

DISCIPLE DIGEST

Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

Thank You!



Thank you volunteers, each one of you who help with the seen and the unseen. Thank you, for your time and the commitment you put in to help make HCC community what it is. You are appreciated!

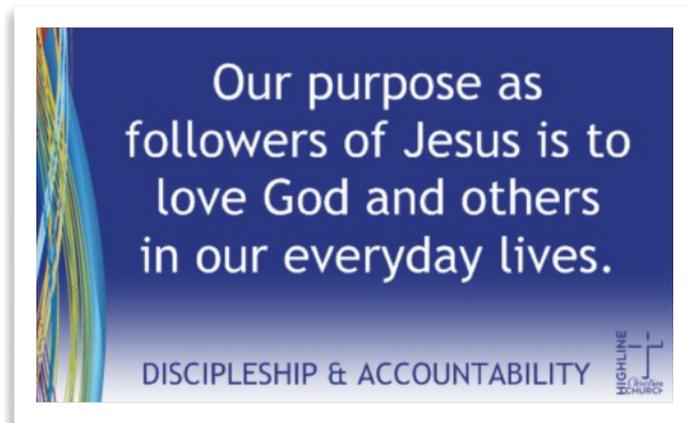
Highline Christian Church
Staff

Third Saturday Church Work Party

February 20th,
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.



The Art of Receiving

Last summer I taught a class on The Art of Neighboring where we explored ways to love God by loving our actual neighbors. We began the class by creating a diagram with nine squares like that of a tic-tac-toe board. On the board we wrote our own names then proceeded to write the names of each of our closest neighbors around us and any other information about them that we knew. For most of us in the class this was a challenging assignment revealing how little we knew about who our actual neighbors really are.

The challenge to love God by loving our actual neighbors can sometimes be overlooked as we focus on the proverbial neighbor as in the the story of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10. Another challenge we learned in the Art of Neighboring class was that of receiving. When it comes to loving others many of us are willing to be the ones doing the loving or serving, but when it comes to receiving we may be more inclined to react like Peter speaking to Jesus when Jesus was about to wash his feet, “You shall never wash my feet” John 13. Unfortunately when we play the role of “Super Servant” we seldom enter the opportunity for true reciprocal relationships.

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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.

Prayer Requests

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



The Art of Receiving (Continued)...

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Over the past few months I have had the unique opportunity to lay down my super servant cape and learn to receive from my actual neighbors as well as many of my family and friends. It is a very humbling experience to be in a place where planning and preparing meals is an overwhelming task and to have that task be met by others. Through this opportunity I have learned a little more about the giving and receiving of love with others and how that glorifies God.



As a result of seeking to love our actual neighbors well, we have met the new neighbors who moved in across the way, helped each other clean up after the recent storm, and have been offered lots of help due to our recent flood. Loving God and loving your neighbor is as much about receiving love as it is about expressing love. In what ways has your pride or self-sufficiency prevented you from entering deeper into the love of God or others? For me, the hardest lesson in loving my neighbors well, was to learn to receive from them. Truth be told, I have a long way to go in this lesson but the Lord is gently teaching me and I am grateful.

May you learn to love God and others well by giving and receiving as you walk with Jesus each day.

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson
Discipleship Minister

Women's Ministry Re-Launch with Jaylani & Patty



We have decided to cancel the “Unstuck” March Retreat and refund your money. Please allow us to contact you with information on how to receive your refund. We are working to create the simplest and easiest way to process this volume efficiently. We will share more information with you ASAP. Thank you for your patience. We are heartbroken that our rescheduled retreat is needing to be “rescheduled” again.

From your new Women's Ministry Leaders,

Jaylani Evans & Patty Snell

Thank you for your patience and prayers.

We are bursting with excitement to be with you all again! Patty and I worked with Jenny and others to brainstorm a year long calendar of events. We will continue to refine it and dream. Fellowship and study opportunities will continue to be adjusted to our new expectations. We want to love, encourage and include all women.



1. **Women's Retreat*** Update

- a. **Cancel** Unstuck Retreat (for now) and
- b. **Refund** participant's money (information coming soon)

2. Schedule **Women's Breakfasts**

- a. Modify as needed to fit with current safety protocols.
- b. Include women of all ages

3. Free **Online Conference** Opportunity, “Dwell in the Land”

- a. Sat. March 6th, 8am-1:30
- b. Presented by the Circe Institute
- c. [Register by Clicking Here](#)

4. Women's **Bible Studies** at HCC (in the planning process)

- a. In person opportunities
- b. Online opportunities on Zoom
- c. Multiple days and times will be offered

Listen to Him

“...a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Matthew 17:5

Can you imagine sitting on the hillside while Jesus preached the sermon on the mount? What about listening to him teach about the prodigal son while sitting with families and children all around? Maybe a closer more intimate setting comes to mind like Jesus teaching about being living water while sitting at a well, or being the servant of all while having your feet washed? Which of Jesus’ teachings do you wish you could have been present to listen and experience all that was going on?



Scripture was first passed on through stories, proverbs, and songs. The letters of the New Testament were written to churches, to people, and were intended to be read out loud. While it is often difficult for us to imagine what it might have been like to be there in the crowd as Jesus preached, there is a way to hear the message He spoke. More, there is a way to uniquely enter into the narrative of the Big God Story, and to build a habit of meditating on God’s Word.

“Dwell” is a beautiful Bible listening app for your smart phone or tablet. The Dwell app is designed to listen, hear, and meditate on the Word of God. Listening options include themed play lists, various listening through the Bible in a year plans, and the ability to navigate to a specific book and chapter with the ability to add a meditation pause before repeating or going on to the next reading.

Over the last few years I have used “Dwell” to meditate on scripture, help me memorize passages, enrich my personal reading and prayer times, and even to still my mind before going to sleep at night. As I listen to the scriptures being read I am better able to close my eyes and envision what is taking place, to put myself into the story. When meditating on a specific passage I really appreciate the ability to slow down the reading pace to allow my mind to dwell on each word in the passage. In addition to being able to control the speed of the reading, I also appreciate being able to choose to listen to the passage with instrumental music in the background or not. Though I am a visual learner, I have found

“Dwell” to be a great enrichment to my personal study and my walk with Jesus.

At Highline it is our desire that the written word of God would be close to you, that you would hide it in your heart and allow the written word to point you to the living word who is Jesus. We invite you to experience the word of God in a new and exciting way by signing up for the Dwell app through Highline at https://dwellapp.io/signup/with/Highline_Christian for your free subscription. The link to sign up for the Dwell app is also available on the Highline Christian Church app.

May the word of God fill your ears, mind, and heart always as you set your mind on things above.

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to those who have already been able to come to the church building or have contacted me with donations for next Fall's Operation Christmas Child collection.

I would, also, love to hear where your boxes have been shipped to for this past year. If you have received notice of your box's destination, please contact me and let me know.

For February, we are collecting TOYS FOR GIRLS (ages 2-14). Some suggestions are: jump ropes, dolls, card games, play jewelry, balls, puppets, playdoh, toy musical instruments that can fit in a shoebox, brain teaser games, stickers, stuffed animals, rubber stamps/stamp pads, calculators, sewing kits (scissors must have short blades with blunt tips), fabric/yarn, craft kits (glue stick is great, NO liquid glue), small puzzles, mini etch-a-sketch toys, Lil' People toy figurines, travel games. Use your creativity! Do not donate items that are breakable, liquid, or war-related.

Donations can be left in the Operation Christmas Child bin in the South Building Community Room or contact me to have donations picked up.

Contact me with any questions. Tammie Lindblom.

Young Adults!

Our Young Adult ministry is growing! We had our first gathering of 2021 on the 7th and had over 25 Young Adults! Praise the Lord, what a blessing it has been to see God grow the YA ministry in numbers but also spiritually. There has been so many wins across the board over the last few weeks in Young Adults lives. We also just started a new teaching series called "Knowing God". The heart and hope is that YA's grow closer to God in their personal walk with Jesus by learning more about Him. We are so thankful to be able to meet in the Lobby every week and enjoy the time, worship, message, one-on-ones and of course prayer together.

Josh



Youth!

We have been doing really well, as a Youth Ministry. We started back up January 6th, and had a wonderful night of worship, games, message and small/life groups. I have been doing my best to lead our teams to do what is safe, fun and beneficial for every high school student. The week of the 13th, the power went out at the Church. I talked with staff, parents, and high school students and we decided to still have Youth Service/Group. It was amazing, such a fun, unique experience that we had together as a group. We also just started a new teaching series called "Knowing God" the heart and hope is that students grow closer to God in their personal walk with Jesus by learning more about Him daily.

Josh



From the EC Wing

One Chapter Ends but the Story Continues

One of my favorite parts of being part of the Early Childhood ministry at Highline has been sharing The Big God Story. The main ideas behind “The Big God Story” are

1. God is the main character of the Bible
2. The Bible has one compelling grand narrative that deserves to be told
3. We are a part of The Big God Story

I love that! **We** are a part of God’s story. When we participate in what God is doing, we are supporting characters!

On Sunday, February 7th, a chapter in my own story will close. I have resigned my position as EC Minister to devote my energies to family.

The early childhood ministry will again come under the leadership of our very own Katie Taylor, currently overseeing the Early Elementary ministry. Katie has great compassion and understanding of children of all ages, is well-equipped and gifted in the teaching of young minds, and loves Jesus whole-heartedly. God has blessed our congregation by writing in Katie as a supporting character in his grand narrative.

I am thankful that the author of our lives has allowed our sub-plots to intersect. As far as the unfortunate plot twists where I have messed up royally, thank you for your forgiveness, love and grace. I am fond of trusting in God’s redemptive purposes in all things. I pray those redemptive purposes are evident in your life as they have been evident in mine.

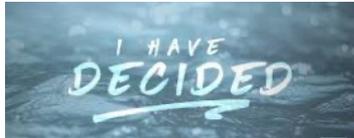
God is good and is therefore trustworthy in the unfolding of his story. No matter how much we get to see each other, would you celebrate with me the following truths:

- Jesus is the king of everything!
- Jesus loves us and wants a relationship with us.
- Jesus provides us with instructions on how to follow him.
- Jesus is giving us small tastes of what living in his kingdom looks like — now and forever!

And the ending of God’s story is AMAZING — best ever! Spoiler alert! Here’s how the story ends:

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and he himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away ’”(Revelation 21:3-4 NIV).

I told you it was a good ending. May you know and experience God’s goodness and trust him faithfully as he leads you through his story.



Congratulations New Member by Baptism

Emily Bila

Worship Service Times

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

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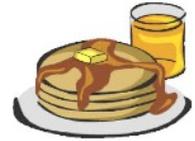
Due to the pandemic, our office is temporarily closed. Emails and messages are checked on a regular basis. Please leave a message and Kim will contact you in a timely manner.

Next eNewsletter Deadline

February 21, 2021

Encore (Seniors)

Please make note that if sit in dining is available, the Seniors Breakfast will take place at The Pancake Chef on the second Thursday of the month. Since the situation is fluid, call the restaurant to verify the situation, and if it is open, come fellowship with us!



Thanks,
Steve

Sunday, February 28th 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
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Contact

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206-243-4333



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