



# The Highline eConnection

May 2013

Highline  
Christian  
Church

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## Father's Day All Church Picnic

June 16, 2013  
12:30 p.m.  
Sunset Field #1

Please sign up to attend at the table in the Atrium on May 25 or 26.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Pastor Kurt

**Next Newsletter Deadline  
June 30**



### Get Your Africa Hope Raffle Tickets



Cost is \$5.00 per ticket, each person gets a free coupon card to Round Table Pizza worth \$55.00 in savings, and all proceeds go to Africa Hope Mission Team 2015. The drawing will be held June 16th at the All-church picnic. Contact Abby Blendheim to get your tickets or visit the table in the Atrium before or after our weekend services.



## Save This Date

Mt. St. Helens is a national treasure in our own backyard. This trip is an opportunity to see the mountain in all its beauty from a Christian perspective. Included will be a visit to the Seven Wonders Creation Museum, a presentation from the curator, and a guided hike with a man who has a passion to share about Mt. St. Helens and its importance.

August 24 is the date to set aside. If people are interested in a mid-week trip the dates are wide open, but please contact Connie Egger as soon as possible as there is a limit of 15. If you have any questions, call Connie Egger.



## Shoemaker Circle News

Our Annual Trip will be Wednesday June 19. We will be leaving in the church van at 10:30 A.M. We will travel to the Super Mall in Auburn to visit the Christian Bookstore and then on to IHOP for lunch. After lunch, we will be going to the Federal Way Christian Family Bookstore and returning to the church building around 2 P.M.

We are also still collecting aluminum cans for recycling as a fundraiser in support of missions. Please bring any empty cans to the bins in the Fellowship Hall.

## Thank You!

Dear Highline Family,

Thank you SO much for your generous support of our first annual Mother's Day rose sale! Proceeds will be going to fund the Africa Hope Mission 2015. We are so blessed to be a part of a church family that supports its servants in the field. Even more so knowing that mission field could be halfway around the world or just outside the worship center doors!

We have received some excellent suggestions to make next year's sale even better. We are hoping to have collected enough donated vases to be able to sell the roses already arranged for better longevity and easy transport home. We will also be able to have the option for you to pre-order your favorite color. Yeah!

We are truly blessed to be part of the Highline Christian Church family. Thank you for being there to support us in all the ways that you do.

*Africa Hope Mission Team 2015*

## ...And the Lord Added

### By Transfer:

Karen Gillespie  
Jim & Paula Jobe  
Fe Melton

### By Baptism:

Tim Enebrad  
Nanette Holt



## The Prayer Closet

By Galen and Carole Marcille

Last month, I looked at the question, “Does prayer work?” I asked two questions: first, what are you expecting prayer to do? And, second, what is the purpose of prayer?

In summary of that article, if our expectation is that if we keep praying, God will have to give us the answers we long for, then I’d say prayer does NOT work—because we all have experienced the reality that we don’t receive a yes for our every request. We looked at James 5:16 and saw that “the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”, but not all. We noticed that Jesus—the ultimate “righteous man” demonstrated how our prayer relationship should focus on God’s will above our own. And finally that it is God that works—as opposed to prayer working.

So now it’s time to examine the second question, “What is the purpose of prayer?” Is prayer’s primary purpose to get stuff from God? Or is it to get to know God? To me, it goes back to why Jesus died for us in the first place—to clear the path between us and the Father of the rubble of sin. Why did He do that? Just so He could hear an endless stream of requests, “Lord, please do this,” or “God, please do that,” from His creation? Let’s go back to the garden in Genesis 3, where God called out to Adam and Eve who had hidden themselves, after eating of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, as He walked in the garden in the cool of the day. “Where are you?” He called out to Adam and Eve. He wanted to walk with His creation, to have fellowship with His creation—made in His image. He wants us to know Him. But sin broke that fellowship—Adam and Eve hid themselves from Him and He banished them from the garden of Eden and the tree of Life. Many, many years later, Jesus came, walked on this earth, took our sins upon Himself on the cross—dying a notorious death at our human hands, and beyond that, rose from the dead. This action and gift on His part mean life and access to Him for us, for “in Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by

putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses. . .”

Colossians 2:11-13. “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself. . .” II Corinthians 5:17-18a Through Jesus, He grants us access to His “throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16). He still wants that fellowship, that relationship with us. He invites us to ask of Him—with “all prayer and supplication with thanksgiving” (Philippians 4:6) and to “cast all our anxieties upon Him, for He cares for us” (I Peter 5:7). He wants us to pour out our hearts to Him.

If this is prayer’s purpose, then prayer does work--as we align ourselves with its purpose. And as we spend time with the Lord, we find ourselves growing in our intimacy with our Creator, our Savior, the Lover of our souls, and in the knowledge of who He is—not trying to wrestle Him to our point of view and to twist His arm to do our will. Truly we come to accept Him on His terms—to love Him as He is and not for what He can give us. We seek to align ourselves with His will and glory—with Him. We seek Him and we really live! (Amos 5:4)

~ Carole



## All Approved

Thank you to all of you that voted for the officers and the Annual Budget of the Congregation. All of the officers were overwhelming approved as well as the church budget.



# Early Childhood News

## Summer Classes are coming!

We are so blessed at Highline to have such wonderful teachers and helpers.

The week after Promotion Sunday is June 9. This marks the beginning of our Summer classes. In the Summer the teachers that teach during the school year take the Summer off. We will need to have staff for the 6 early childhood classrooms. Please join us in prayer that God will provide the right teachers for the classes.

If you would like to join our Summer staff, please contact Katie Taylor this week. We have a need for teachers and helpers who can help all Summer or monthly.

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## Thank you Sunday School teachers!

Your children have had amazing Sunday School teachers all school year long. It is a blessing to watch each class learn and grow closer to Jesus. Thank you for your hearts for the children, your sacrifice, and your desire to reach children for God's Kingdom!



God Bless you all!!

**Keep an eye for VBS registration forms this month! VBS is for children who are 3 and fully potty trained through going into Kindergarten.**



Serving Kids Together,  
Katie Taylor  
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# HIGHER GROUND

## KID SPOT

**VBS Registration**  
**Now through June 9th**  
Forms available on the Check-in counters and on the HCC Web Page at  
<http://highlinechristian.org/ministry/children/Calendar/default.htm>

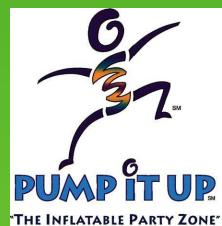


### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting June 9th and running through September 1st the 9 a.m. Sunday School classes for kids entering 1st-6th grade will meet in the Activity Center for the Big God Story, a time of response, and some activities. We'll be using the Tru curriculum complete with the take home pre-teach pages for parents. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Bret.



Summit Seekers  
Overnighter  
May 31st



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 30** - Last night of Summit Trekkers
- May 31st**—Summit Seekers Overnighter (Celebrating the 6th graders)
- June 2nd**—Promotion Sunday Celebrating our Sunday School students and all they've learned this year.
- June 9th**—First day of Summer Sunday School Programming
- July 1st & 2nd**—Trail Trekkers VBS Day Camp for students entering 1st-3rd grades
- July 21-26**—Summit Seekers VBS Campout for students entering 4th-6th grades
- August 5-9**—Preschool VBS for potty trained 3 year olds through Kindergarten students Pre-registration Required



## Reformed Reflections

By Brad Krantz

### Being Countercultural in Worship

Dr. Carl Trueman notes that, “Christian worship finds expression in various forms. The public reading of God’s Word is one. When the Word is read in the congregation, the claims of the world (whether the wider world “out there” or the inner world within ourselves) are repudiated and the claims of God are asserted in opposition to them.

Singing praise to God is another area of countercultural rebellion in the worship service. The world around us cries out to have our worship, the devotion of our hearts, to be praised by us for what it can do. Singing praise to God is denying

praise to the world and thus denying the world’s claims upon us.

Corporate reading of a creed or confession is a third aspect of this kind of rebellion. Because the great creeds and confessions summarize so wonderfully important aspects of the Bible’s teaching, not least the sovereign kingship of God, which relativizes the claims to kingship of all creatures, their recitation is an act of defiance and an insult to creaturely arrivists. As soon as the congregation says “We believe in one God...” all other pretenders to the divine throne have been put well and truly in their place. Neither sex or money nor power is God; there is only one God, the God whom the creed proceeds to describe.”

[Carl Trueman *The Creedal Imperative* (Crossway Wheaton Illinois, 2012), 155, 156]

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## Worship Schedule

**Saturdays—6 P.M.  
Sundays—9 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.**

**Sunday School – 9 a.m. for all ages;  
10:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School &  
Base Camp**

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**Office Hours**  
**Monday—Thursday**  
**8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.**

**Friday**  
**8:30 a.m.—Noon**

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## Elders 2012-2013



**Scott Barnes**



**Rob Evans**



**Les Fader**



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