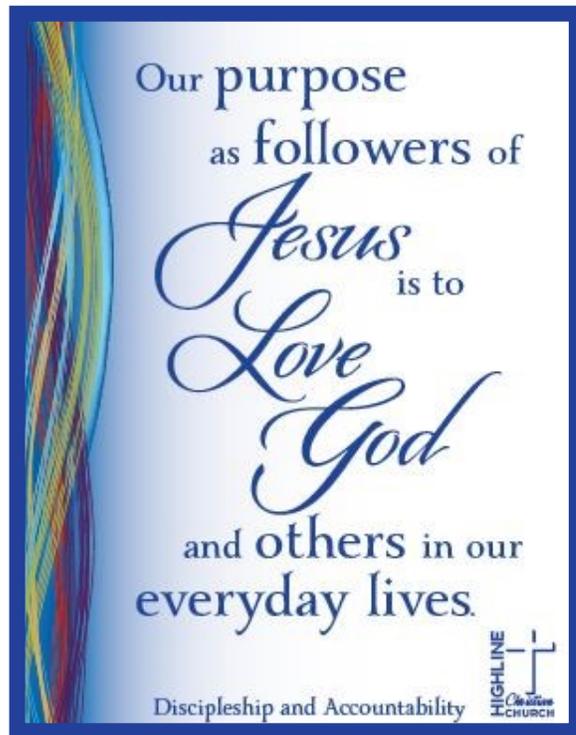


*As followers of Jesus,
love God and others in our everyday lives.*

What's Our Purpose?

Join us in 2019. We will be taking a fresh look at God's intended purpose for His children — us!

We'll look at what Jesus desires for His disciples as described in Mark 12:28-34.



We hope you'll
know it
say it
live it
share it!

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We Believe...

The world is more divided than ever. But it's not just in politics or worldview; it's in the church as well. Is there anything that can unite us? Is there any statement of beliefs that all Christians can affirm, agree on and rally around? The answer is YES! It's the Apostles' Creed.

It's not called "The Apostles' Creed" because the apostles produced it, but because it contains a brief and beautiful summary of their teachings in the New Testament. It's old—many date it back to approximately 140 A.D. It was often used as a confession of faith at the time of one's baptism.

It's not scripture, yet in this day of division, it serves as a magnet to draw us all together around the central truths of our faith.

On **Tuesday nights, starting January 15th through April 16th**, I'll be teaching a class titled "WHAT CHRISTIANS OUGHT TO BELIEVE" based on the book and DVD series by Michael Bird, of that same title.

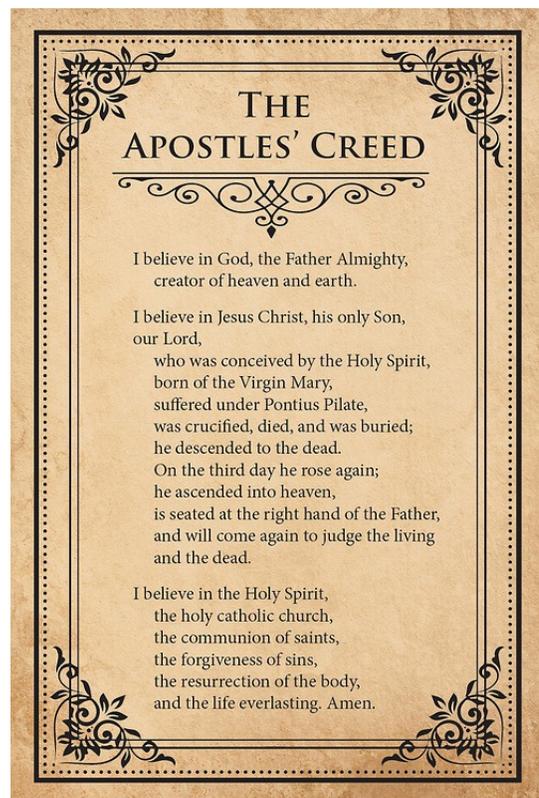
We will meet in the Lodge of the South Building from **6:30 to 7:30** on those Tuesday nights to dig into this ancient summary of the faith. Come with questions! I have some:

- Why do we need a creed? Isn't the Bible enough?
- How should we use it?
- What about the saying "No Creed but Christ"?
- What was its purpose and how does that fit today?
- I BET YOU HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ALSO!!!

Mark your calendars. Hope to see you in class in the new year!

Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus with you,

Pastor Tim





Happy New Year!

Bret Thorson, Discipleship Pastor

A new year, a new day, another step with Jesus. At this time of year, I often hear a few common topics being discussed including: do you remember when..., the top 5 or top 10 of (fill in the blank) for 2018, in the new year I'm going to... Reflection and planning are both healthy tools to help us make the most of every opportunity in life and in God's Kingdom.



If you have not already done so, set aside some time to reflect on 2018. Here are a few questions to help you get started:

- What were the most memorable moments of the year?
- What were the highlights of your year?
- What is something new you tried or accomplished?
- Who is a new friend? How have your relationships changed with old friends?
- What were some of the hard moments of the year?
- How did God prove Himself faithful this year?
- How has your relationship with Jesus changed this year?
- When and where did you most see and experience God this year?
- What do you want to thank God for from 2018?

Just as reflection is a healthy tool to help us see God's faithfulness and activity in our lives, planning is a healthy tool to help us grow in our relationship with Jesus. Many of us make plans for everything from the family dinner menu for the week to our next vacation, yet when it comes to our faith, we seldom come up with a plan to help us grow in the Kingdom of God. What is your plan to help you fall deeper in love with Jesus in 2019? I encourage you to set aside some time to pray and plan for the upcoming year. What will your faith training plan look like? Here are a few thoughts and questions to help you get started in creating a plan to grow closer to and more like Jesus this year:

- Read John 1:35-39 a few times. Picture yourself there, maybe you are one of the disciples following Jesus. What do you think, feel,

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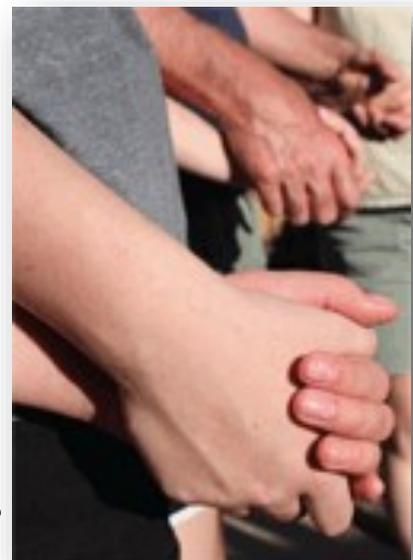
say, and do when He turns to you and asks "What are you seeking?"

- ❑ Read Colossians 3:1-17 a few times. What words or phrases stood out to you? What is God inviting you to from this passage?
- ❑ Read Romans 12 a few times. What words or phrases stood out to you? What is God inviting you to from this passage?
- ❑ When you close your eyes and picture God looking at you, what do you see? What would you like to see? Read Zephaniah 3:17. What encouragement to boldly live for Jesus in each moment do you receive from this description of God looking at you?
- ❑ How will you slow your life down this year in order to help you see God in everything?
- ❑ What practices can you begin to help you live all of your life as sacred instead of separating your life into sacred and secular?
- ❑ When you think about your relationship with Jesus at the end of 2019, what are you seeking?

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson

Pray for the Nation

Praying for our nation is still as great a need as ever. We will continue praying every Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 beginning January 7th. Why? Because God has asked us to pray. Our desire is for the people in our nation to obey God. Our theme is II Chronicles 7:14. *"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sins and heal their land."* This is our deepest need. God tells us, *"Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord (Psalm 33:12)."* All are welcome to join us as we pray for our nation.





Christmas Card Donations

Dear Highline family,

Please donate any Used or New Christmas cards to the Prison Ministry box in the Community Room. We use them to write to prisoners. If you want to buy the cards when they are on discount after Christmas that would be great. Don't buy cards with glitter as prisons won't allow them in. You can donate used cards. I am able to re-use the fronts as stationery when writing the prisoners. They love to decorate their cells with all the cards. Thank you so much!



Janita Lagasca

Evergreen Prison Ministry and House of Hope

House of Hope (Prison Ministry) Board Member Report — Treasurer Don Berg

For nearly 30 years I worked with the youth in our church, trying to help them avoid the mistakes I made when I was their age. About 12 years ago I started working at an outreach to the homeless. For the first 3-4 years I cooked mostly, because by working in the kitchen I felt like I didn't have to go one-on-one with the folks we were serving.

But God had a different plan for me. He put me in a situation where I had to deal directly with some of these men and women. Wow...did that ever wake me up! Once I got to know them as people (instead of homeless people) I discovered that I enjoyed talking to them and sharing the love of Christ with them. Today, I find myself seeing them on the street and stopping to talk to them, genuinely caring about them.

Several years ago, I was asked to possibly update the House of Hope website for Michael (House of Hope founder and director). The more I talked with Michael, and the more I learned about HOH, the more I realized how much Jesus Christ is needed in the lives of not only those experiencing homelessness, but also those in jail and prisons. It didn't take me long to make the decision that I needed to do whatever I could to help this ministry keep going... quite honestly, I can hardly wait to see what God wants me to do next.

Don Berg, Treasurer

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





Preschool Park

Birth through
Kindergarten



Preschool Park had our first Walk Through Nativity on December 23rd. We turned the hallway into a sparkly Christmas light walk way! Children had the opportunity to walk through 5 different themed rooms during Sunday School.

The children got to hear about the Big God Story and hear about how Jesus was introduced in the Old Testament. We looked at how we have a need for a Savior! Next the children went into a manger room. Mary told the story about having a baby in a manger. The children made a special Jesus ornament to take home. The next room we had shepherds and sheep! Then an angel appeared and told them to go see a baby! The children next went to see the wise men. The wise men told them how they followed a star to find the baby Jesus. The children made another Christmas ornament here. The last room was where we looked at Jesus as a grown up. We looked at his abundant love! Jesus did not stay a baby. He grew up, died for our sins, came back to life, and will be back to rule as the king some day!

Keep an eye out for pictures of our special day in the hallway!



Thank you so much for all of the families that helped cut out items, decorate the church, lead activities, lead the music, and volunteer to help children experience the Nativity in a hands-on way!



Katie Taylor ♥

♥ katie@highlinechristian.org





Light up your city for Christ

Matthew 5:14

illuminate Youth Ministry

A special thanks to everyone who donated toys for our iY Angel Tree Christmas Party!



QUESTIONS

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

E: Steve@highlinechristian.org
facebook.com/illuminateHCC

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]

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

All Classes Meet in the Youth Center



iY Youth Group - Kicks off January 6th
iY Rooted - Kicks off January 9th



I am excited to announce that Coins for Cousins, a fundraiser to help a family in need after the California wild fires, raised over \$400. Thank you for your contributions and prayers!

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



Giving Envelopes for 2019

The giving envelopes for 2019 will be available for all those who have been receiving them in 2018. You will be able to pick them up at the Atrium table weekend services through January 20.

If you plan to use online giving this year instead of using the giving envelopes or if you prefer to not use the envelopes, please let me know and I will not issue you a box.

If you would like giving envelopes and are not currently receiving them, please let me know and I will provide them for you. You can email me through the HUB or leave a message on my home phone.



Thanks for your help,

Carol Marshall

Financial Secretary

Operation Christmas Child

Items are being collected all year long in preparation for packing Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes next Fall. Please bring items to the South Building Community Room. The December focus was toothbrushes, the January focus is socks (socks to fit children ages 2-14) and the February focus will be Girl's Toys. Contact Tammie Lindblom with any questions.



JANUARY FOCUS: SOCKS

Scrapbooking and Crafting Night

You are invited to join scrapbooking and crafting enthusiasts on Friday, January 18, 6-11 pm in the upstairs south classroom of the north building. You need to bring all your own consumable supplies and you are encouraged to RSVP in case any details get altered. Scrapbooking tools will be available to share. You may consider either coming to craft your own thing in a social setting or just come to get ideas/get organized.

Contact Tammie Lindblom at to RSVP or with any questions.





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Saturdays—6:00 PM

Sundays—9:00 AM & 10:40 AM

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Allie Louvier

Highline's Volleyball Team Schedule

Highline's Winter Season Volleyball Team is Tammie Lindblom, Emma Matsberger, Mark Iverson, Tracy Hansen, and Randy & Lori Nye, along with several substitutes. We play every Tuesday at Kent Commons (525 4th Avenue N, Kent) and would love for you to cheer us on.

January 8: 6:10 PM

January 15, 6:10 PM

January 22, 7:30 PM

January 29, 8:50 PM

February 5, 8:50 PM

February 12, 7:30 PM

February 19, 7:30 PM

February 26, 7:30 PM

March 5, 6:10 PM

March 12, 8:50 PM

March 19, TBD

March 26, TBD



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