

## For Crying Out Loud!

Christians need to learn to cry well! We often view grief as a sign of weakness or lack of faith. But that's definitely NOT the biblical picture at all.



Beginning in mid-January and going until the end of February, I will be preaching a sermon series on the book of Lamentations. This often forgotten, neglected, and misunderstood book will come to life for us as we explore what it means to LAMENT.

An entire book of the Bible is dedicated to expressing grief and pain. So, join us in the New Year as we explore and apply this vital topic...For Crying out Loud!

In the name of Jesus who wept,

*Pastor Tim*

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## Keep Saving

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Shoemaker Circle is still collection aluminum cans to benefit our mission groups. Please remember EVERY CAN COUNTS! The collection bins are located in the South Building Community Room.



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## Download and Check out our App!

We are so excited about our **Highline Christian Church App! Almost 600 people have downloaded it and are using all the great features.** The top five features that are being used are the

- calendar
- sermon notes
- find a group
- check-in
- polls

If you have yet to use these features, please check them out as so many people are already benefiting from them.

For those of you with a QR reader on your phone, simply scan the

QR code and it will take you directly to our app to download it. You can also click on this link <https://a3a.me/highline>

If you would rather do it from the App Store or the Google Play Store then type in Highline Christian Church in your search bar and you should see it.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need help. There are so many things you can do through the app, so please explore it and use whatever you like.



## Thank You so Much!

A heartfelt thanks to our generous Highline family for donating to YL (Younglives) ministry to teen moms this Christmas. With help from several local churches, we delivered over 20 gifts for little ones (from momma's wish lists) and surprise gift bags for the moms as well! What joy our team has had this last year representing the hands and feet of Jesus!! For any questions regarding this ministry (we are always needing more nannies to love on the babies) contact Shannon Martinson.



## January Seniors Event

What better way to start the year than to fellowship around food? January's get-together is calendared for Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at the Sizzler on Southcenter Parkway. Please arrive by 11:45 (restaurant opens at 11:00) so we can be seated and begin our

meal around noon. In addition, Steve Moreland will lead a discussion on event planning for 2017. Bring your ideas and anticipate what we Seniors will come up with! Please sign up at the Atrium table during our weekend services or on the HUB.





## New Studies in January 2017

### For All Adults

**Sunday January 8, 2017 at 10:40 a.m.**

Foundations of Our Faith study will explore our basic beliefs as Christians. Sign-up at the table in the Atrium during our weekend services or fill out the "Sign-up for a Bible Study" form on the App or HUB.



### For Women

**The Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study will be beginning a new study on January 5, 2017.** They meet from 10-11:30 a.m. each Thursday morning in the Adult Education Wing—North Building. They will be studying Ephesians using a John MacArthur Study Book. It is a 12 week study. Ephesians is spoken of as "The Queen of the Epistles." The most sublime and majestic expression of the Gospel." All women are welcome to join. Please sign up at the table in the Atrium during our weekend services or fill out the "Sign-up for a Bible Study" form on the App or HUB.. Any questions, contact Gayle Wylie.

Ephesians 6:10-19 will be the target for the upcoming **Women in the Word Bible study beginning Wednesday, January 18th** in the Great Room from 6-7:45 pm. Our video teacher will be Priscilla Shirer for this 13-week study: The Armor of God.

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you. A cunning, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you - your emotions, your mind, your family, your future. But His reign stops right here, right now. With you. The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. A woman who is armed and dangerous.

This Bible study is not only a biblical description of the believer's inventory, but it is an action plan for putting on your armor and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory against the enemy. Yes, a strategy.

- \* Learn to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. (Eph. 6:10)
- \* Discover what to wear to ensure victory and employ the secret weapon to stop the devil in his tracks.\* Develop a personalized strategy to promptly put the enemy in his place.
- \* Take advantage of your position in Christ and experience tangible, long-term effects of victory in practical, everyday living.

Sign-up at the table in the Atrium during our weekend services or fill out the "Sign-up for a Bible Study" form on the App or HUB. For more information visit the table in the Atrium. Books also available to pick up at a cost of \$14.25. Scholarships are available. Also childcare is available.

Contact Lynda Olson, Facilitator/leader if needed.



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## New Studies in January 2017

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### For Men

#### **New Men By God Study “Follow” starting January 4th**

This 8-week series will take us on a journey through the Gospels as we trace Jesus' teachings on what it means to follow. This study is open to all men. Video study followed by small group discussion. Join us Wednesday nights at 6 pm beginning January 4th. You can sign up for this study by using “Sign-up for a Bible Study” form on the App or HUB. Any questions, contact Tim Crawford.



### **A Time to Pray**

“Since our nation’s first days, God’s greatest movements in our midst have been fashioned and sustained by prayer, from the signing of our earliest documents, to our triumphs over days of darkness to the spiritual awakenings that have sustained our faith and resolve over the centuries. Throughout Scripture and throughout our history as a nation, persistent, prevailing, intentional, and never-ending prayer has always brought the presence of God (Jack Countryman). This is why we pray.

Our world and our nation are in turmoil. The Monday Payer Team wants to continue praying for our nation. We know God says, “If my people humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14). This is why we pray. Our schedule is as follows:

- January 2 7:00 p.m.
- January 9 1:00 p.m.
- January 16 7:00 p.m.
- January 23 1:00 p.m.
- January 30 7:00 p.m.

Please feel free to join us. We meet in the South building HG Lodge at alternating times each Monday. For any questions, contact Connie Egger or Cathy Womach.





## Have You Heard the Message from God?

The most important action you can do in your life is to establish a committed relationship with God. This relationship with God gives us meaning to life, great joy in our daily lives, and will carry us through death into eternity with God. If you are a saved, born again Christian, you can enjoy this salvation relationship to our God.

Do you remember the “steps” you took to acquire this relationship? Some churches emphasize the “Five Steps to Salvation Plan,” using the fingers on one hand to illustrate each step. It is a simple way to assist young people and adults to understand the way to establish our relationship with God. It is Biblical, logical, and an easy way to learn and understand what God wants us to do.

The first “Step” is to “hear.” The ability to “hear” is a great gift from God. The ability to hear allow us to be bombarded with many loud sounds from every direction. Sounds carry all kinds of messages in an attempt to influence and change lives. For Christians, it is essential to listen carefully and determine the messages from God as they are essential in creating our relationship to God and sustaining it day by day.

What is the message from God that we need to hear? Some of the essential facts of the message are as follows: “God Is,” “God created the universe and mankind,” “God loves His creation,” “God sent Jesus Christ His Son into the world to create and show us the way back to God,” “God inspired the writers of the Bible to write,” and, “He sent His Holy Spirit to be with us and guide us in our daily life.”

This is the message declared both in nature and in the Bible. This is the message from God to people who are not yet in a committed,

loving, living relationship with him.

This is the message HCC is proclaiming to the world. We are committed to God as we live our daily life. Pastor Tim proclaims this message in his sermons and by his example of a Christian life. The worship service proclaims the same message. The music, the

fellowship, the observance of Communion, and in the giving of our tithes and offerings. They all proclaim our commitment and dedication to God through Jesus Christ.

The desire of HCC is that people who hear this message will accept it and will commit themselves to live for God.

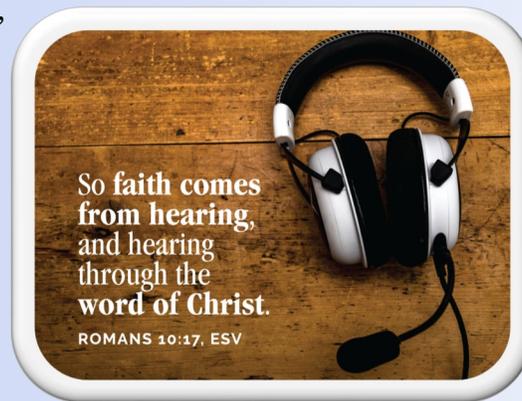
When you understand this message and are ready to commit yourself to this “New Way of Life,” you are invited to respond to the invitation after the sermon, to publicly take the first step to this “New Relationship” with God. Pastor Tim will welcome you and he will ask you to publicly proclaim your commitment to Jesus Christ the Savior. The members of the congregation will welcome you into the family of God and will do all they can to assist you as you live your Christian life.

We who are Christians would do well to think back and remember how we came into this committed relationship with God. The Bible speaks, we all need to **listen**.

Next month’s article will be on the subject of the “Confession”.

God Bless

*Lowell A. Hall*





## Women in Touch

*Lives will be changed when we are REAL!*



### Monthly Brunch – Saturday Jan. 14th

*Ladies, can't wait to get together for our 1st 2017 Brunch. Our theme for the New Year is "Simplify." We will have some surprise guest speakers come to share some simple ways to slow down and improve our body, mind and spirit to better serve the Lord. And great food as well!! Bring a brunch dish to share (fruit, yogurt, muffins, casseroles, it's all good) and connect with some new (or old) friends from Highline. It's always a good time, WIT provides coffee and beverage service, childcare up to 5yrs of age, and no dishes to do!!*

## What you are missing out on?

I am so grateful that the Women In Touch team coordinates the monthly Saturday breakfast. Life always seems so busy. We meet and see ladies that we know and say “hey, let’s get together for coffee or lunch,” but that usually does not happen. This Saturday breakfast gives us the opportunity to do just that. It is such a blessing to meet other ladies that we may only see at service, get to try some very yummy dishes, and to hear a lovely devotional that can tug at our heart strings or make us laugh.

We can’t forget the very nice gentleman who slaved away in the kitchen making us wonderful crepes with chocolate sauce and his lovely wife, Maureen’s talent for decorating the beautiful tables and room. –Jo Etta Smith

**Shoemaker Circle will meet on Wednesday  
January 18 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the  
South Building and then carpool to a local  
restaurant for lunch. Any questions, please  
contact Dianne Barnes.**



## Women in Touch presents



### Real Community Conference at Highline Christian Church

Offers an array of activities designed to connect Highline ladies to God and one another.

Cost—\$50 (includes meals).

Registration opens January 7 on the HCC App and in the Atrium before and after worship services.

## February 10 & 11, 2017

### Friday, 2/10

3p Registration opens &  
DIY Momentos — Come any time to start connecting with other ladies *and* create a momento to take home.

5:30-6:30p Dinner line open

7p Main Session #1  
9p Afterglow

### Saturday, 2/11

8a Continental Breakfast open

9a Main Session #2

10:30a Workshops 1 & 2

12:30p Lunch

1:45p Main Session #3

3p Afterglow



*The Women in Touch Christmas Dinner "Winter Wonderland" was a special time. We experienced community as the women of our church came together for our annual Christmas dinner. Our decoration crew did an amazing job transforming the room into a Winter Wonderland. The men outdid themselves as they served the dinner and were the ultimate hosts. Our entertainment was brought to us by Zach Trandum, who dazzled us with his songs and a fun sing-a-long time. It was a special time that will not be forgotten. Thank you ladies for making Highline Christian Church a special place.*





Light up your city for Christ

Matthew 5:14

# illuminate Youth Ministry

## Update Letter January 2017

2017 is finally here and with it we look forward to all the exciting things God has planned for us. It is easy to start dreaming of what we would like to get out of this New Year, but as God reminds us in His word, He is the one that determines our steps!

Blessings, Pastor Steve, Nicole, Jayden, Riley & Adilynn



## News Updates

- YESM 2017: Our first training will be January 29th 12-2:30pm We will be having a YESM leaders meeting January 8th for anyone who is interested in helping as a leader of YESM! Please talk to Pastor Steve for more details.

# YESM

## Encouraging WORD





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## Parent Partners

We value you as our parent partners so if you have any questions or comments about the youth program or would like to join the illuminate Youth Leadership Team, please contact Pastor Steve!

## When We Meet

### Junior High (7-8 Grade)

- Sunday Morning Up-Word 10:40-12:00pm
- Wednesday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:45pm

### High School (9-12 Grade)

- Sunday Morning Up-Word 10:40-12:00pm
- Wednesday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:45pm

*\*Sixth grade students have the option to*

## Prayer & Praise Partners

We appreciate your prayers for:

- Students Genuine Faith
- YESM Trainings
- New Year Spiritual Growth

## Upcoming Events

- January 4<sup>th</sup> – iY Fellowship Night (Dinner Provided)
- January 29<sup>th</sup> – YESM Training #1

Look for more events on the HUB and Facebook Page!

#illuminateHCC - facebook.com/illuminateHCC - @iYHCC



## Sunday Morning Up-Word: *January 2017*

- **Junior High** – A Walk Through the Bible  
(*Pastor Steve Teaching*)
- **High School** – The Bible VS...  
(*Tiffiney Cowan Teaching*)

## Wednesday Night Youth Group: *January 2017*

- **Junior High** – TALKSHEETS / Growing through Discussion  
(*Jordan Larsen & Mary Packard Teaching*)
- **High School** – The Purity Code / How to stay pure in HS  
(*Pastor Steve Teaching*)

*\*Parents if you would like to receive an emailed handout of our teaching material please contact Pastor Steve*



## Higher Ground Children's Ministry



### 4th-6th Grade Winter Retreat

Kids Winter Retreat 2017!

COST: \$99      Ages: Grades 4-6

Date: February 17th - 20th, 2017

Check-in Begins at: 8:30pm  
(2/17/17)

Check out starts at: 2:00pm  
(2/20/17)

Directors: Nancy, Mike, Bret,  
Cheryl, John, and Corey.

Guest Speaker: Tyler Mosier

Theme Verses: 1 Timothy 3:14; 1 Peter 3:15

**Hey campers and parents!**

I was scrolling through Facebook and this quote simply jumped out at me:

"You can either be afraid of the culture our children are growing up in or we can train them to boldly reach the culture they are growing up in."

This sums up all the ideas we'd been working on for our 2017 Kids Retreat. Our theme is "Anytime..." an idea that we borrowed from a song "[God is on the Move](#)" by the Christian band *7venth Time Down*. Together we'll be exploring 1 & 2 Timothy and Paul's advice to the young man he's mentoring - advice that still resonates in our culture today, a culture that so needs Jesus and a generation who can demonstrate how to live that out day to day. We're gathering the coolest staff around for an amazing 4 day weekend filled with music, worship, and fun in God's fabulous creation.

[Click here to hear "God is on the Move" and to start learning some motions to the song.](#)

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

Nancy Waner

(On the behalf of the 2017 Kids Retreat director team)

A heart turns from darkness to light  
Temptation comes and someone stands to fight  
somebody lives to serve and not be served  
in weakness someone falls upon their knees  
someone dares to speak the truth  
and stand upon the Word  
The Gospel stirs a searching soul  
and someone says, "Send me, here I go"

**Click here or go to <http://www.pleasantvalleycamp.org/kwr/> to register.**



## Higher Ground Children's Ministry



### January Remember Verse



### Remember Verses

**Psalm 90:2**  
**Philippians 1:6**  
**Exodus 14:14**  
**Isaiah 9:6**

### Anticipate Sundays for Sunday School

Starting this week, we are trying something new for Sunday School. The first Sunday of each month from now until May will be an Anticipate Sunday for students 1st-6th grade and their parents. We will begin Sunday School in the Activity Center from 8:50-9:10 for an opportunity for the kids to begin connecting with the lesson and for parents and teachers to have an opportunity to connect.

We hope you will join us for this brief meet as we continue to seek ways to partner together.



### Upcoming Events

Check  
this  
out ⇒

- January 4th—First day of Summit Trekkers for 2017
- January 13th—Summit Seekers Late-nighter
- February 17-20th—Summit Seekers Winter Retreat



# Preschool Park

*Birth through Kindergarten*

## *Leaving a Legacy on Social Media*

My parents took a lot of pictures of my sister and I as a kid. These pictures left a visual legacy for us to have. I see photos of us doing family things, going special places, and church events. My parents really captured a lot of moments! I may not remember all the details of the events, but I do know we were loved and safe. The pictures were posted in their house. We would go to Costco and get them all printed up and then take them home and talk about them. We hung them up in the house. We gave them away to relatives in cards. I still have some of the photos in my house and I think and laugh as I look at the pictures.

Facebook and other social media platforms have made it easy to post photos of our kids and families doing everything. My challenge is to keep our social media accounts guarded. What legacy do we want our kids to look back and see?

Whatever we post, we need to remember the message it will send to our kids later in life. Any image or word spoken online will communicate to our kids. Think about the message you are saying and think about how it will be received in a few years down the road when our kids look back at our posts.

Take time to go through some pictures with your kids and have them help you pick out ones to print out. Hang them all around and talk about the fun times. Share how much you love them and why the pictures are important to you. Remember and celebrate how God has created your kids and share that with them.

*If you have any questions please call or email Katie Taylor  
Katie@highlinechristian.org*





## Worship Service Times

Saturdays—6:00 P.M.  
 Sundays—9:00 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.  
 Sunday School – 9:00 for all ages;  
 10:40 Adult Sunday Studies &  
 Base Camp

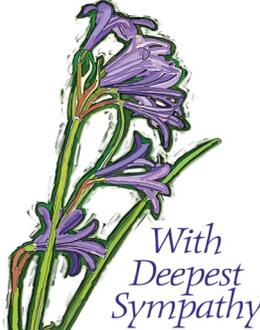
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### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday  
 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
 Friday  
 8:30 a.m.-Noon

**Next  
 eNewsletter  
 Deadline:  
 January 22**



**We** would like to offer sympathy to the family of Steve Mattson who went home to be with the Lord on December 14, 2016. Please remember Steve's wife Debbie and the rest of the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

## Photographic Memories

We will be meeting to scrapbook together on Friday, January 6, 6-11 pm in the upstairs classrooms of the North Building. Bring those Christmas photos or any other photo project to sort or scrapbook and work on them together. Bring any consumable supplies, but tools will be available to share. Contact Tammie Lindblom to RSVP and for entrance to the building on the day of the event.



## Volleyball Team News

Our church Volleyball Team will begin Winter Season on January 3 and play every Tuesday until March 14. Our team this season will be: Tammie Lindblom, Randy and Lori Nye, John and Emma Maltsberger, Tracy Johnson, Stephanie Louvier, and Chris Shockley. We would love for you to come cheer us on at Kent Commons, 525 - 4th Ave N., Kent, 98032.

- January 3: 6:10 pm
- January 10: 6:10 pm
- January 17: 7:30 pm
- January 24: 8:50 pm
- January 31: 8:50 pm
- February 7: 7:30 pm
- February 14: 7:30 pm
- February 21: 7:30 pm
- February 28: 6:10 pm
- March 7: 8:50 pm
- March 14: TBD





Our  
2016-2017  
Elders



**Konrad Lindblom**



**Dave Rogge**



**Gregg Louvier**  
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