

# *The Highline Connection*

*Highline Christian Church  
Touched by Jesus to Touch Others' Lives  
Experience God's Touch*

*March 2006*

## Christian Women's Retreat April 21, 22, and 23, 2006



**L**adies, now is the time to start planning to attend the 2006 Christian Women's Retreat. Held at **Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood**, the retreat provides an opportunity to grow closer to God, have fun, relax and be inspired by a bevy of speakers on a myriad of topics.

This year's **retreat speaker is Donna Jones**. Donna is a popular speaker for church functions, outreach events and retreats, and has inspired women throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia, for over seventeen years. She is the author of Taming Your Family Zoo: Six Weeks to Raising a Well-Mannered Child, which has been featured on the Dr. Laura radio show. She has appeared on Good Day Dallas, Janet Parshall's America and At



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Home Live. Along with other noted speakers such as Kay Arthur and Stormie O'Martin, Donna is a featured Bible Teacher on Zondervan's "Surrendering to Christ" DVD series.

Pick up a **registration form** in the family mailbox room and look over the wide range of workshops offered. There are at least 18 to choose from, and you will get to enjoy five of them. Come and be recharged in your walk with God.

Dawn Schroeder will be **collecting your registration forms** through **March 26th**. Come enjoy this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with the other ladies of our church and please .don't let money or transportation keep you from attending. These burdens can be overcome with partial scholarships and riding with other ladies.

If you have never attended the retreat, you will be truly blessed by your time spent worshipping God with hundreds of other women. If you have gone before, encourage your friends to come with you. Many surprises will await you.

If you have not received a registration form in the mail, you can pick up a copy from the Family Mailbox Room. Please take note of the cutoff date (March 28th) for mail-in registration. If you are unable to attend for the entire retreat, you can stay



BUILDING UP...

REACHING OUT

## Construction Progress

Thank you to so many volunteers who painted the brackets and sheer plates for the roof trusses. Your many hours have saved the congregation money and have helped construction to progress smoothly.

March will be another exciting month of construction. You can help by attending a Saturday work party (all skill levels needed) or by participating in the roofing project. Semi-skilled workers are needed February 27 through March 18. Please contact the volunteer coordinator Randy Nye if you can join in the fun.

## All-Church Banquet

Be sure to save Sunday, March 26 for an all-church banquet at the Burien Elks Lodge.

## Update Meetings Alert

Mark your calendar and encourage all interested friends and family to come hear our leaders' vision for Highline Christian Church. We will be having Update Meetings on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel free to call John Denny or the Church Office. We look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings.



Construction of one of the main roof trusses

## Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference

From newlyweds to empty nesters, every marriage needs a solid foundation. This conference will equip you with biblical truths along with practical tools. You and your spouse will be encouraged to follow God's plan in an environment that provides the unique opportunity to get away from the distractions of life and focus on the first and second most important relationships in your life.

While it is not necessary to stay at the hotel during the conference, you are encouraged to get a room to increase the time you can set aside for your relationship. Staying at home, however, is a good way to save on expenses; you could also pack a few snacks and bag lunch to make this event more affordable.

Registration materials are available in the lobby, or see JoAnn Taylor for more information. If you would like to be added to the HCC group, and save \$60 per couple, please **return your application to JoAnn on or before April 3, 2006**, and we will let you know the amount to pay on or by April 17. We may also have a limited number of scholarships that could reduce the conference fee, so please let JoAnn know if you would like to be considered for this scholarship. Reduced application fees will be given first to couples who have never attended a Family Life conference, then to others while funding lasts. You may also contact Dave Schroeder if you have any other questions.

April 28-30 (Friday 5:00 PM - Sunday 5:00 PM)  
Registration Rate: \$109 (per person)

Conference Location:  
DoubleTree Hotel Bellevue  
300 112th Ave SE  
Bellevue, WA 98004  
Hotel Discount Room Rate: \$89.00  
Hotel Reservations: (425) 455-1300  
Hotel Reservation Deadline: 4/14/2006  
Conference: #6739

## A Special Request

We received the following letter from Carrie (Brock) Lassiter regarding her parents Garry and Linda Brock who will be moving to Indiana where they will continue their mission work to the African people.

*Greetings! I trust that this letter finds you and your family well. I would like to begin this letter by thanking you for faithfully supporting my parents, Garry and Linda Brock, over the years. In the last 30 years your prayers, financial support, and relationships have made it possible for them to do the work that they've done.*

*As you know, after three decades of living and serving in Africa, Garry and Linda will be returning to live in Indianapolis. What you may not know is that in order for them to move here, they will have to leave practically all of their belongings behind, bringing only sentimental items. When they arrive in Indiana, they will be starting over completely. No furniture, no household items, and very few clothes.*



*I would like your help in blessing them with a "Welcome Home" gift! Between now and April, I will collect money from any of you who would like to contribute to Garry and Linda's gift. Instead of buying the household items for them, I will purchase gift cards at the end of April. That will allow my parents to buy anything they need in order to settle into their new life on this side of the ocean. I know that this will make their transition smoother. As the money comes in, I will keep a list of all of the names of those who contributed to include in a card. Keep in mind these gifts will be personal and not tax deductible.*

*Again, I thank you for all the ways you have supported my parents over the years. Also, thank*

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*you in advance for the ways you will continue to bless them. You will never know how much it means.*

*God's Blessings,*

*Carrie (Brock) Lassiter*

Please make checks payable to Carrie Lassiter and mail them to  
7419 Langham Place  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

## Come be a Part of Photographic Memories

Photographic Memories is a group that meets one Friday a month to work on scrapbooking, photo organization and the like. We basically meet to "do our own thing together."



Many scrapbooking tools and ideas are provided. You are welcome to join us regardless of where you are on the spectrum of scrapbooking. You may come to get ideas from other people's work, come to have a set time to organize your photos, or come to complete one or ten scrapbook pages. We meet in Room 101, downstairs in the church building, 6:00-11:00 P.M. It is best to enter through the back door on 150<sup>th</sup>. This is a free event and nothing is sold in our get-togethers. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Tammie Lindblom. The following are our next Photographic Memories dates:

Friday, March 3, 6-11 p.m.

Friday, April 7, 6-11 p.m.

Friday, May 19, 6-11 p.m.



## 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*

Kenny (Paula James’ brother)—does not have throat cancer after all; Robert (Laura Blakley’s grandson)—doctors got all the throat cancer during surgery; Nancy Brown does not have blood clots. 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*

Christine (Jill Rowley’s friend)—pray for good scan; Chera Kraemer—guidance in her job search and also for her friend Karl who had open heart surgery; Christine (Paula James’ friend)—lost her home and business in hurricane Wilma; Katelyn (Goodridge’s granddaughter)—dehydrated and can’t keep food down; Marilyn (Michal Gosser’s Mother)—pray her colon cancer has not spread; Jill Rowley’s Mom suffers back and leg pain; Annalee (Judy Tanttari’s friend)—out of hospital but seriously ill and for Lori Monson (Annalee’s daughter-in-law)—going through chemo; Mary (Margaret Ozura’s daughter)—in hospital with pneumonia; Tony (Marty Dena’s friend)—by-pass surgery; Collete (Jill Rowley’s friend)—spinal problem and death of her husband; Monty Rowley’s Mother—recovering from back surgery and onset of Alzheimers; Glenna Meade—diagnosed with diabetes; Tom Marshall—surgery on right shoulder.

### *With Sympathy*

Verniece Struzik—death of her brother James. Robert & Pam Gallardo—death of Pam’s Mom Leonara.

Please call Barbara Goodridge or Jane Randall for praises, requests or to be on the prayer chain.

## Sunday Night



You are welcome to join us as we discover Israel and our Bible, 6:00 to 7:30 Sunday evenings, through the unique presentation style of Ray Vander Laan. Each session can stand alone and may be attended or skipped without any impact on your continued learning.

This Series looks at the culture of ancient Israel and their neighbors. Lessons cover archaeology, morality, God's working, and faith lessons applicable to our lives. Upcoming lessons include:

- March 5 - Tel Beth Shemesh, Confronting Evil
- March 12 - The Azekah, Iron of Culture
- March 19 - Megiddo, Innocent Blood
- March 26 - Mount Carmel, Who is God?

## Thank You!

We want to thank everyone at Highline that donated and came out to our auction. We enjoyed talking to everyone and sharing about our boys we are adopting and the country of Liberia.

We ask that you continue praying for our family and our new sons Odason and Handson. We pray that they will not be discouraged and they will be kept safe at the orphanage. We still have a financial need and need prayer to just keep the faith in God above as we continue in this adoption.

Thank you!

*Rod and Tabitha Pelogi*

## Clinical Research Studies Starting Now

Do you suffer from any of the following:

- Sinus problems?
- Problems breathing through your nose?
- Migraine and other Headaches?
- Head Pressure/Tightness?
- TMJ Problems?
- Postural Problems (including kyphosis, lordosis, scoliosis)?

Consider participating in an investigative study of a specialty treatment procedure called NeumoCranial Restructing or NCR for short. NCR is a remarkable, manual technique that is designed to restore your most vibrant, harmonious, pain-free and energetic mode of functioning, without surgery, without drugs, without spinal manipulations or physical therapy.



NCR is a safe, natural remedy that has routinely demonstrated significant improvement and even elimination of symptoms. The principles underlying this procedure clearly underscore Psalm 139:14 that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made.” Results from these studies will be pooled with results from over 300 people treated by other specialists around the country for publication in professional journals.

Private funding is available now to cover the cost of treatment for each category, except for some administrative cost (for which a tithe will be given to Highline Christian Church and a preliminary orientation).

For more information about this study, call Dr. Anne Davis at 206-995-2727. For more information about NCR and other conditions that NCR treats, visit [www.ncrdoctors.com](http://www.ncrdoctors.com).



## Sports Ministry News



Hello Highline sports fans. Here is some up-to-the- moment news!

This spring we will be fielding a volleyball team and a softball team. The volleyball team will be looking for some new players, especially men. If you are interested, please contact Clint Kelly or Randy Nye.

Also, in a couple of months the Sports Ministry will be sponsoring a Christian soccer clinic in our area. This will probably be for fourth through sixth graders. The clinic will consist of a combination of learning soccer skills and Bible lessons. More information on this subject will become available as we collect it, such as location and staff and dates and fee. Of course there will be a limit to the number of registrants allowed so if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible.

I am in desperate need of help. If we are to have any more golf tournaments for the church we will need someone to step forward to help organize it. Lee Kibler is giving me all his notes on preparations of past tournaments so this will be a tremendous help.

I also would like someone to volunteer to help organize an all church bowling tournament. Joelle Baarley has loaned me a computer disk to help with handicapping.

Sports ministry is working on expanding its areas of involvement to touch more people in the South Seattle community. Any ideas and suggestions may be directed to Clint Kelly. I welcome any volunteers and please keep us in your prayers that we may continue to be a positive influence to anyone we come into contact with.

## Top 10 Accessed Website Pages for January 2006



[www.highlinechristian.org](http://www.highlinechristian.org)

10. Meet the Staff
9. Children's Ministry
8. Sanctuary Construction Pictures
7. Youth Ministry
6. January Newsletter
5. Podcasting (downloading sermons)
4. Sports Ministry
3. Online Sermons
2. HCC Home Page
1. Construction Webcam

Average Visits per day: 117  
Total Visits for the month: 3643

Have you checked out the church website recently? Come take a look!



"Is God at dot com or dot org?"

## Church Family Information



Jeff Dickey

Jenny Feuling

Dave & Kim Hicker

Amber Hintz

Ben & Delores Kirkham

Joyce Noonan

James & Pat Nye

Cindy Scott

Nick & Angie Sikes

Tamara Sikes

Rachael & Matt Sikorra

## Look Who's Having a Birthday in March

1. Scott Garr
3. Sabrina Fontejon  
Art Taylor
4. Carol Voelzke
6. Karen Pelkey  
Drew Sagmoen
7. Caleb Louvier
8. Kurt Bennett  
Melissa Davis  
Filemon Nava  
Victoria Ureste
9. Chera Kraemer  
Delores McIntosh  
Emma Smith
12. Jennifer Taylor
13. Lucas Bennett  
Tim Johnson
14. Paul Breon  
Charlene Crawford  
Jody Woodward
16. Esther Foster
17. Teresa Heath
18. Bill Breon
19. Natalie Revollas
21. Heather Blankenship  
Ron Finlay, Sr.
22. Chase Bowen  
Peyton Nielsen  
Cierra Wallin
23. Wes Smith



## (March Birthdays continued)

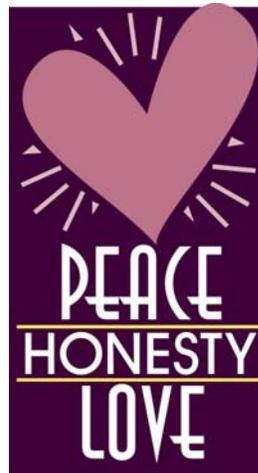
24. Jonathan Foster  
Donna Schaller
25. Justine Gallardo  
Jamey Kelly  
Anna Peoples
27. Gavin Mosier  
Marie Ross
28. Ella Ree Depue  
Linda Sondgeroth
29. Heather Tiefel
30. Jane Knight
31. Brianna Forkell  
Alexis Hutsell

## We Need Your Pictures!

If you have any church function pictures for December, January or February would you please put them in Family Mailbox #8 to be used in our history books? Thanks so much!



The Historians



If there is peace in your heart, you will find it impossible to hate.  
If there is honesty in your heart, you will find it impossible to judge another.  
If there is love in your heart, then that is all there is.  
Fear is gone, as is judgment  
And the desire for violence.

Kim Hauenstein  
United Protestant Campus  
Ministries, Cleveland, Ohio



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## Special Insert on Youth Pastor

Chad Schnathorst

**A**t Highline Christian Church, we like to think we have the BEST Youth Pastor! Actually we do...the experts will tell you this. And just who are the “experts?” The experts are the teens- the ones who are a part of the “HYM”- Hardcore Youth Ministry at Highline.

If you are a parent, of a teen, you probably know Chad Schnathorst. For over three years, the Youth Pastor has blessed Highline with his magnificent creativity and love of youth and God. Teens listen to Chad because he has an obvious gift of connecting with them. He believes that all youth can be “hardcore,” and that the adolescent/teen years are probably some of the toughest times in a person’s life.

He reflects back to the beginning. “It hasn’t always been a smooth ride between the staff and the teens, but I believe that they have come to know that we care deeply about them, pray for them, and after awhile have come to respect each other. There is a good bunch of young people and I believe that each one of them has great potential! It also does me good to know that at least two of our young men are considering going into full-time ministry for themselves.”

Chad started getting involved in Youth Ministry under Bruce Lijegren, the Youth Pastor at Normandy Christian Church in the early 90’s. Having a younger brother in the Youth Group, Chad discovered he really enjoyed working with the other teens and the Youth Staff at Normandy Christian Church. Bruce encouraged Chad to give full-time Ministry a try, so he did just that! Chad made plans to return to school- which took a few years to save enough funds and he worked out/prayed about balancing a job/school schedule that would allow him to be successful at both. Looking back, he undoubtedly knows, “The Lord made it all work out according to His plan, which took a

little longer than I anticipated but here I am!”

Chad is sending a positive message to teens which involves his five key desires. The first of these is that youth come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their

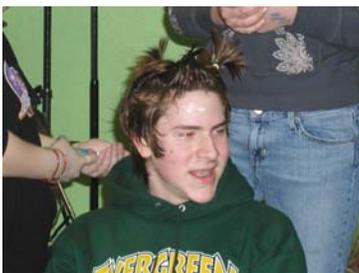
Personal Lord and Savior and to keep God number one in their lives. Mark 12:30, Romans 10:9-13. His wish is for youth to understand that love is the most powerful tool we have. Treating others as we would want to be treated is the only road to any kind of peace in one’s life. Mark 12:31, Romans 2:6-11, Romans 12:21, 1 Peter 4:8. His third wish is that youth would work hard in their spheres of influence. Colossians 3:12-17. He also desires that they would reject worldly things and seek godly things. Micah 6:8, 1 John 2:15-17, 1 John 5:1-5. Finally, he hopes youth will remember that they are the light of the world, (that they will disciple and minister to others). Matthew 5:14-16, Romans 1:16-17, 2 Timothy 2:22-26.

Are youth at Highline different from youth at other churches? Chad responds, “They are like most other youth in that they have to struggle with all the pressures of adolescence. They’re transitioning from being children into becoming adults, and that’s a tough job whether you’re a Christian or not. But, unlike most kids who are not raised in the church, they are putting their parents or friend’s faith to the test. The teen years are filled with questioning and testing and that doesn’t leave faith out of the picture.



They are wrestling with the teaching of Jesus, just like most adults, but at the same time, dealing with a media that spends more on them than any other age group- selling false ideas to make a buck. So, they have to make some decisions, they have to sift their way through to the truth. They're looking for their own faith and how they fit into God's picture, and many of them get lots of spiritual bumps and bruises along the way. Thus, the straight and narrow path isn't always the easiest, and we try to remind them of that."

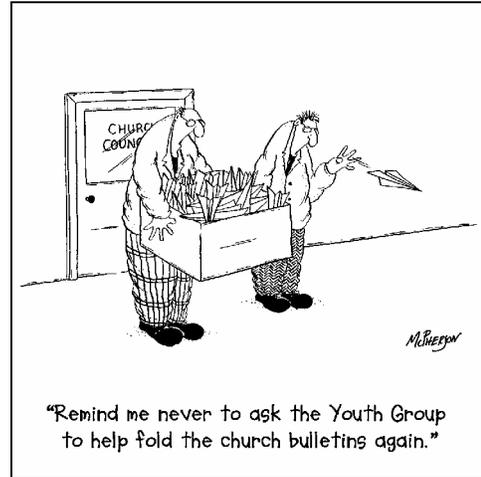
Chad encourages the students to think about and plan for the future. He was especially excited when the first group of young people that the Youth Ministry Team worked with, graduated and made plans to attend colleges and universities- many of them moving on to Christian based education. The majority of these young students graduated with completion of their High School Diplomas and college A.A. Degrees. Some attended the Occupational Skills Center where they received technical job training which they will apply to future careers. One young lady is participating in both OSC and the Running Start Program at the Community College at the same time! Chad cannot praise the youth without giving recognition to the parents! "Their parents are doing a good job raising them and I believe that we have tried to reinforce those same values and ethics which come so hard in this age of relativism."



**This youth shows his "outrageous hair" as part of a "personal challenge" at youth group.**

Chad will be the first to tell you that "your kids will love it here! I love the youth at Highline Christian Church! They are a great group of teens! We have so many different personalities and interests, it's amazing! I can see many of them

becoming church leaders themselves. Being a pastor isn't always an easy thing, you're close to many people's problems and know many things that others don't, but when I look back on each one



of them, I'm proud of them all in some way or another. I pray that they all continue to hold onto their faith, and let the Lord guide and grow them into fine young adults."

While so many teens admire Chad for his skills, it is only fitting to ask him who he admires. His answer is immediate. "I'd have to say my youth staff...they're great! It takes a lot of dedication to work with teenagers sometimes, because emotions have a tendency to run high, and results are slow in many respects. But, they are faithful and enjoy watching the youth mature as much as I do! I was a Youth Ministry volunteer for about a decade before I became a Youth Pastor, and I can say from experience that it can be a big time commitment, but it's worth it in the long run."

Chad, who is blessed with an abundance of energy and enthusiasm, has a special invitation for teens! "If you are a teen and not currently attending a Youth Group, join one! Are there perfect people there? No, but there are adults who love young people and people of all kinds, seeking out what God's plan is for humanity. It's a place to have a good time, learn how to minister, make some friends and even receive some support."

Well, we can't feature the Youth Pastor without featuring the Children's Pastor! So...next time, it's Bret's turn!

By Joy Henley

*Special thanks to Dave Schroeder for interviewing and compiling information for the contents of this story.*

# HIGHER GROUND KIDS SPOT COMING THIS SUMMER

## June

- **June 4th - Promotion Sunday @ HCC**



- **July 6-8th - First Chance Camp @ Pleasant Valley Christian Camp for Children entering 2nd or 3rd grade**

- **July 10 - 14th - Summit Seekers VBS**

**Campout @ Camp Lakeview for children entering 4th - 6th grade**

- **July 17-21st - Preschool VBS @ HCC for potty trained children 3-5 years old**

- **July 24-25th - Trail Trekkers VBS Day Camp for children entering 1st - 3rd grade**



- **August 6-12th - Junior Camp**

## September

- **September 10th - Family Night @ HCC**