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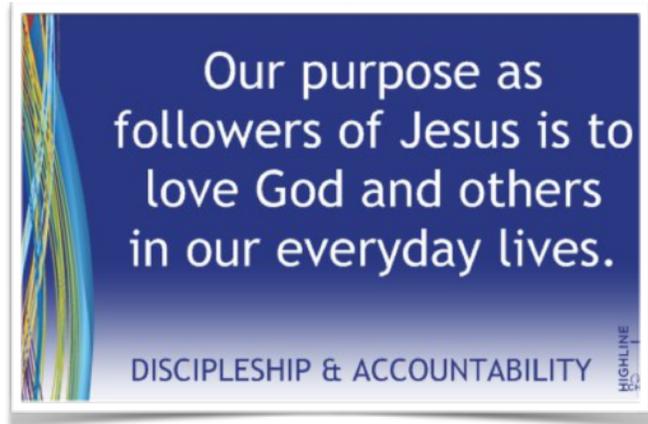
Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

Third Saturday Church Work Party



July 20, 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



Freedom

Wow, July is here and with it, the 4th of July, the day we celebrate our independence from Britain. I have many fond memories of 4th of July celebrations from hotdogs, potato salad, and watermelon, to swim races, parades, and fireworks. Speaking from my 4th of July soapbox, I miss the sounds of all the various fireworks and firecrackers that used to ring out in celebration all day on the 4th. There was always something magical and celebratory about being able to join the festivities and noise making, though I must admit in my freedoms, I didn't always make the wisest decisions when it came to lighting off firecrackers and bottle rockets and such. In celebration of the freedom of our nation, somehow my freedoms meant I could "do whatever I wanted." Don't get me wrong, doing whatever I wanted, still functioned inside the framework of the morals I had been taught, but that didn't necessarily stop me from having firecracker and bottle rocket wars with friends and family, which as I'm sure you can imagine was not the safest thing in the world to do. Oh, and if you're wondering, yes, my fingers went numb a few times from firecrackers going off in my hand due to a quick fuse or a slow hand, or sometimes both.

Isn't it interesting how quickly, and subversively I might add, our freedom as citizens of the United States becomes freedom from rules, regulations, boundaries, and general common sense and decency for the good of another?

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Adult Summer Sunday School Classes

Drop in, study, learn, grow!!!

9:00 AM, Room N-201

Eternity is now in Session by John Ortberg. Taught by Bret Thorson

10:40 AM, Room N-203

The Reason for God by Tim Keller. Taught by Jack Fratangelo

Every Pop Can Counts!

As a fundraiser in support of missions such as Transform Burien Resource Center and Bread of Life Downtown Seattle Mission, we are collecting aluminum cans for recycling. Collection bins are located in the South Building Community Room and are picked up weekly. Any Questions? Contact Mary or Alice Webb.



Sunday July 27 Transform Burien HCC Outreach Dinner



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:

Burien Annex

144th and 4th Ave

Burien, WA

Contact

Don Berg

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Freedom Continued....

Realistically, I could remove this topic from being citizens of the United States, and simply look at humanity and what people believe freedom to be. This is incomplete, I know, however it is part of my point, the first definition of "freedom" when I googled it was: "the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint." Synonyms for "freedom" include: autonomy, independence, self-determination, self-governance, and sovereignty. If autonomy, self-law, is the basis for determining our power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint, we are headed to a very dangerous place: the sad refrain from Judges 17 and 21, "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Time and again, the Bible warns of the folly of doing what is right in one's own eyes, it is the same sin of Adam and Eve, the desire to become a god unto self, self law.

True freedom is not found in the absence of rules, regulations, boundaries, and authorities, rather it is found in the context of the same. Years ago I did an activity in the children's ministry that helped the kids begin to understand this concept. I placed a bunch of game equipment in the middle of the Activity Center, told the kids it was game time, and led them into the space. The kids didn't know what to do. Some ran for the game equipment and started playing. Others, stood against the walls not sure what to do. Still others tried to organize a game with everyone, and then there were those who, knowing I always did everything on purpose, waited to see what I was doing and when I didn't give directions asked for some. In the end, everyone was seeking to do what was right in their own eyes and it was chaos. I then gathered the kids back together, and asked how the game time went, short answer, they didn't like it. Though the kids had no real rules, they did not experience "freedom"



or the peace and joy true freedom is supposed to bring. The same group of kids, under the structure of leadership and rules, ended up playing a game later the same day and had a great time. When asked the difference, the kids were able to acknowledge the freedom and fun to play when everyone was playing the same game by the same rules.

As disciples of Jesus, Christians, Christ followers, our freedom is found in and under the Messiah, King Jesus, and peace and joy in the Christian life is found in living in His Kingdom not the kingdom of this world.

"For you were called to freedom, brothers (and sisters). Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14 Again, freedom is not the absence of rules in our lives, it is not autonomy, it is not in seeking what you think is best for yourself. True freedom is only found in Christ and in His way of living by loving others as we love ourselves, even more specifically, as Jesus states in John 13 to love others in the same way He has loved us.

This 4th of July, as you celebrate the independence of our wonderful nation, would you also take some time to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy which were purchased by the lives of so many who have gone before and so many who continue to serve to protect those freedoms today. Would you also take some time to reflect on the true freedom we enjoy in God's Kingdom because of the price Jesus paid and ask God for direction in how you are a part of His Kingdom come and His will being done on earth as it is in Heaven. May you experience every growing freedom as you submit each moment to the King of kings.

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson
Discipleship Pastor



Retirees Breakfast

Thursday, July 11, 8:30AM
Pancake Chef



Seniors, come join us for fellowship and breakfast.

Ladies Quilting and Fellowship

Friday July 26, 6:00PM
S-101

Iron, ironing board, cutting mats and rulers will be provided



August 10, 2019

Tom Barnes Golf Classic

More information and sign ups in the Atrium and on the HUB



Photographic Memories

We will be meeting on **Friday, July 19** and **Friday, August 16** to scrapbook together and you are invited to join us. You are, also, welcome to join us if you just want to organize photos or get ideas from others. Please bring your own scissors and consumable supplies. Tools will be available to share. It is best to RSVP to Tammie



Operation Christmas Child

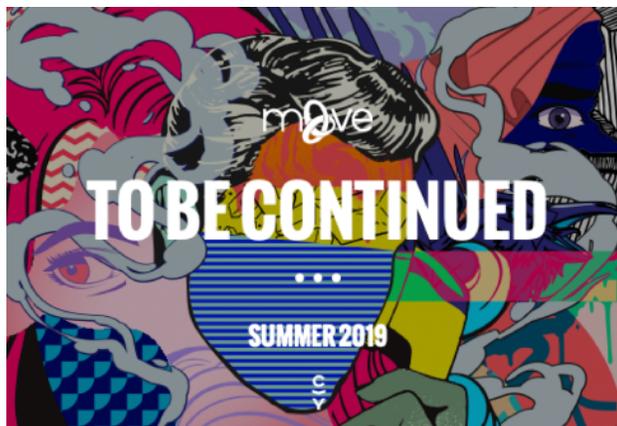


The focus for our Operation Christmas Child July collection is **SOCCER BALLS** and small **BALL PUMPS**.



SOCCER BALLS can not only bring pleasure to one child, but have been known to transform and unify a whole village. Any size soccer ball will be appreciated (#3, #4, or #5). The balls will be deflated for shipping. You may deflate it yourself or I will do it for you. If one soccer ball is outside your budget, please consider purchasing one together with a friend or two. Small BALL PUMPS are necessary to send with the ball. Feel free to donate just a ball or just a pump if that is better for your budget.

Contact Tammie Lindblom if you have any Operation Christmas Child questions.



July 29th -August 2nd, Oregon State University Sold out!

Please continue to pray for our students as they prepare for Move, where they will be learning and worshipping with youth groups from all over.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS!

HCC invites you to come to CIY with us!



August 7-10 | Central Washington University
For any questions please contact Pastor Tyler or Marques:
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What Needs to be done?

Serving. When we get our hearts in the right place, we can ask the question of a servant, "What needs to be done?"



Service is part of our high calling as followers of Jesus. My hope and dream as a mom is that my children would be great servants — notice laundry that needs to be put in the machine, dishes that need washing, and floors that need to be cleaned. Noticing the areas of the house needing attention are not the ultimate goal I have for my children, however. What I really want them to do is notice people needing attention — the frazzled single mom who ran out of gas on her way to work, the tearful in line at the grocery store, or the hungry student at school who forgot his lunch. This month's Home Front Magazine gives some practical ideas to engage your family in the mindset of serving. Pick one up in the Early Childhood area or in the South Building check-in area. We would love to hear what you tried in your family and the results!

Charlene Crawford
EC Director

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Welcome to Summer 2019 Early Childhood Starting Sunday, July 7th



	9:00 AM	10:40 AM
July 7	God is Provider (Begger at Gate - Acts 3)	Beatitudes From Matthew 5 (corresponds to sermon series)
July 14	Remember & Celebrate (Feast of Tabernacles*) *Think tent camping	
July 21	God is Strength (Peter and John before Sanhedrin from Acts 4)	
July 28	God Gives New Life (Paul's conversation from Acts 9; 22)	



On the left:
Miss Myah teaches children about the Good Shepherd during the 9AM service.



On the right:
Tammy teaches about Jesus calling Matthew, the tax collector.

Preschool VBS

Age Three - Going Into Kindergarten

(Children must be fully potty trained)

\$5.00



JESUS
IS KING

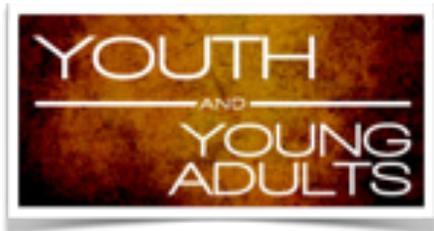
Preschool VBS
August 12-16



Save the Date!

For more information contact:
Katie at katie@highlinechristian.org OR
Charlene at charlene@highlinechristian.org

Youth & Young Adult Minister Search Update



The Search Team, consisting of Pastors Tim, Bret, and Tyler, and Youth Coaches Shawn, Tiffiney, and Patty, have met with various candidates, and after much prayer and discussion we have decided to move forward with one candidate. During the past month, we have taken various opportunities to get to know Josh Ambrose and to see how he connects with young adults, teens, youth coaches, parents, staff, and others.

Josh is a graduate of Portland Bible College where he served as a student leader on campus and in the dorms, under the direction of the Campus Pastor. During his schooling, he planned and led Encounter, a time of worship and Bible study for young adults. Prior to entering Bible college, Josh served as the Youth Pastor at Life Center Church in Centralia, WA where he also served on the Worship Team.

Having grown up in the church, Josh first gave his life to Jesus when he was six years old, and at thirteen he answered God's call on his life to serve Jesus in a full-time ministry capacity. Josh's parents have served in full time youth and worship ministry for over thirty-five years mentoring and providing opportunities for him to serve in various ministries including serving in senior homes, helping with worship, leading children's classes, and leading youth groups.

During the past month, Josh, his girl friend, family, and various friends have enjoyed attending Highline at multiple services. During an informal, young adult meet and greet, Josh spent the evening hanging out with and getting to know many of the young adults including some of this year's high school graduates. Partnering with Marques, Josh also planned a youth group evening including worship, teaching, small groups, and an informal opportunity to meet parents.

On July 8th, Josh will meet with the Elders for the next part of the search process. Assuming the July 8th meeting goes well, the Elders will officially announce/introduce Josh to the congregation and members of HCC will have an opportunity to affirm the Search Team and Elders decision to bring Josh Ambrose on staff as the Next Gen. Minister of high school youth and young adults.

I'd like to thank Marques and the youth coaches for all they have done to keep youth ministry going at HCC from February to present and through the summer. I'd also like to thank you for your prayers and support for the search team as we prayerfully worked through this process.

On behalf of the Search Team,
Bret Thorson
Discipleship Pastor

Kindergarten through 2nd



Here are the topics we will be studying for the month:

July 7 God is Provider: we will look at the beggar at the gate

July 14 Remember and Celebrate!

July 21 God is Strength: we will look at Peter and John before the Sanhedrin

July 28 God Gives New Life: we will look at Paul's conversion

Remember Verse:

We are working on earning a special game time by saying our Remember Verses. The kids are working on Acts 2:28 and at the end of the month, we will be adding in Romans 10:13 as well!

The 10:40 Service...

is matching what the adults are hearing in the sermon series. We are going to be focusing on what Kingdom Life is and how we can live it out. We are learning how to read and understand God's Word together. The children are having a worship time. We are learning to help each other learn verses. The children get a time to respond to what God is teaching them. One way we respond is to sit quietly! This is a skill that will take some time to practice!

Here is what we are studying this month:

July 7 Jesus teaches "God comforts people who are sad"

July 14 Jesus teaches "God welcomes people who are gentle"

July 21 Jesus teaches "God satisfies people who want what is right"

July 28 Jesus teaches "People who show mercy will receive mercy"

Remember Verse:

The children earned their first goal for saying verses! They wanted a popcorn party! They are working on a larger goal and will vote on what they want to do when they earn it. Our verses we are working on through July will be Matthew 5: 3-6. We will add another verse every few weeks.

It is a blessing to get to see your children each week! I am hearing many of the kids learn God's word and share what they are learning with each other. I get to see the Second Graders take the time to help the Kindergartners learn their verses. I love seeing the First Graders get the chance to read aloud and learn how to find verses. You are welcome to come anytime and see what is happening!

Katie Taylor

Kindergarten through Second Grade

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Mount St. Helens Trip

Mount St Helens is a treasure in our back yard. In 1980 the eruption caught scientists and residents off guard, but not God Almighty who is in control of everything.

Set aside Saturday, August 3rd to visit this magnificent mountain. This is an all-day activity with the curator of the museum guiding us up the mountain. Two hikes are planned, a short hike to Cold Water Dam and one for 2 1/2 miles for a medium hike. Sign up will begin the second week in July.

Call Connie about any questions.



CareNet of Puget Sound Pregnancy and Family Services has a new medical mobile unit serving the communities in Burien, Kent and Rainier Valley. CareNet is one of the ministries that Highline Christian Church supports. They are a faith-based, non-profit organization that helps women facing an unplanned pregnancy by offering free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. They are in need of male drivers for the medical mobile unit. They are looking for men who can dedicated two days per month to drive the mobile. This would require picking it up from the storage area in Renton and driving it to the site, remaining on-site during hours of operation and then driving back to the storage. The mobile unit operates Tuesday-Thursday from 11am-4:30pm. There are no special licenses required to drive the mobile. CareNet reached out to us because they are in great need for volunteer drivers. The available shifts are 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in Burien and 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in Rainier Valley area. If you would like more information on CareNet or the mobile unit, please visit their website at www.carenetsps.org. If you are interested in volunteering or have additional questions, please contact Kris Foster, Director of Mobile Services at 206-949-1930 or email her at kfoster@carenetsps.org

Thank you for your support!

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Welcome New Member's

Kim Allen
 Bill Danner
 Maati Kaawa
 Kathy Troxel

Congratulations New Member by Baptism

Leah Easterling

Worship Service Times

Saturdays - 6:00 PM
 Sundays - 9:00 AM & 10:40 AM

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:30
 Friday 8:30-Noon



We would like to offer our condolences to the Kirkham family. Ben Kirkham was a long time member of 40 years at Highline before he moved on to be with the Lord on June 1, 2019. Please remember Delores and their family in your prayers at this time.



Emily McKnight-Young, long time Member of 20 years, passed away May 2019.

In Celebration and Memory

Rob and Amy Evans welcomed Henry Evans, born at 5:50 a.m. on June 7, 2019. Young Henry, described as a superstar by the hospital staff, fought against all odds with all the strength his 23 week old body would allow. After 14 days of ups and downs, of scary moments and precious moments, Henry Philip Evans went home to be with Jesus on June 21, 2019.

Rob and Amy are thankful for the time and moments they were blessed to share with Henry. Though still grieving, they are also thankful for the overwhelming support from their family and their faith family. Please keep the family in your prayers as they continue to mourn and to adjust.



2018-2019 Elders



Konrad Lindblom



Tim Knight



Tim Crawford



Bret Thorson



Gregg Louvier



Chuck Hansen



Sal Dena



Paul Smith, Elder



Chair

HCC Staff



Tim Knight
Senior Pastor



Bret Thorson
Discipleship Pastor



Jack Fratangelo
Church Life Director



Liesl Behm
Worship Director



Kim Allen
Office Manager



Marsha Louvier
Custodian



Gregg Louvier
Facilities Manager



Charlene Crawford
Early Childhood
Assistant



Katie Taylor
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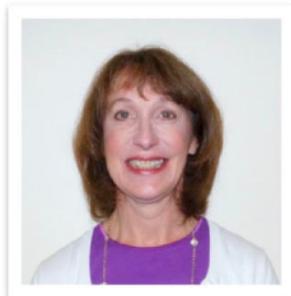


Tyler Mosier
Children's Pastor



Marques Smith
Youth Intern

Holly Fader
Worship Associate



Julie Kemp
Choir Accompanist