

# *The Highline Connection*

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

March 2009

**Northwest Christian  
Women's Conference  
Warm Beach Camp –  
Stanwood, WA  
April 17-19, 2009**



God longs for your life to be full of living, not stress. Imagine the relief you might experience if you were to slow down your fast pace and embrace greater simplicity. Join us at the 2009 NWCWC for a time of receiving and expressing God's love with the hope of transforming our daily experience.

*...but the greatest of these is love.  
1 Cor. 13:13b*

## **FEATURED SPEAKER**

Keri Wyatt Kent is the author of six books and a co-author or contributor to several others, and is currently working on another book. When she's not busy traveling around the country to speak and lead retreats, she's writing. She's a regular contributor to several magazines, including *Today's Christian Woman*, *Momsense* and *Outreach* magazine, as well as several websites and blogs. She's a member of the Willow Creek Community Church, where she has taught, led groups, and volunteered in a variety of ministries over the past 21 years. To learn more about Keri, visit her website at [www.KeriWyattKent.com](http://www.KeriWyattKent.com).



The director this year is our own Kim Bobbitt, and we are so excited for her! She has done an amazing job, and has a wonderful weekend lined up for us! See our table in the Atrium for signups March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>. Partial scholarships are limited and based upon application process and availability.

Church signup deadline - March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Mail in deadline - Postmark by March 19<sup>th</sup> (add \$20.00 late fee if postmarked after the 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Conference Wear - Very few items will be available to buy at the conference this year, so make sure to pre-order what you want. They have several selections!

\$132.00 - 2 nights, 6 meals  
\$121.00 - 1 night, 4 meals  
\$74.00 - Saturday only, 3 meals

For more information, contact:  
**Dawn Schroeder**

**Bonnie Stilts**

## Building Update

### ...a note from Gregg

It has been an INCREDIBLE BLESSING to have been involved with our construction project. MANY of you have helped immensely along the way. We would not be where we are today without your effort. For some of you it was using the talents of your regular work to help complete our facility – electricians, painters, computer wizards to name a few. For others it was just being available to do whatever was necessary - clean up, pound nails, do landscaping or guard the project at night. I would LOVE to name all of you but.... first of all I can't and secondly as soon as I started naming people I know that I would leave someone out that should be listed.

Having said that I do have to mention a few people that were godsend. Dave Sloan quit a part-time job to come along beside me and help us get into the Worship Center. He continued to show up once a week for the remainder of the project to do whatever was needed to forward the project. Chuck Hansen, Ty Bandy and Bill Bird combined as our main group of electricians on the project and literally put in hundreds of hours to complete the project. Al Peterson (not a member of HCC) is the charity coordinator for local 32 – Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Union – put in many many hours directing his group and then mostly showing up on his own to do the majority of all our plumbing. Rey Ureste helped in the Ed Wing project with expertise in drywall and then painted the entire upstairs portion of the Education Wing. Ernesto Alvarez (Senior Minister of Mision Ebenzer – Hispanic church that meets in our facility) painted the entire Worship Center and the bottom floor of the Education Wing. Although many were involved in the tech, computer and music wiring and layout.... two people did a massive amount of the work... Tim Crawford and Les Fader. Although about a dozen people were employed by the church during the project I do want to say a special thanks to some that went beyond what was expected... Lee Kibler, John Davis and Caleb Louvier for various reasons deserve a special thanks for their efforts...

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Last but not least - Thanks to the staff that worked with me (and sometimes just put up with me) during the project – you were a blessing. A special thanks to my best friend and brother Pastor Tim. He was a great encourager during the entire project.

Although we are technically done building our new facility (except for the elevator and related items) there are many jobs left to finish and maintain our new facility. Starting shortly as property chair, I will be scheduling work parties to complete some punch list and maintenance items, so be watching your newsletter and bulletin for more information.

Again thanks to all that were and are part of this incredible effort.

In His service,

*Gregg*

P.S. I would be dead and just wrong for not giving a special thanks to my wife Marsha for all the chasing of parts and materials, extra cleaning required and a myriad of personal schedule “adjustments” over the last 4 years. I love you and thank you!



**Gregg and Marsha on one of their few vacations during construction**

## 40 Days for Life

**FEBRUARY 25  
TO APRIL 5, 2009**

This spring, from February 25 through April 5, the Renton community is uniting with dozens of other cities across the United States for a special 40-day campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, and of prayerful vigil at abortion facilities. This campaign is known as 40 Days for Life. And while being a national campaign, it is conducted on a local level, in individual cities and communities.

Thousands of people of faith are uniting this spring for this great effort to help rebuild the Culture of Life and heal the wounds of abortion in our land, and we are invited to join with them as we spend 40 days in prayer, fasting, and vigil in the Renton community! The prayer and fasting can be done at any time and in any place during these 40 Days, and the prayer vigil will take place at the Cedar River Clinics abortion facility in Renton, located at 4300 Talbot Rd S. (across from Valley Medical Center). This vigil will happen Monday through Saturday from 7 A.M. - 5 P.M. on each of these days.

The Cedar River abortion facility here has been killing unborn children for over 30 years, and averages 10-15 abortions per day! We need to unite in a strong effort to stop the killing.

**Please consider signing up for your own times to come and spend in peaceful prayer vigil during these 40 Days! You can choose any day and time that will work best for you, even if the time is outside the official Mon-Sat, 7-5 in front of the Cedar River abortion facility.**

**For more information or to sign up for prayer vigil, please contact Christina DeGoede (360) 269-2105 or [cmdegoede@yahoo.com](mailto:cmdegoede@yahoo.com) or Louise Scott (425) 271-7185. You can also visit the website: [www.40daysforlife.com/renton](http://www.40daysforlife.com/renton) and click on VIGIL SCHEDULE for sign up information.**

## With Sympathy

We would like to offer sympathy to the family of Eleanor Rowley. Eleanor went home to be with the Lord on February 14, 2009. Eleanor was a charter member of Highline Christian Church and had been a member for over 63 years! A memorial service was held at Highline on February 23, 2009. Please keep Eleanor's family in your prayers during this difficult time.

We would like to offer sympathy to the family of Gene Wooster. Gene went home to be with the Lord after living 99 years on this earth on February 23, 2009. Gene had been an active member of Highline for over 34 years. A memorial service for Gene was held at Highline on February 26, 2009. Please keep his daughter Kathy Evans and the rest of his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

We would also like to offer sympathy to the families of two of our former members. We would like to offer sympathy to the family of Wally Mason. Wally went home to be with the Lord on February 1, 2009. Wally & Bert Mason were members of Highline a few years ago before they moved to Tennessee. Please keep Wally's wife Bert in your prayers as well as the rest of the family during this difficult time. We also received word that Lucille Orrell went home to be with the Lord on February 18, 2009. Bill & Lucille were active members of Highline many years ago. Please remember to keep Lucille's husband Bill and the rest of the Orelle family in your prayers during this difficult time.



## And the Lord Added

We rejoiced as the Lord added the following people to Highline:

**By Baptism**  
Natalie Barnes

**By Transfer**  
Mary Montgomery



## Prayer Circle

### Praise God

Psalm 105:1 & 2 “Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful acts.”

### Praise our Lord for

Virginia Morrow had successful foot surgery; Gerri (Marilyn Schroeder’s sister-in-law)—home from the hospital; Andy (Marty Dena’s brother)—good results for his recent cancer biopsy; John (Ron Finlay’s friend)—came through his 4-way by-pass with flying colors. Praise for all the people that are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

### Pray

Philippians 4:6 “Don’t be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God.”

### Remember in prayer

Linda Rome’s mother—suffering from dementia; Bob & Pat Barnett—concerned for a mom on drugs and for her children; Gay (Beve Cord’s friend)—another cancer found in her thyroid; Virginia (Ellen Gores’ friend)—had a bad stroke; Ernest (Diana Reagan’s friend’s father)—had a serious fall; Howard (Laura Blakley’s brother)—hospitalized for heart blockage; Matthew (Lucille Potter’s grandson)—his mom hospitalized on life support; James (friend of Marilyn Schroeder’s)—had to have tests to determine internal bleeding, his mother was in a head-on collision, and his daughter is very stressed; Elaine Chapin’s friend Maggie flew to Florida to donate bone marrow to her sister; Olaf (Jan Dickson’s friend)—in hospital with brain aneurysm; Hillary (Laurel Mercury’s friend’s daughter)—addicted to pain killers and a diabetic; Don McKeegan—hospitalized with aneurysm; Tam (Bill Brown’s niece)—pray she finds a job; Donna Davis—liver cancer; Yolanda (Lucille Potter’s daughter)—surgery to help her breathing; Nona Denny—cataract surgery 3/2; Step (Jeff & Jennifer Ray’s friend)—battling breast cancer, also their 16-year-old friend Juleese struggling with cancer; Bill Brown—back trouble; Brandon (Rick

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King’s son)—alcohol and drug problem; Dempsey Yarberry—back in ICU because of internal bleeding; Janette Williams—searching for a one-bedroom apartment or house for her daughter.

### With Sympathy

Lyla Moreland—death of her co-woker Rowley family—death of Eleanor Rowley Bill Orrell—death of his wife Lucille Carolyn Hernandez and Jennifer Munday—death of their step-dad Wally Mason Kathy Evans—death of her dad Gene Wooster

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.

## Dear Church Family,

I was very surprised on Sunday, February 15th, to be honored by you all. It certainly has been many years playing with a number of pastors as well as choir directors. In fact, it is amazing to me how fast it has gone by. At any rate, I love you all and hope to continue as long as my hands hold up!!! I have been very blessed to work with such great people. It makes my "job" so much more pleasant and exciting!

Thank you so much for all your love and encouragement that I receive from you all! I never dreamed 35 years ago that I would still be at this



church much less still playing! It has been a wonderful experience in my life! Thank you once again! God bless you all!

In his love,

*Nancy*

**Pastor Tim congratulates Nancy Metzberg on nearly 35 years of service to God at Highline. Nancy has used her musical skills in a variety of circumstances including playing organ and piano for Sunday morning services, accompanying the choir, and playing for weddings and funerals. Thank you, Nancy! We love you!!**



## The Prayer Closet

From Galen and Carole Marcille

Early in our dating years, Galen wanted to build a small wall in his parents' basement. I'd never built a wall before. He assured me this small, three-foot wide wall would only take about ten minutes to put together. So we got started. It ended up taking HOURS! (Granted—had we used fresh lumber that hadn't been sitting around for YEARS, it might have taken only ten minutes after all.) Later I found out from his parents that this was his standard technique he used to sucker folks into what he wanted to do—I mean, get people to help him. It helped overcome the inertia people feel if there is a big task ahead of them. It became one of the family jokes—"Hey! It's only a ten-minute job!"

If you attended the New Year Eve's family game night, then you heard Pastor Tim issue a challenge for the New Year—pray five minutes a day. (For those who did not attend, and hear the challenge, please consider this your invitation to join in!)

As someone who can use all the encouragement I can get regarding prayer, I thought, "I could do that!" I've been working at this since that evening, and I am astonished at how challenging it can be to carve out simple, five undistracted, focused, disciplined minutes for the Lord. It also amazes me that frequently I don't know what to say or where to start! So here are a few things I do to help accomplish this goal:

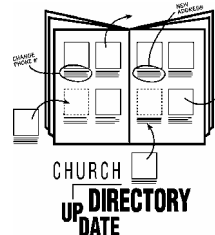
1. Use the Lord's Prayer. I'll pray one line at a time and personalize each line with praise, thanksgiving, confession, petition, and forgiveness. For example, "Give us this day our daily bread", might lead me to discuss a need someone else has, or perhaps for a friend who needs work, or for provision for a bill looming on the horizon, or for someone I know suffering a challenge.
2. If I take my five minutes after I complete my Bible reading for the day, I might discuss something I read with the Lord, or ask Him a question about it.

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3. I will divide my prayer time up along these lines:
  - 1 minute for praise
  - 1 minute for discussing Bible reading
  - 1 minute for asking Him to examine my heart and confess my sin
  - 1 minute for praying for others
  - 1 minute thanking God for His blessings

You may be wondering—what did the "ten-minute job" story have to do with this topic of prayer? The ideas I mentioned aren't so much about getting through it all. It's more about getting started and over the inertia that blocks the flow of relationship between God and me. What's really exciting about this "five minutes of prayer" is when five minutes turns into ten or fifteen or even more! Sort of like that "ten-minute job", only much, much better!

## Church Family Information



### Change of Address

**Ann Stampalia**

**New phone #  
Marty Dena**

**New phone #  
Erika Schmahl**

# HIGHER GROUND KIDS SPOT

## FILL ME UP WINTER RETREAT

Over President's Day weekend, we had a wonderful retreat with the Summit Seekers. Our Summit Seekers joined with 80 other kids from various churches at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp to learn about being filled up with God's Word and L.E.A.K.ing out (letting everyone around know).

The kids heard from different mission speakers on how they leaked out God's love to others. Included in the mission speakers were Dean, Kyle, and Sarah Tief, and Gavin Mosier sharing about their mission trip to Mexico. Joe and Carole Hoover, missionaries with Pioneer Bible Translators, also had an opportunity to share. In addition to sharing about his mission, Joe also brought God's Word to us in the speaking sessions.

Over the weekend the kids were also challenged to memorize a large passage of scripture, our theme verse for the retreat; Ephesians 3:14-21. To help the kids memorize the passage Vince Cook, part of the worship team, put the passage to song. By the end of the weekend almost everyone in camp could say the passage. If you want to hear the song you can listen to it at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsRHtsIF5Yk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsRHtsIF5Yk)

We had a wonderful retreat and we were all blessed to share in the start of a new life in one of the campers as he gave is life to the Lord. Praise God!

Some pictures from our retreat will be available on the HCC web page soon.

## TIME TO PLAN YOUR SUMMER

**May 15**

Summit Seekers Overnighter  
Celebrating the 6th graders

**June 4**

Last day of Trail Trekkers and  
Summit Seekers

**June 7**

Promotion Sunday 6:00 p.m.  
Come and see what the kids have been  
learning this year and celebrate with us as  
they all move to the next class.

**July 12-17**

Summit Seekers VBS Campout  
@ Camp Lakeview

**July 27 & 28**

Trail Trekkers VBS Day Camp  
9:00—5:00 each day

**New Date**

**August 6-8**

**1st Chance Camp for  
students entering 2nd &  
3rd grade**

**August 9-15**

Junior Camp at PVCC for students entering  
4th-6th grades

**Late August**

Preschool VBS 9:00—12:00 each day  
(Potty trained 3 year olds—Kindergarten)



# Early Childhood News

Dear Families,

What a blessing it is to see all of you every week! The children are excited to come into church.

In order to keep your children as safe as possible, we would appreciate you filling out a biography form for each of your children. We will place a family picture on the page. This will help staff get to know your children and family. If you need a family picture taken at church, please come to the EC check-in and talk counter to Katie Taylor.



## Spotlight on the Climbers Room!

For the month of February, the climbers class is learning about how God provides for us. The children are learning about the story of Moses. During the 9:00 hour the children are working on singing "This Little Light of Mine." The children also work on art projects and various activities that match their Bible lessons.

The teachers for first hour are Miss Jennifer and Miss Jessie. The second hour teachers are Miss Amy and Miss Sarah.

Serving Kids Together,  
Katie Taylor

Thank you for talking to Katie Taylor before donating any items to the Early Childhood Ministry.

*If you would like to help serve in the Early Childhood area, please call or email Katie Taylor  
Katie@HighlineChristian.org*

# H.Y.M. CHRONICLES

## March Birthdays

Melody S.	2nd
Esther F.	16th
Peyton N.	22nd
Jamey K.	25th
Brianna F.	31st
Alex G.	31st

## Special Thanks

### **-Sunday School/YG Coaches/Helpers:**

Don Berg, Chris Check, Carlie Curlee, Ben Fader, Lucas Heath, Brie Hinderlie, Steve & Lyla Moreland, Beatriz Schnathorst, and Jake Straight

### **-All of our Albertson's Community Partners Card Members**

## Youth Programs & Events

**-Sunday High School** 9th –12 grades  
Chris Check & Guest(s) **(Open Topic)**  
Room 302 9:00 am – 10:15 am

**-Sunday Middle School** 7th - 8th grades  
Chad Schnathorst & Guest(s) **(Open Topic)**  
Room 301 11:00 am — 12:00 pm

**Jr. High DragonRaid RPG**  
Room 302 7th-8th grades  
Sundays 12 pm—2 pm

**Jr. High Gals Small Group** 7th—8 grades  
The Hinderlie Home 6—7:30 pm  
Sundays March 8th & 22nd

**Sr. High SWRPG**  
Room 302 9th-12th grades  
Sundays 3 pm—6 pm

**Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group**  
Room 302 7th-12th grades  
Wednesdays 6:30 pm—8 pm

**Friday-Saturday 3/20-21/09 (7-12th graders)**  
Dare 2 Share Survive Tour (Youth Conference)  
**Who:** 7th—12th grades **Where:** Key Arena  
**Cost:** \$55, more details on the youth news board  
**website:** <http://www.dare2share.org>

## Youth Programs & Events Continued:

### **Thursday-Saturday 4/16-18/09** **(9-12th graders)**

Preview 2009 (A life changing youth conference and a taste of college life!) Location: Boise Bible College More info on the youth news board!  
website: <http://www.boisebible.edu/Events/preview>

### **Sunday 3/29/09 Youth Group Outreach Dinner @ Hope Christian Community** **(7-12th graders)**

We'll be reaching our community by: serving a meal to those in need, fellowshiping, ministering to children, and providing child care.

Meet @ Hope Christian Community at 4 PM, done by 7 PM (*Eat dinner before you arrive!*)  
Hope Christian Community 206-244-1399  
632 SW 143rd Street, Burien, WA 98166  
website: [www.hope-christian.net](http://www.hope-christian.net)

### **6/19-27/09 Rural Church Mission Trip** **9th-12th graders**

### **6/28/09-7/2/09 PVCC Jr. High Camp** **7th-9th graders**

### **Jr. & Sr. High Sandblast dates coming soon!**

### **Sr. High CIY Summer Conference date coming soon!**

### **Albertson's Community Partners Card Members**

Albertson's is asking us to re-link our cards so that members efforts will be accurately reflected. To do this simply go to [WWW.ALBERTSONSCP.COM](http://WWW.ALBERTSONSCP.COM), (1) log on to the site, (2) enter your preferred card number, (3) enter our groups ID # which is: **49000123951** That's it! Thank you for supporting the HCC Youth!

### **Any Questions or Concerns?**

Please Contact Chad:  
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