The Highline Connection

Highline Christian Church

Touched by Jesus to Touch Others' Lives

Experience God's Touch

July 2010

Africa Hope 2011 Mission Team

Thank you Highline for supporting missions as you do. We, the team who are traveling to Narok Kenya, on the African continent, are looking forward to representing Highline as we serve Christ there. Before we leave, we will be having a few fundraising events that we ask you to watch for.

We are putting together a new Highline cook book (volume #3 as far as we know). We will also be having an auction, just in time for you to buy Christmas gifts. These are just two of the ways we are trying to raise the funds needed to carry out this mission.

There are approximately 19 of us signed up to go. Any and all of us would love to accept your prayers, have help with our preparations and/or receive financial aid.

As we prepare ourselves for this trip, we have questions about what it will be like living in this new culture and serving at an "Aids Orphanage" just below the equator. Sharing Christ through loving people seems like an easy task, but after a full twenty-four hours of travel, another country and different languages, high elevation, new friends, and living away from home where the clock is suddenly half a day off, we know that we will need your prayers to let Christ love through us.

Thank you again Highline for loving and giving as you do!

Your Africa Hope 2011 Mission Team

Women's Retreat

A Fall Retreat for the Women of Highline Christian Church

"Faith that Takes Flight: Spiritual Bird Watching"

Friday, October 1 -
Sunday, October 3, 2010
Lakeview Retreat Center,
Federal Way, WA

Come join us on a fun-packed weekend with your fellow women friends of Highline Christian Church. Many of you came to our first retreat last fall and were pleasantly surprised by what was in store for you. Come get connected with each other again, and be filled with joy and fun. Some of you wanted a deeper study; we will have that available for those who choose it as well! We will have a "Bird's Eye View" which will be a light devotion time similar to what we did last year, plus we will also have an opportunity for you to be involved in a deeper study of God's word called "Eagle's Nest."

Early Registration: $89.00 (Includes Housing & all Meals) received before Sept 5th
Late Registration: $105.00, After Sept. 5th
EARLY REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

Encourage other Highline Women member buddies to come with you (must be age 18 and over). Registration for this event is going on now. Please fill out a registration form (in your Family Mailbox or available from the table in the Atrium) and turn it in to Michelle or Linda.

Be sure to see Michelle or Linda if you have any questions or concerns regarding this fun retreat.

Michelle McCarthy, Chair
Mailbox #204 in Church mailroom

Linda Fontejon, Committee Member

It Takes Many People!

By Lowell Hall

Our Pastor Tim Knight has often spoken about the Highline Christian Church as the Body of Christ and as members we are part of the Body of Christ. What part and activity do we play in the Body of Christ? Each of us as individuals can be involved in the Body of Christ. The very least we can do is faithfully attend the worship services and sustain the church with our tithes and offerings.

It is amazing how many people are involved in just the Sunday Worship services. Of course the church staff is actively involved. (Check the back of the Sunday bulletins for names and telephone numbers.) The following are just few of the people involved: worship team, choir, ushers, audio visual technicians, those who serve the communion and receive our tithes and offerings, the people who count, record and deposit the offering, the communion preparation group, greeters at the doors, the kitchen crew who prepare the refreshments, the ones who stuff the bulletins for each Sunday, nursery helpers, those who gather each Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. to pray for the services, the couple who are available each Sunday after the worship to pray with those who need prayer and of course those who gather to sing praise, to worship, to be inspired, and to reaffirm or dedicate their lives to Christ their Savior.

When you are involved and participating in any of the activities of Highline Christian Church you will be helping to build up, to sustain, and to invigorate the Body of Christ. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you could best serve the body here at Highline. If you would like more information about any of our ministries, please contact Pastor Tim or call the church office 206-243-4333.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you that are currently involved in all of the areas listed above. We really appreciate your willingness to serve God by serving Highline.

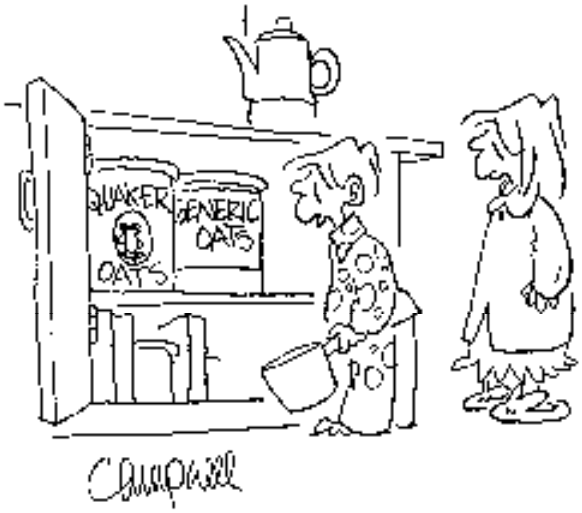
Highline Christian Church
12th Annual Men's Night Out

Seattle Mariners
take on the
Kansas City Royals

How does a night out sound? Come join your friends and brothers as we hang out and visit during a Mariner's game on a warm summer night (hopefully!) Purchase your tickets by July 4th! See the Men's Table in the Atrium on Sunday.

Transportation provided from Highline.
Meet at 5:45 PM for 7:05 PM Game.
Cost will be $15 each, Sons Welcomed!
For More Information, Contact Tim Crawford
mensministry@highlinechristian.org

Are you aware that Highline has two softball teams? They are playing in local softball fields such as Sunset and Moshier. Check the bulletin each week for schedules and locations. Come root on Highline!



"What do you want? Quaker or intendenom national?"

Calling All Cooks!

HCC is preparing to publish a new cookbook! We would love to have your FAVORITE recipes to grace those pages. Feel free to add or submit cooking anecdotes, tips or notes about who taught you to cook the recipe (s) you are submitting. Please make sure to include your complete name on your recipes you submit. We are even planning a special section for Holiday recipes and family traditions. Help us to preserve and pass on this truly unique family legacy. All proceeds will go toward Africa Hope Mission 2011. Roll up your sleeves and help us get cookin'!

Submissions can be e-mailed to Marty Dena or Jill Stanton.
Recipes written longhand may be placed in Marty Dena's Family Mailbox #227 or
John Davis' Family Mailbox #17.
Deadline for submissions is July 31, 2010.

Got any Cans?

Shoemaker Circle is still collecting and recycling aluminum cans to help support missions. EVERY CAN COUNTS!
Collection tubs are located in the Fellowship Hall (South Building) near Jehovah Java.

Prayer Circle

Praise God

Psalm 9:1-2 "I will praise you, O Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you. I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."

Praise our Lord for

Stephanie Bailey's brother-in-law Greg is awake after heart attack. Our missionaries Jordan & Lee Anne Johnson whose baby boy Jack was born on June 18, 2010. Praise for all the people that are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

Pray

I Timothy 2:1 "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone."

Remember in prayer

Lilly Strand's nephew waiting for kidney transplant; pray for James Degagne's daughter's family with finances, drugs and housing; Patty (Delores McIntosh's daughter)—diagnosed with breast cancer for the second time; Jim Louvier—home from the hospital, but in a considerable amount of pain; Steve (Galen Marcille's brother)—has congestive heart failure and rectal cancer; Gladys Russell—prayer is for lifting up for relief from pain and depression; Jan Dickson—prayer that her ankle/foot would heal since surgery was in December; Jane Randall—breathing problems; Greg (Stephanie Bailey's brother-in-law)—heart attack and pray his by-pass surgery is successful; Arlene (Paula James' friend)—her cancer metastasized to her lungs; Laura Blakley—broken toe; Bill Brown—sleep problems; Pray for Nancy Brown's Mom for strength after the death of Nancy's Dad; Ruthie Goetz's daughter-in-law Tigisti and son Jason lost family members in the Fremont fire; Realonda's sister—liver transplant.

With Sympathy

Cecil Henley for the death of his wife Frances
Nancy Brown for the death of her Father
Rita Ruffino for the death of her Father

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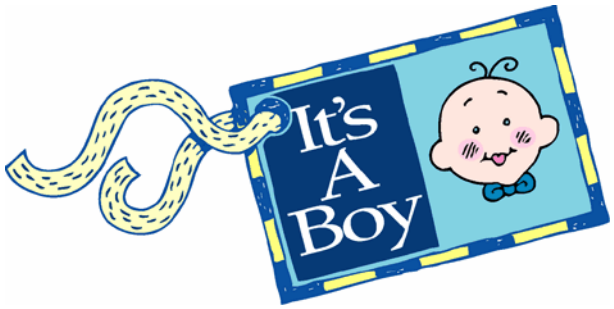
If you have any praises or prayer requests or want to be on the all church prayer chain, please call Barbara Goodridge or Jane Randall. Please make sure that when you are giving a prayer request for the prayer chain, that you okay it with all the parties involved to make sure that they do in fact want it on the prayer chain. Thank you.



We would like to welcome Tanner Owen Hitchcock who was born on May 24, 2010 at 6:24 P.M. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long. His parents are Jason & Courtney Hitchcock. Welcome to Highline Tanner!

Church Family Information

New address
Nancy **Sumner**

New Phone number
Jeff & Jennifer **Ray**

The Prayer Closet

By Galen and Carole Marcille

Do you ever wonder why we need to pray when God already knows everything we need before we ask? Jesus pointed that out in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:8). At the same time, as He gave instructions about how to pray. His statement in Matthew 6:8 did not say, "therefore you don't need to pray," but rather, in the verse before, He taught the people to not use "vain repetitions, as the heathen do." "Vain repetitions" has more to do with rote prayers, chanting, or repeating a particular prayer or phrase X number of times, thinking that's what will make us heard by God. God is not our trained seal, performing our bidding when we clap our hands or dangle a fish in front of Him. Prayer is not finding just the right magical phrase that coerces God to do our bidding! Much of the process of prayer is about seeking God's will and honor. Claiming the promises of God is not like working a Chinese puzzle box—push this side in, pull that side out, slide this, spin that, and—voila—you have your answer to prayer. God will defy performance, if this is how we approach Him. We are already in God's heart and the center of His passion. We need to align ourselves with His heart, passion, and purposes, as we learn in the Lord's Prayer: "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

"Vain repetition" does not mean that we cannot repeat a prayer, because later He taught in Matthew 7:7-11 to ask, seek, and knock, for the answer is on the way. In addition, Luke 18:2-8 demonstrated persistence in prayer using the parable of the unjust judge who gave the widow the justice she sought from him, because she kept after him for that justice. Jesus reminded us that if an unjust judge can do that, how much more the God who loves us intensely would act on our behalf, even though the answer may take awhile to appear. In this parable, Jesus instructed us to pray persistently, and not give up, and equated persistent praying as a demonstration of faith (vs. 8).

This concept of persisting in prayer until we see the answer (whether yes or no) is the concept of "importunity." Daniel demonstrated this concept of

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importunity in prayer in Daniel 10, where he sets his heart to understand a message given to him by God, with fasting and mourning. After three weeks of seeking God in this manner, an angel came to him to explain the meaning of the message. The angel told Daniel that God sent him the moment Daniel started to seek God. The angel also reported that the "Prince of Persia" opposed him for three weeks, until another angel came and assisted him. We often forget these things, and Paul reminded us in Ephesians 6:12 that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities and spiritual powers in high places. When we do not get an immediate answer, we sometimes stop praying about a particular subject, wondering what is the use. We often quit just before the answer is going to come.

We also see that Paul demonstrated persistence in prayer in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, where Paul shared his struggles with his "thorn in the flesh." We learn from Paul, that he prayed persistently about this thorn—pleading with God multiple times that the thorn might depart from him. Sometimes we forget that Paul's answer--that God's strength is made perfect in weakness--while a help to us if God also says no to our request, does not mean we should not pray about such things. We should pray until God says no or yes, and all with thanksgiving. Wouldn't we rather stand before God with a question, than to stand before Him and confess that we never bothered praying about something, because we never believed He would do anything about it anyway? The very thought makes me shudder!

Persisting in prayer can be hard work, but is absolutely essential. If you struggle with staying on the task, you are not alone. I must confess, sometimes I get tired of praying about something over and over again. My prayer journal has a number of prayer concerns I have grown weary of praying over, I'm sad to say. So this is a reminder for me as much as for others. Will the Son of Man find faith on the earth when He returns? That's what importunity in prayer really shows God—that we believe Him! *~ Carole*

Early Childhood News

Preschool VBS

August 2-6

9 a.m.– Noon

Polar Expedition is for children who are potty trained three year olds through children entering into Kindergarten. The children will be learning Bible lessons, having special snacks, playing games, singing songs, and making fun crafts.

Ways to support Polar Expedition

Supply Donations: To run this free event we ask people to help donate the supplies that are needed. You can sign up to being supplies later this month.

Volunteer: We will need staff for the week of August 2-6. We need crew leaders, snack helpers, check in staff, and puppeteers.

Set up: We set up for VBS on Sunday August 1 after church. We will be turning the church into a winter wonderland.

Prayer: This event reaches many children and families. Please support us through prayer that the children will see and feel God's love all week.

Serving Kids Together,

Katie Taylor

Katie@HighlineChristian.org

Please welcome our summer staff!

Ms. Kathy, Ms. Becky, Ms. Ethel, Ms. Kyliee, Mrs. Bobbitt, Mr. Richie, Ms. Amanda, Mrs. Gotshall, Mrs. Bowen, Ms. Sarah, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Evans, and all of our wonderful rotating helpers.

You are such a blessing! Thank you for serving God by serving children.

HIGHER GROUND KIDS SPOT

UPCOMING DATES FOR CHILDREN'S EVENTS

July 8—10
1st Chance Camp @ PVCC for students entering 2nd & 3rd grade. (We are not providing staff for this camp at this time.)

July 11-16
Summit Seekers "LIGHT" VBS Campout @ Camp Lakeview for students entering 4th—6th grade

July 26 & 27
Trail Trekkers "LIGHT" VBS Day Camp 9:00—5:00 each day for students entering 1st—3rd grade
Day 1—One of the many lighthouses of the Seattle area
Day 2—Acme Black Light Bowling

August 2-6
Preschool Polar Expedition VBS
9 a.m.—Noon each day
(Potty trained 3 year olds—Kindergarten)
Registration forms coming soon.

August 8—14
Junior Camp at PVCC for students entering 4th-6th grades. (HCC counseling staff provided at this camp)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Worshipping God is about much more than music, singing, and dancing; it's about living our lives in an attitude of love to our Heavenly Father who loved us first. With that said, one of the main modes we express our worship for God is through music; singing; and with the children and teens, dancing. The tricky thing about doing worship with kids is that there is a fine line between worshipping God and having a dance party. I know it sounds like the two of these things are worlds apart, but the reality is they're not. A dance party is a party, a celebration with lots of dancing. Children's worship is a celebration of God's love, also with lots of dancing. (A general children's ministry principle is maximum involvement equals maximum learning, hence the dancing during worship.)

In an effort to model and guide children in worship we are developing a children's and youth worship team. Vince and Tony, children's and youth ministry sponsors, are working together to lead and guide a group of teens to lead worship for children and youth. The key here is not so much musical perfection as it is hearts of surrender and worship for God.

I believe through this adventure we are all going to grow in our surrender to God and our ability to worship God in all areas of our lives. I'm so excited to see what God is going to do through the surrendered hearts of Vince, Tony, and the number of teens who are helping. Please pray for God to work in our lives as we surrender in worship to Him.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know we only have two rules in the Children's Ministry? We take our rules from Matthew 22:36-40. Rule 1-Love God and Rule 2-Love your neighbor. How many rules are you trying to follow?

H.Y.M. CHRONICLES

July Birthdays

Madalyn B.	2nd
Dominique D.	12th
Sierra P.	16th
Lilah H.	27th

Special Thanks

-Youth Coaches/Helpers:
Anthony Anderson, Ryan Barnett, Don Berg, Tony Beaumont, Terry & Kathy Clark, Vince & Brenda Cook, John Davis, Marty Dena, Molly Fontejon, Brianna Forkell, Ellie Graves, Lucas Heath, Jeff & Justin Kemp, Greg Maltsberger, Sharon McCandliss, Leah Mosier, Tyler Mosier, Beatriz Schnathorst, Marilyn Schroeder, Chris Terry, Cathy Ureste, Lucas Ureste, Elijah Williams

Youth Programs & Events

-Sunday High School 9th –12 grades
(Open Topic)
Room 302 10:40 AM — 12:00 PM

-Sunday Middle School 7th - 8th grades
(Open Topic)
Room 301 10:40 AM — 12:00 PM

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group in the Park
Who: (7th-12th grades) Wednesdays
Lake Burien Park 6—8 PM
Last meeting until August 4th, is 6-30-10

Sunday 6/27/10 & 7/4/10: Youth Group Outreach Dinner @ The Old Burien Community Center (7-12th graders) We'll be reaching our community by: serving a meal to those in need, fellowshipping, and ministering to children. **New Time & Place!** Meet @ The old Burien Community Center at 2 PM, done by 5:30 PM. 14700 6th Ave SW, Burien, WA 98166 website: www.Transformburien.org

Tuesdays/Thursdays: Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate (7th—12th graders)
Where: The HCC Activity Center
Classes are on held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7—9 PM. Come and check it out!
Cost: $10 a month + outfit

Youth Programs & Events Continued:

Youth Group in the Park

There will be no "Youth Group in the Park" during the month of July. It will resume its regular time from 6 PM—8PM, on August 4th, and we will continue to meet there until the weather turns on us, (probably sometime in September/October?)

Youth Group Destination Unknown
Wednesdays: July 7,14,21,28 10AM—5PM
Come and join us for a variety of activities in the month of July. I will let students know what we're doing the week before we go and do it, so they can be prepared for that specific activity.
Bring a sack lunch and something to drink!
There will be no "Youth Group in the Park" during the month of July, this event is taking its place.

8/2—7/10 CIY "Move" Conference (9th—12th)
(8th graders going into 9th can go)
When: Meet at HCC 10 AM, 8/2/10.
(*Please bring a sack lunch and something to drink with you for the trip down.)*
Back at HCC by 1 PM (8/7/10.)
Where: Oregon State University
How are we getting there?
Church Van, and/or Bus + Trailer
Cost:
$295 reg.—$150 with scholarship, by 7/2/10
$330 reg.—$165 with the scholarship, by 7/18/10
$355 reg.—$178 with the scholarship after 7/18/10
***You need to turn in your permission slips, or call Chad by these dates to qualify for the pricing.**
We would like all of our High School students to attend this conference, so please contact Chad if you cannot afford to go. Payment includes*: The Conference, transportation, and all meals)*
***Payment not due until 8/2/10, the day we leave.**

8/22—26/10 "Basic" Training Camp (7th—8th)
(8th graders going into 9th can go)

Any Questions or Concerns?
Please Contact Chad:
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