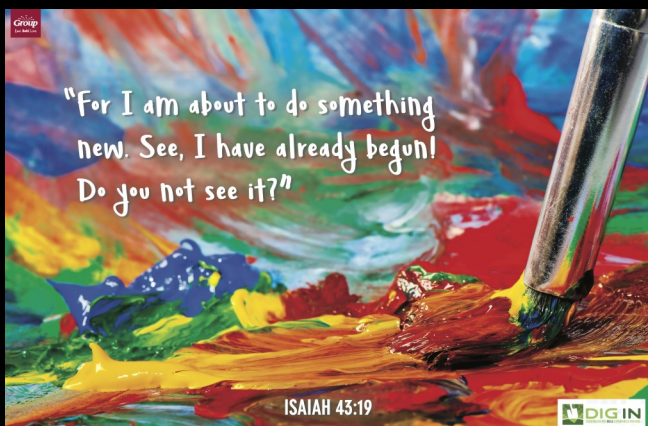
**\$99 early bird rate**

**\$129 after 1/15/2019**

**For more info, see Pastor Tyler**

Sign-ups are still live at at [www.pleasantvalleycamp.org/kwr](http://www.pleasantvalleycamp.org/kwr). Scholarships are available. If needed, call or text Pastor Tyler. We will have a bus heading up to camp from the church building on the 15th. We will meet at the church building at 6:00 PM and be on the road by 6:30 PM. The bus will also bring our students back on the 18th.

## This Month's Memory Verse



Check out this month's memory verse and see if you can have it memorized by Sunday! This verse is perfect for us to be focusing on as our Sunday school classes get ready to dig into the ministry of Jesus.



Light up your city for Christ

Matthew 5:14

# illuminate Youth Ministry



## 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]

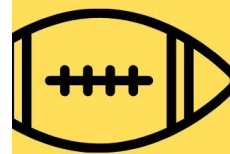
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*All Classes Meet in the Youth Center*

## QUESTIONS

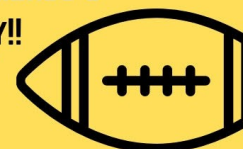
If you have any questions or you would like more information about our youth program, Please Contact Pastor Steve.

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WATCH THE SUPERBOWL  
WITH YOUR FRIENDS &  
FAMILY!!**



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



## Operation Christmas Child

We will be collecting individual items for Operation Christmas Child all year long! For those who love to fill shoeboxes, you are more than welcome to donate monthly individual items **and** fill a shoebox next fall if you wish. The monthly donations allow for people donating who cannot fill a whole shoebox or for anyone who wants to shop year-round and send the donations so as not to have to keep track of them. Highline will still encourage and collect complete boxes next October/November. Thank you for the many toothbrushes and socks that have been donated in December and January!

The February focus for Operation Christmas Child donations is GIRL TOYS. Donations can be any toy that girls, aged 2-14, would appreciate and that will fit in a shoebox. Suggestions include the following:

- ☐ balls
- ☐ play jewelry
- ☐ jump ropes
- ☐ play musical instruments
- ☐ small dolls
- ☐ solar powered calculators
- ☐ playing cards
- ☐ play doh with or without play doh "cookie" cutters
- ☐ hair pretties
- ☐ mind-teaser games
- ☐ game of checkers
- ☐ small craft kits
- ☐ beads with appropriate sized string/pipe cleaners
- ☐ sewing kits (Some Dollar Tree stores have really great kits for only \$1.)



Use your imagination. Remember no liquids or breakable items (e.g. nail polish, snow globes, glass mirrors).

If you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, please contact Tammie Lindblom..

**FEBRUARY FOCUS: GIRL TOYS**



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## House of Hope (Prison Ministry)

### Board Member Report — Secretary Stanley Altaras

**I**n about 2001, I met Michael Sgobba at the Kent Regional Justice Center. I had been regularly visiting those in jail for about six years. Michael and I became, what I would call, close friends.

At the time I was finishing my 15-year term of working for Seattle Christian Schools. Michael reached out to me at that time. Michael then had invited me to consider myself to begin helping him direct a re-entry house for those coming out of jails and prisons. I had, at that time, eight years of directing men's transitional homes. These homes were discipleship homes and effective in helping men become re-established in society. My time working as founder of Fresh Start Ministries and Fountain Center provided me with much experience in spiritual counseling and Bible teaching.

Michael and I had the opportunity of being interviewed on KGNW 820AM, a local Christian Radio station, concerning opening a re-entry home for ex-inmates. In 2004 I began to volunteer as a chaplain at the Federal Detention Center in SeaTac, WA, and still volunteer to this day. Also, I am a Chaplain in the WA State Prison, where I am sponsor for the Messianic Jewish Services. For the last five years at Monroe Correctional Complex, I have also volunteered. At the Salvation Army (Seattle) I have been Assistant Chaplain with the Adult Rehab center.

I was saved at age five years old and am grandson to the first ordained Seattle Rabbi of the Sephardi ethnic Jewish background. I praise God that He has kept me faithful, by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Also, on Fridays I hold church for Memory/Alzheimer patients.

As secretary for House of Hope I look very much forward to the continued flourishing of fruit bearing for the Kingdom of God in jails and prisons. I'm excited about the outreach of HOH. I thank God for the work of HOH over the years. I hope to join in the work of this ministry, as a faithful laborer in the ministry God has called me to.

Sincerely in the love of Messiah,

*Stanley David Altaras*

Secretary



**HOUSE OF HOPE**  
**Unchained for Christ Ministry**  
 "Assisting in Life Transition and Spiritual Maturity"





## Worship Service Times:

Saturdays—6:00 PM

Sundays—9:00 AM & 10:40 AM

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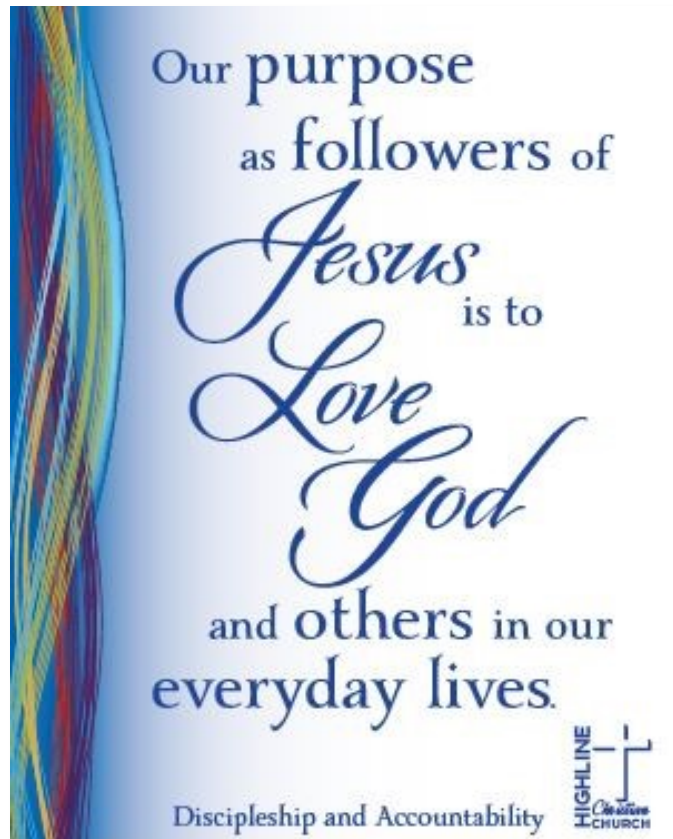
Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM-Noon

**Next  
eNewsletter  
Deadline:  
February 24**

Use this [link](#) to submit  
your eNewsletter  
submissions.

The office staff  
thanks you!



## What Christians Ought to Believe Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM

### Find and Replace

A pastor I know uses a standard liturgy for funerals. To personalize each service, he enters a "find and replace" command into his word processor. The computer then finds the name of the deceased from the previous funeral and replaces it with the name of the deceased for the upcoming one. Not long ago, the pastor told the computer to find the name "Mary" and replace it with "Edna." The next morning, the funeral was going along smoothly until the congregation intoned the Apostles' Creed. "Jesus Christ," they read from the preprinted program, "born of the Virgin Edna."

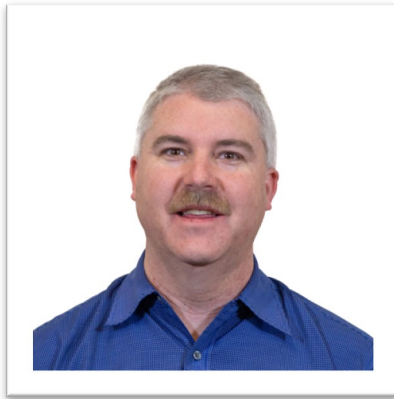
-Robin Greenspan,  
in "Virtual Hilarity," Reader's Digest,  
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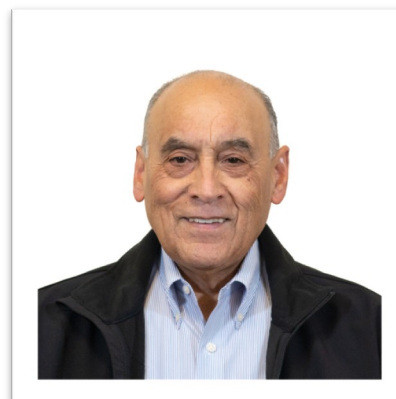
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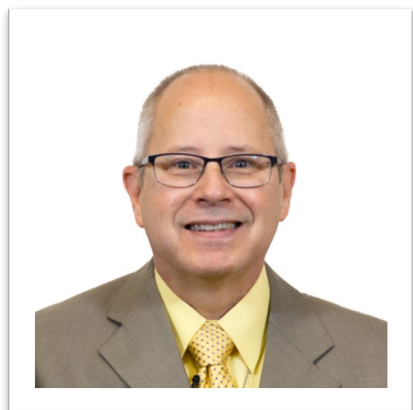
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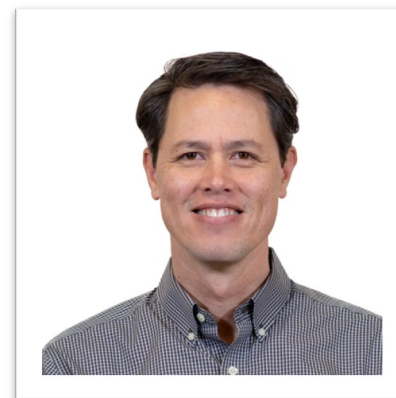
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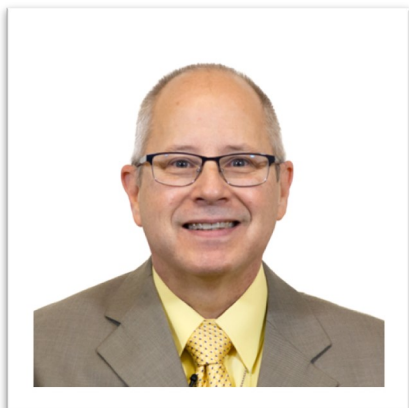
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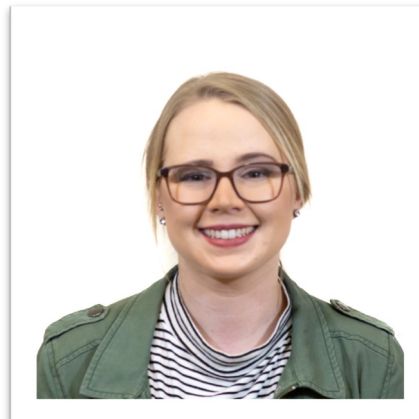


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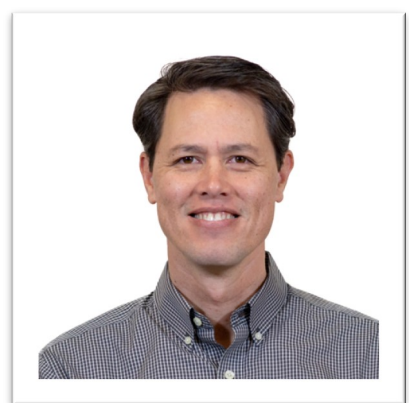
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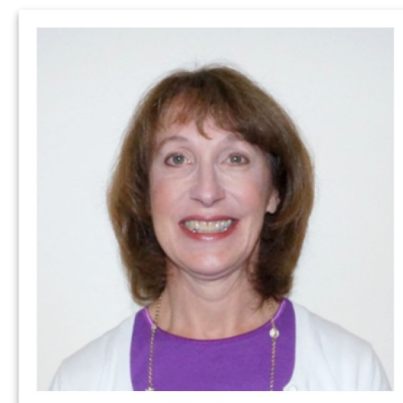
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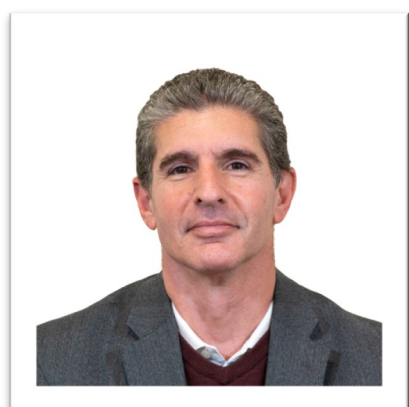
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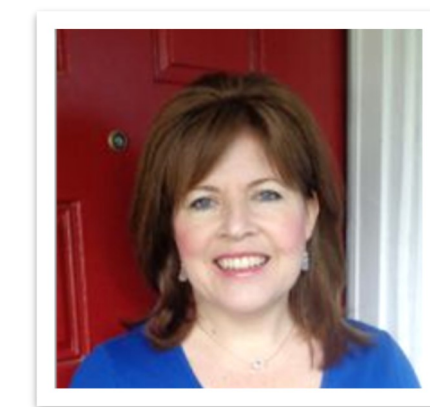
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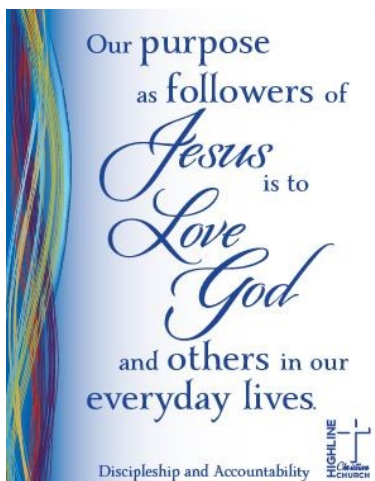
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