

The Highline Connection

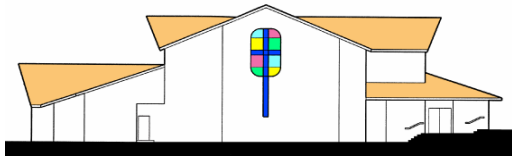
*Highline Christian Church
Touched by Jesus to Touch Others' Lives
Experience God's Touch*

January 2005

Here We Grow!



**Praise God -- the construction process has begun!
See article on page two for more details.**



Building To Touch Lives CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN

If you've been to the church building in the last two weeks, you've seen the result of the construction activities. Below you will find lists of what has happened and what is about to happen.

Accomplished so far:

- Trees and stumps removed.
- Foundations from the houses removed.
- HUGE hole dug for the Surface Water Management tank.
- Dirt used from the hole to level the ground surrounding the grass parking lot and the remainder piled in a large pile on the north side of the lot.
- Live camera installed that shows on the church website an up-to-the-minute picture of the construction activities.
- Many people have begun parking in the west parking lot to make additional spots available closer to the front door for guests and those with trouble walking. THANK YOU!

Next steps:

- Tank construction has started and is expected to take 6-8 weeks to complete. Trivia: The concrete floor of the tank will range from 12-20 inches thick.
- Start construction of the new garage using volunteer labor. If you haven't signed up to be on the volunteer list, contact Randy Nye.

Past pictures of the construction activities are on the web site. See <http://www.highlinechristian.org/building/default.htm>



Watch Construction from Your Computer

Are you interested in the construction progress during the week? Check out our new Building Camera that shows construction progress pictures, updated every minute! View the Building Cam pictures on the church website at www.highlinechristian.org and click on the Building Cam logo.



New Home Study Beginning Soon

Can you defend your faith when it comes to Evolution? What do the facts of science REALLY tell us? Come to my home starting January 10 each Monday 6:30 p.m. -7:30 P.M. to find the answers. A video will be presented and a discussion time will follow. Jr. High through adults are encouraged to come. For more information please call Ann Harris.



Looking Ahead to Photographic Memories

Mark your calendars for the first two Photographic Memories of 2005. We will be meeting on Friday, January 14 and Friday, February 4 from 6-11 P.M. in Room 101 downstairs. Bring any consumable items you need to scrapbook. Tools and ideas will be shared. Feel free to invite a friend. Please RSVP to Tammie Lindblom by the Wednesday before so that adequate table space can be provided. This is a time to scrapbook on your own photo albums or organize your photos while socializing with others who share this hobby.





As We Start the New Year

United Singles

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! I hope that everyone has returned home safely and that you had a great time visiting family and friends during the Christmas season.

On December 19th Michelle Dickerson lead the United Singles group in a lesson about how much Jesus values us. She pointed out that while we were still sinners, Christ died on the cross for our sins so we could be reconciled with God. It is hard to imagine giving up your own child to save someone else, but that is exactly what God did for us. He sent his only Son born as a baby, laid in a manger. Then 33 years later that same baby was crucified on the cross — not just for the sins of the people of that time, but for EVERYONE!

It is my prayer that as we enter this new year that we continually give God the praise, glory, and thanks for what He has done for us, by sending his only Son to save us. It is only through his Son Jesus Christ that we are reconciled to God and are able to enjoy eternity with him.

I am working on setting up a singles retreat sometime this year. I will be getting the word out through e-mail, the church newsletter, and bulletin inserts. I am also going to be planning some other group activities throughout the year.

I am excited about the new year and all the opportunities it is bringing us to grow in Christ, to grow the church, and to grow the United Singles Ministry. I am also excited about the progress we are making on the new parking lot, and soon the new sanctuary.

The United Singles first meeting of the new year will be **January 9th at 6:00 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall. I hope to see everyone there and to see what amazing things can be done this year! Excitedly,

Gene Cole

Young Adults

"The Walk" (based on 1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.") was started to give young adults at Highline a place to meet and fellowship as we are called in the Bible. Our focus is fellowship and strengthening our walk with the Lord through service and worship.

Thanks to everyone who came out for our Christmas party and helped with the Angel Tree. Howard and Kim Bobbitt are hosting our New Year's Eve celebration. Please stop by for a night full of fun and games. Future activities geared toward serving and worship are coming soon.

Stay tuned for opportunities to help out and new Bible studies. For more information contact Michelle Parker or Amanda Patton.

His Servant,

Michelle



Attention Men: Here is an excellent opportunity to lift up the HCC staff as the men of Highline respond to the call of Prayer in 2005! Our goal is to have *at least* one man praying each day of the month. Pick a day of the month that you will remember (for example, the 10th of every month). Mark it on your calendar for each month of 2005. It may be the date of your birthday or another special occasion. On a monthly basis, men's ministry will provide a bookmark with prayer requests or a monthly prayer focus to guide men of Highline as we lift up our leaders, praying fervently for the favor of God!

Sign-up on the Men's Ministry Bulletin board or contact Tim Crawford at mensministry@highlinechristian.org.



Prayer Circle

Praise God

Psalm 105:1 & 2 “Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful acts.”

Praise our Lord for

Lilly Strand’s stint procedure went well; Clyde Sweeney’s back healing and for Deb’s Aunt July’s continued healing. Praise for all the people that are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

Pray

Philippians 4:6 “Don’t be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God.”

Remember in prayer

Deb Schaller—prayers for her coworkers and her cousin Scott having cancer treatments and for her Aunt Sheryl’s bypass surgery, and that Deb’s Dad gets approval for knee replacement; peace and comfort to Nadine Petrich and her daughter Sandra in the death of their granddaughter/daughter; Lilly Strand—prayer new medication will work; Donna Schaller’s granddaughter’s expectant baby is in stress; Clyde and Deborah Sweeney—prayers for troops, leaders of world, drivers and families involved in accident on Thanksgiving; Brother Tim and pastoral staff in their ministry; Jim & Deb Schaller—Jim’s nephew having eye surgery; Danear Russell must leave his foster care home—lady not renewing her license; Monty and Jill Rowley—Monty having reaction to medications; Susie (Lilly Strand’s daughter)—diagnosed with diabetes; Lilly Strand—her new medications have accelerated her Parkinsons; Jackson (3 yr old nephew of Andrea Nieman)—diagnosed with children’s diabetes; Laura Blakley has flu symptoms; Eleanor Rowley—extreme back pain; Jeff Strahan—prayer that his recent heart stint will be effective; Ed (Judy Stokes’ friend)—broken leg from a crushing accident; Rosa (Nancy Brown’s Mother)—operation on her spine; pray that Bill and Nancy Brown get a car soon;

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And the Lord Added

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

BY TRANSFER:

Ty & Sheila Bandy

Church Family Updates

Change of Address

Howard & Kim Bobbitt

Shelley Smith

Lori Carlston

New Baby

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



We would like to welcome Heaven Annamarn Tiefel who was born on September 30, 2004 at 10:23 A.M. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. She is the daughter of John & Heather Tiefel. Welcome to Highline, Heaven!

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Diaga (Jim & Debby Schaller’s friend)—prayer she does not have bone cancer.

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.



Peggy and I want to thank you so very much for all your prayers and support leading up to and continuing through my recent cancer surgery. The surgery went well and I'll be back to

work on December 13th. We are so very thankful for answered prayers! We have only been attending Highline Christian Church for about three months and we have been so very blessed! There truly is nothing like the family of God! We would appreciate continued prayer as regular monitoring will continue to determine if additional treatment will be needed.

With grateful hearts,

Steve and Peggy Nielsen

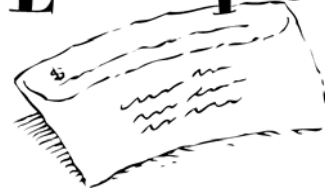
Can You Spare A Ride?

What would you do if you needed to see your doctor but were unable to drive or take the bus? That's a question many seniors in your community face every week. Senior Services has an answer. We match seniors with local volunteers who drive and escort them to medical appointments. Within the past year, we have received an increasing number of ride requests while the number of drivers has remained the same. Though we do not like turning people away, without more volunteers Senior Services is not able to help every senior who needs a ride.

You can help by becoming a volunteer driver! A flexible program, volunteers use their own vehicles and choose where and when they wish to drive. We offer supplemental insurance, and mileage and parking reimbursement. No lifting or bearing of weight is involved. For more information, call (206) 448-5740, (800) 282-5815 or apply online at www.seniorservices.org. Senior Services is a non-profit organization supporting the independence of King County seniors since 1967.

Watch For Your 2005

Offering Envelopes



The new 2005 offering envelopes will be in your mailboxes by Sunday, December 26. Thank you to everyone who requested envelopes, and to those of you who have used them previously. The team who counts and deposits the offering each Sunday finds that the envelopes save them time, and make it easier to be accurate.

Do us a favor, though. When you receive your 2005 envelopes, please throw away any old offering envelopes you have been keeping. Once in a while someone resorts to using an envelope from a past year, and their envelope number may have changed in the year since they had that envelope assignment. Thus, our record keeping may not be correct, unless we notice it and check your name on our current list.

Just for clarification, the Building To Touch Lives envelopes in the pews are for Building Fund offering. If you have our 2005 offering envelopes, there are lines on the front where you can indicate where you wish your offering to go, such as General fund, Building to Touch Lives, Needy, etc. Therefore, you won't need to use the pew envelopes if you have HCC's 2005 offering envelopes.

If anyone missed receiving envelopes, and wants them, just note this on your "Welcome Card" from the bulletin, and put it in the offering tray as offering is collected. We will usually have them in your family mailbox by the next Sunday. Thanks for your help and support to the church. Have a great holiday season and a wonderful 2005!

George and Kathy Evans, Financial Secretaries



2004 Sports Ministry Recap



Sports Ministries at Highline Christian Church had a very active 2004 year. The year 2005 promises to be full of fun, exercise, and competition. The sports ministry offers many opportunities for the congregation to get involved with each other and to reach out to our local community. If you would like to become involved with the sports ministry or have suggestions to pass along please contact the co-leaders of sports, Clint Kelly and Mike Dettling, via our family mailbox, phone, Highline's web site, or just walk up to us at church. We love to talk sports.

Volleyball

From January to March we had enough people interested in volleyball to form two teams to participate in the Tukwila non-spike co-recreational league. One of the teams enjoyed themselves so much they extended their participation to the spring league from March to May. We are now in the process of forming volleyball teams to begin play in January.

Skiing

Lee Kibler organized a couple of ski trips. A handful of people came each time and shared fun and fellowship on the slopes.

Softball

Softball practices started in March. Highline had enough people interested to form two teams in the South Seattle Christian Slow-pitch League (SSCSL) and one in the Burien City co-ed league. The SSCSL teams were coached by Bill Bird, Mike Dettling, and Kim Heppenstall. The co-ed league season followed the church league season which allowed some players to go from one league to the other and continue to play longer than usual. The church also sponsored its first softball tournament, inviting teams from the SSCSL. The tournament was held in May with concessions operated by the Mexico Missions team as a fund raiser.



Picnic

The church had its annual Highline vs. Highline softball game and picnic in June. Over 150 people attended. Many people helped to make this a very successful event (too many to thank by name in this letter). THANK YOU ALL!

Hiking

The summer months also saw opportunities to fellowship with brothers and sisters in other venues such as hiking. Ron Nowoy, Clint Kelly and Paul Breon organized hikes to various lakes in both the Stevens and Snoqualmie Pass areas along with a caving expedition above Snoqualmie Pass.

Soccer

In the fall Highline entered into the soccer arena. There is no church league for this sport so our guys and gals toughed it out in the Greater Seattle Soccer League.

Bowling

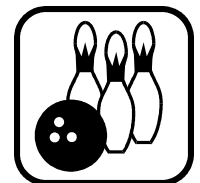
November brought our first church bowling tournament. We had a turnout of 45 people to make up 11 teams. The competition was good, but the fellowship was even better.

Sportsmanship

The church softball league is, of course, a situation of Christians playing with and competing against other Christians. Several of our teams took their Christian values into the local, non-church sports community, (i.e. city leagues). I was proud of the positive responses I received about the teams concerning their sportsmanship and style of play. I sincerely believe that we as Christians can use the world of sports as a mission field to come in contact with people who might otherwise not have an opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ.

Have a good and active God-filled 2005! Your servants in Christ,

Clint Kelly & Mike Dettling



Look Who's Having a Birthday in January

1. Tamela DeRosso
2. Clint Kelly
3. Denise Breon
Nadine Petrich
4. Lee Kibler
Jill Rowley
5. Tim Knight
8. Carol Marshall
9. Steve Metzenberg
10. Sam Reash
Carolyn Smith
11. Carl Beck
Paula James
Anna Warnke
12. Joelle Baarley
Madison Reeves
13. Rosemary Grove
15. Chris Check
Bryce Finlay
Danielle Forkell
17. Gayle Conrad
Chad Schnathorst
19. Paul Kelly
Madison Lusher
Taylor Lusher
JoAnn Taylor
21. Kevin Gibson
23. Ashten Cook
Michael King



24. Michael Dettling
Deneille Wallin
27. Beatriz Leyva
Marsha Louvier
28. Sharon Haag
30. Elizabeth Willoughby

Missing

If you have found a women's blue coat or have taken one home from the church building accidentally, please contact Tammie Lindblom or the church office.

MAYDAY for MARRIAGE

We would like to thank the 30 people – especially a fatigued Pastor Tim - who took the time out of their busy holiday schedules to attend our presentation of the Mayday for Marriage Rally event that we were blessed to attend in Washington, D.C. in October. The number of attendees exceeded our expectations by about three-fold! Thank you also for your enthusiasm!

If you *wanted* to attend, but were unable due to time-conflicts, busy schedules, illness or child-care, we have good news for you! This good news also applies to those of you who *did* attend the presentation but had to leave before its conclusion.

We have made two “loaner” copies of the event on VHS videotape now available for you to borrow and watch at home on your VCR.

If you are interested, just give us a call.

Gerald & Paula James

