



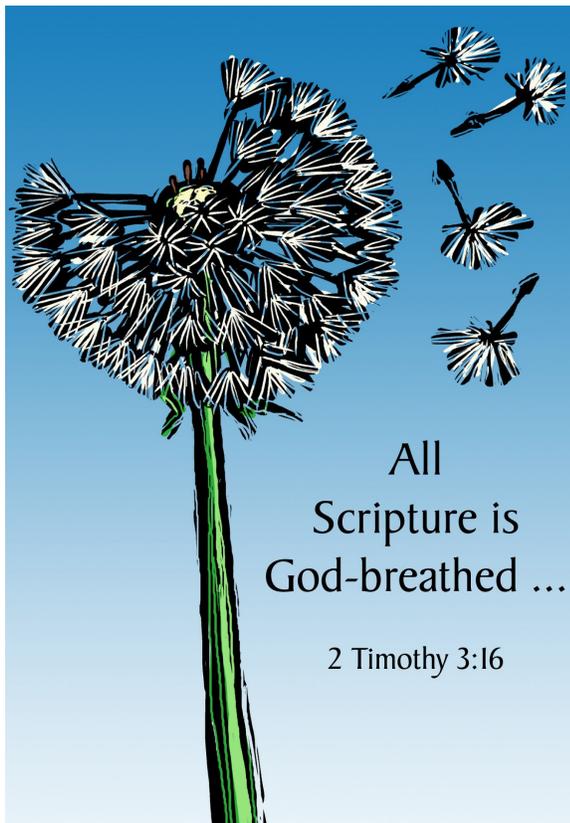
The Highline eConnection

March 2014

**Highline
Christian
Church**

**Touched by Jesus to
Touch Others' Lives. . .
Experience God's
T.O.U.C.H.**

- T** Together with family and friends
- O** Overcoming the past
- U** Understanding God's Word by His Spirit
- C** Celebrating God's love
- H** Helping others through hope



Reformed Reflections

Summer is several months away, but let me ask, do you have a summer reading book planned? Might you be open to take on a challenge? If you are, I have an offer for you to consider.

A bit of background: Over the past several years, I've taken it upon myself to have a "Summer Reading Project". I try to read something that will challenge me in my current faith and beliefs. I've read everything from Christian classics to books where I knowingly disagree with the author's point of view or theology. They cause me to stretch my thinking and tolerance towards opposing views! I guess we call that empathy. As I prepare for teaching the final installment of The Theology Program this Fall, **Ecclesiology & Eschatology**, I began to consider how I might incorporate something into this year's summer reading that would relate to this class. I prayed and thought about it. I'm feeling led to take a jump into the realm of Eschatology. Just so you know, if you had to place a label upon me, you'd call me a Premillennialist. One of my favorite Pastor/Teachers, is Dr. Sam Storms. Among the things I appreciate about him is his irenic approach to debatable theological topics. I even follow his blog regularly, at www.enjoyinggodministries.com. However, when I happened to see his most recent publication, **Kingdom Come (The Amillennial Alternative)** I was a bit puzzled. Knowing he was a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, he certainly had to be a Premillennial Dispensationalist. Or so I thought. Against his seminary training- and popularity- he had come to change his eschatological view in the mid-80's after much study. Now I was intrigued. Why would someone like him come to adapt this view? I knew there are

(continued on page 2)

New Carpet is Going In!

A HUGE thank you to those who showed up for the February Work Party (3rd Saturday of the month). We had about 20 people ranging from 16 months to well past retirement age. The mix and camaraderie was great and we got a lot of work done also. We had a crew going through all eight pallets of donated carpet squares separating, restacking and carrying some to the areas we were re-carpeting. The rest of us tore up old carpet and padding and disposed of it, prepped the floor, rolled out glue and then started putting down the new carpet. The room and hallway look great (the tape and trip areas are gone now!). Thanks to all that took part (the kids were great!).

Reminder—the **next work party is March 15th** (you guessed it—the third Saturday of March). We are even going to have a pre-work party for those that can help out Friday night March 14th at 6:30 P.M. (to start the tear up). The plan is to re-carpet the entry and Activity Center in the South Building. See you there and thanks in advance.

Gregg Louvier
Property Team



Can You Help?

Transform Burien Resource Center has issued an URGENT need for non perishable food items. They are also in need of usable clothing, blankets and coats. Collection tubs are located in the Family Mailbox Room in the South Building.

Reflections (continued from page 1)

other views, but what did I really know about them? In all honesty I could say I knew relatively little of this position. I found my next reading project. (See box below.)

This leads me to pose my challenge. This is a pretty good project at 18 chapters and some 560 pages. I could handle that with some time. But, I thought, it would be more encouraging and fun to have some others who might be open to taking a look at another perspective and having their own convictions possibly put to the test! I believe in faith seeking understanding. More so, I'm a firm believer in "knowing what you believe and why you believe it! Do I take this to heart? Would you?

Here's my offer: I'd like to partner with some like-minded folks at Highline who would be open to taking this on for their summer reading project. I would envision taking perhaps two chapters at a time, reading them first, then meeting the following week to discuss. My goal would be to plan for a nine week period, potentially starting June 7th and ending by August 2nd. Please let me know if this would be something you'd be interested in taking on. Pray about it. If interested, see me or contact me via the HUB.

Yours In Christ,
Brad Krantz

Kingdom Come: The Amillennial Alternative

"The second coming of Christ is a matter of significant disagreement amongst Christians. Many hold to premillennialism: that Christ's return will be followed by 1,000 years before the final judgment, a belief popularized in the popular Left Behind novels. However, premillennialism is not the only option for Christians. Sam Storms provides a biblical rationale for amillennialism, the belief that 1,000 years mentioned in the book of Revelation is symbolic with the emphasis being the King and his Kingdom."





Footloose Adventures for the Women of Highlineand friends

Do you like to get out in the wilderness? Do you wish you could find people to go with you? Do you want to try but don't know how to get started?

This group is created as a gathering place for those who wish to get out and get active with the outdoors (or to learn and get started). We have all levels of ability, from beginner to expert and all between.

Soon we will be starting a walking program for exercise many times in the week. And will be starting many day hiking/walking trips in the area mostly on the weekends. We go everywhere, sometimes its city parks and walks, other times we will find ourselves up the mountain or down by the sea! We may even include other activities such as snowshoeing or kayaking to name a few. All depends on the group who wants to go and do what. There is no requirement for being active, you do as you will.

We are using the HUB as well as a Facebook page for contact. Phone calls could also be made but will be less dependable. If this is of interest to you, please contact me and I'll get you added to the group!

Come join us, we have a blast getting to know God's beautiful creation up close and personal!

Michelle McCarthy



Photographic Memories

All scrapbookers and those who want to get their personal photos organized are invited to join us one Friday every month to work on these projects together. Please bring your own scissors and any consumable items (ie paper, adhesives, etc) that you may need. Tools and idea books are available to share. Please RSVP to Tammie Lindblom that you will be able to join us. We have moved upstairs in the North Building, so please call Tammie for building admittance or if you have any questions.

Mark your calendars for the following Fridays to scrapbook together:

March 7, 6-11 P.M.

April 11, 6-11 P.M.

May 16, 6-11 P.M.



We would like to welcome Zachariah James Cantrell who was born on February 1, 2014 at 3:34 A.M. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 inches long. His Mom is Jessica Mitzel, his big brothers are William, Noah & Riley Cantrell and his Grandma is Janet Mitzel. Welcome to Highline Zachariah!

We would like to welcome Emily Louise Horn who was born on February 18, 2014. She weighed 3 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 16 inches long. Emily was a little early and is currently in the hospital as she continues to gain weight, so please keep her in your prayers. Her parents are Randy & Jennifer Horn, her big brothers are Ryan & Joshua Horn, her Grandmother is Margie Sannes and her great grandmother is Bonnie Warner. Welcome to Highline Emily!

Got questions about the HUB?

Do you have any of the following questions about the HUB:

- What is the HUB and why should I care about it?
- What can the HUB do for me?
- How do I know my Username and Password?
- How do I log in?
- What are the first things I need to do once I log in?
- Privacy Settings, How to adjust?
- Communication Preferences, How to adjust?
- I'm getting too much e-mail from the HUB, what can I do?
- I'm not getting any e-mail from the HUB, what could be the problem?
- I don't have an e-mail address. What are my options?
- I don't have a computer. What are my options?
- I want to get more involved in the Highline Church community. How can the HUB help me do that?
- What does a particular term mean?



All of these questions are answered in the "HUB Help for Beginning Users" document. A link to it is near the bottom of the HUB Home screen. The HUB can be accessed on our website www.highlinechristian.org.

Easter Breakfast



Come join us once again for a delicious Easter Breakfast for you and the family on Sunday April 20th. We will be featuring a scrumptious menu of

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Tea, Milk & Orange Juice for you to enjoy. This is a fundraising event to help raise money to help support all of the Short Term Mission Trips that Highline Christian Church goes on. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Missionaries. Breakfast will be in the South Building Activity Room and Fellowship Hall. But if you get lost just follow the smells.

As this is a wonderful chance for you to give back, we are asking for anyone willing to volunteer to help with this event to contact either Jacob Dazey or Shawna Dazey. If you are not able to help by volunteering, we hope that you will help by coming and eating a lot! More information on times will be coming next month!



Encore Ministries Outings

On Wednesday March 5, a good group of seniors will make the trek to the **Boeing Everett** plant to view the construction of their giant planes. They'll even have a good time eating out after the tour!

A Mt. Vernon trip to view the **tulip fields** is planned for the second Wednesday of April, the 9th. This promises to be another wonderful time to view God's creation in living color. We may even take in a Kiwanis Club's salmon dinner! The signup sheets will be available by mid-March, so be watching for them. As always, the more, the merrier! Plan to bring your friends along for this trip.



Highline Women's Retreat Reunion

- WHO:** All women who have attended a Highline retreat, and those who would like to learn more about it.
- WHAT:** A light breakfast and fellowship, and information about the retreat.
- WHERE:** HCC, North building.
- WHEN:** March 22, 9 A.M.-10A.M. We hope to see all of the women of Highline, old friends and new!



Shoemaker Circle News Circle News

Shoemaker Circle will be meeting on March 19 at 10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the South Building. Our speaker will be Sharon Ballough about her trip to Mexico and how to sponsor a child. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend. Just bring a sandwich and a scripture verse.

Got Any Cans?

We are still collecting and recycling aluminum cans to help support missions. EVERY CAN COUNTS! Collection tubs for the cans are located in the South Building, Fellowship Hall.



What Makes a House a Home?

Sign up now to help bless the families who will be receiving homes built by the Family Mission Team this April. Please select a house warming gift by taking a numbered post-it note from the Giving Tree located in the Atrium. Donations will be collected in the Fellowship Hall, South Building no later than Sunday March 16 and to be packed in one rolling suitcase for the Family Mission Team that will be leaving on April 6.



"I Love Books"

Donated books are being displayed in the Fellowship Hall—Saturdays through Thursdays. To be taken/read/and returned or keep. New donations of Christian literature are gratefully accepted. New book displays monthly. Those books not taken may be donated to Prison Ministries.





Early Childhood News

I love hearing how God is working in the Early Childhood Classes at Highline. Here is a note written by Shawna, the preschool teacher, sharing how God is working in the lives of the kids at Highline.

At the beginning of the school year, Katie was looking for people to teach some classes. I had taught before and really felt the Lord calling me to do it again. I knew that it would be a commitment...I already felt like I had enough on my plate, but the Lord just kept pursuing me to do it.

*Though teaching the preschool class has had its challenges, from day one I knew that the Lord was going to take my walk with Him to a whole new level...and that has been a cry of my heart for a while! Even though I had my lesson ready, the songs picked out, the craft all cut out and the snack purchased, it was all just organized chaos! I contemplated backing out, but I would feel horrible, so the Lord and I had a little chat. After I was done ranting about what He had gotten me into, then it was His turn to talk and He was very simple in what He said...**Trust Me w/ it ALL!***

So, a few weeks ago as I read the teacher support given in the beginning of my lesson, I again found myself hearing the Lord speak...and speaking through the words of my Sunday school lesson: "It's so hard to have faith that we will not sink, or be swallowed up by the circumstances of this world and our current situations. Try to remember: What was true of God in the past is true of Him still!!! He is very present and very near to you. He will not leave you, abandon you, or give you away. You have been chosen, redeemed, and adopted by Jesus-and you are HIS! He will walk with you through each moment, every day. He will provide a path for you to follow. Trust in Him; He is near."

Wow, I was in tears! That Sunday, as I was teaching the lesson to the kids, it just felt so easy. And as I was relaying how wonderful Jesus was to Peter as He saved him from drowning because he took his eyes off Jesus, one of the little girls in my class was like, "WOW! I love Jesus!" She had said it with all her heart and I couldn't help but say excitedly, "Me too!"

So, I tell you all this because I hope you find encouragement in it! I have been soooooo AMAZED at how God has used preschool curriculum to grow our relationship (I can't help but chuckle any time I say that). He is a funny God and will use simple things, if necessary, to get us to grow closer to Him! I can't wait to see where this year takes us! I pray He rocks your journey as well!

If you would like to know more about what is happening in the Early Childhood classes, come talk to Katie Taylor

HIGHER GROUND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

DATES DATES DATES

- March 6 -----Parent Community
- April 3 -----Parent Community
- April 10 -----NO Summit Trekkers
- April 6-12 -----Family Mission in Ensenada
- May 1 -----Parent Community
- May 16 -----Summit Seekers Overnighter
(Celebrating the 6th graders)
- June 1 -----Promotion Sunday Celebrating our Sunday School students and all they've learned this year.
- June 8 -----First day of Summer Sunday School Programming
- July 7 & 8 -----Trail Trekkers VBS Day Camp for students entering 1st-3rd grades
- July 20-25 -----Summit Seekers VBS Campout for students entering 4th-6th grades
- August 4-8 -----Preschool VBS for potty trained 3 year olds through Kindergarten



Make the most of every opportunity!

SUMMIT SEEKERS WINTER RETREAT

We had a lot of fun at the Summit Seekers Winter Retreat this year as we learned about soaring like eagles and living like ducks. Ducks live and function in community and have been uniquely created by God to serve and encourage each other. We too have been uniquely created by God to live in community and to serve and encourage one another. As we live for God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, every thought, word and action using the gifts and talents He's given us we soar like eagles.
Isaiah 40:28-31



2014 Family Mission



The time of the traveling portion of our mission is quickly approaching and we are all filled with excitement and anticipation.

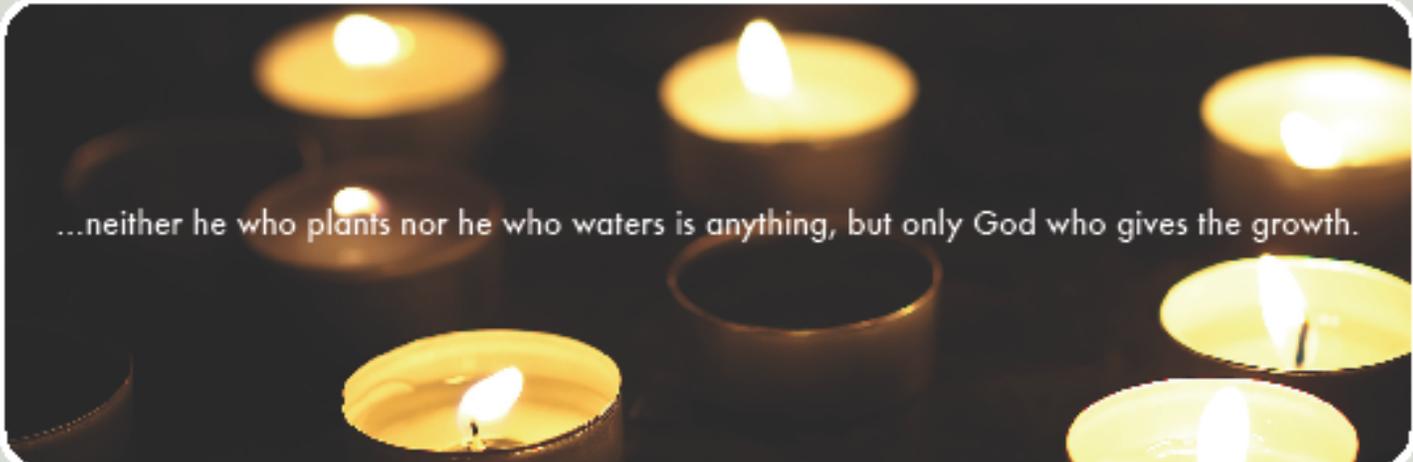
With the trip so close at hand I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the church body for all of your support along the way. Please continue to pray for the team as we seek to grow and serve through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. I'd also like to thank the World Outreach Team for their support of the trip by providing for our van transportation while on the trip. Your generosity will enable us to build a second home as part of our ministry projects.

All 46 of us are looking forward to serving Jesus as we build 2 homes from the ground up, do 1 remodel, 1 VBS, and a week long feeding program through the church. Again, thank you for your support and please watch for ways to continue to partner with us.

March 2014

HCC #YCG

*planting seeds.
deepening roots.
growing.
bearing fruit.*



...neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

REALLY IMPORTANT NEWS!

AND A WHOLE LOT MORE

Important News!

Hey, Highline!

It's written three times (and in bold) on this page, so you may be wondering, "What's the news and why is it so important?" I'll cut straight to the chase:

Effective immediately, I will be stepping down from my role as Interim Youth Leader. I'll give you a basic list of the reasons why and elaborate on some of my thoughts below.

1. While I believe resolutely that God called me here for this time, I am increasingly aware of how Highline is not a "fit" for me personally.
2. I am feeling led to focus on my future and taking steps to support my family.
3. I want to support the church in their decision by facilitating a smooth transition.

continued on next page

CONTENTS

Important News!	pg1
On Transitioning	pg1-2
March Events	pg2
Need: Mentors and Youth	
Volunteers	pg2

As for fit, I got the interim position knowing that there were some differences between me and the church. I sought to be open with these to the leadership and we worked together to ensure that I could best represent Highline while still sharing what God put on my heart. It's been a joy! I am glad to say that the main thing has remained the main thing: **Jesus has been glorified and lives have been changed in His love!!** I have grown immensely during this time and have enjoyed the unity expressed here at Highline! I am feeling led to pursue community to live into the specific calling that God has for me and my family. If you're interested to hear some of what that is, shoot me an email. :)

In regards to future, stepping down from this position will help free me up for pursuing the options and opportunities that are available to me.

As for number three, well, I think that deserves it's own section...

On Transition

Having this position, I've heard several bits and pieces of opinions since the decision not to hire me was made. I won't be able to address all those one-by-one, but in the next section I hope to lay out *my* hopes and prayers for Highline, as well as some timely reminders for being in a transition.

Some prayers:

- For awareness of our hearts and flesh and *greater* awareness to the Holy Spirit, that we would be quick to have God's love for one another and hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

- That thankfulness for what has been would outshine any sadness or confusion in my departure.

- That the new Youth Pastor would have great grace to connect with parents, teens and leaders, and the whole congregation!

Some thoughts:

During this season, the Lord has been keeping a picture in my mind of me as clay and him as the Potter. With that impressed on my heart, I am constantly being reoriented to ask God things like, "What are you doing here?" "What are you teaching me?" "How can I receive what you are giving me right now?" Those questions aren't always easy to ask, especially in seasons of great change, but I believe that our Father is *constantly* giving, shaping and leading, all the while asking for us simply to be trusting and responsive. If we can together be sensitive to what the Spirit is doing, who knows how great the harvest in our hearts and our community will be! I'm so **thankful to have been here in this position and I love my Highline Family. Bless you all!**

-Ben

Service Opportunity:

Youth Coach or Mentor

Do you love Jesus? Do you love teenagers? If you answered yes to these questions, be sure to connect with Scott Barnes or Carrie Evans about helping out in the youth ministry. Whether you love one-on-one discipleship or small groups or facilitating larger groups, you would bless the ministry!

EVENTS

- **Youth Group!**

Wednesdays @HCC, 6-8pm

Come ready to encounter God and love one another!

- **Outreach Dinner**

Old Burien Community Center
THIS Sunday, 3/2 2-5pm

Great opportunity to serve and fellowship with our Burien neighbors in need. Please contact Jim Kemp ASAP to help!

- **2nd Service Sunday School Classes: NEED TEACHER for High School class! Talk to Scott Barnes!**

**Jr. High
Cowans**

Winter Volleyball Team

The Highline Christian Church Volleyball Team has had a better scoring season this Winter. Thank you to the family members who have cheered us on! You are welcome to come to Kent Commons (Kent Parks Community Center) on Tuesdays to watch and encourage us. Our remaining Winter matches are:

February 25, 6:10 P.M.

March 4, 7:30 P.M.

March 11, 6:10 P.M.

March 18 Tournament Play, times TBD

Winter Season team members were: Tammie Lindblom, Emma Maltsberger, Sarah May, Randy & Lori Nye, Skyler Scott, and Shelley Smith. Thanks to Kevin Sutton and Paul Kelly for substituting for us as needed.

Our Spring Season will be every Tuesday April 1 - June 3. Watch the church bulletin and future newsletters for specific game times.



...And the Lord added

By Baptism:

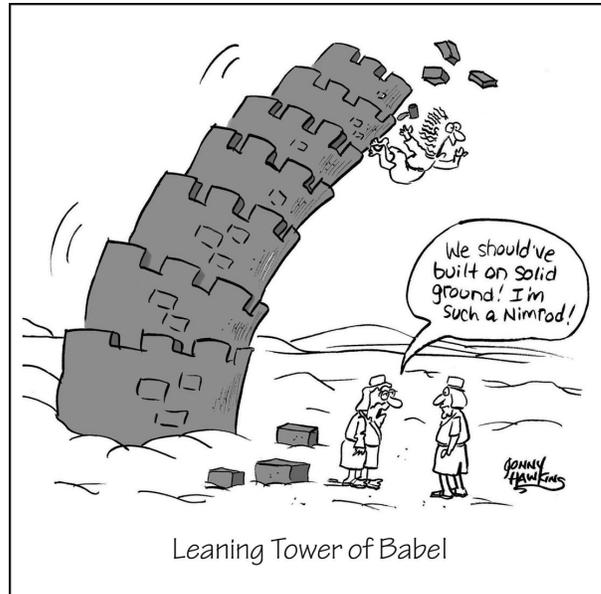
Marie Valdez
Sky Osborne-Morris

By Transfer

Todd & Mary
Zielsdorf

Marie Cruz

Next eNewsletter Deadline March 23



Leaning Tower of Babel

Worship Service Times

Saturdays—6:00 P.M.

Sundays—9:00 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.

Sunday School – 9:00 A.M. for all ages;
10:40 A.M. Adult Sunday School &
Base Camp

CONTACT US AT:

Phone: 206-243-4333

Website: highlinechristian.org

Email: office@highlinechristian.org



Monday—Thursday
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m.—Noon

Elders 2013-2014



Scott Barnes



Tim Crawford



Sal Dena



Rob Evans



Les Fader



Chuck Hansen



Dr. Tim Knight



Galen Marcille



Paul Smith

Staff Contact Information



Dr. Tim Knight
Senior Pastor
tim@highlinechristian.org



Kyle Wisdom
Worship Pastor
kyle@highlinechristian.org



Bret Thorson
Children's Pastor
bret@highlinechristian.org



Katie Taylor
Early Childhood Director
katie@highlinechristian.org



Jane Knight
Office Manager
jane@highlinechristian.org



Joni Krantz
Office Assistant
joni@highlinechristian.org



Marsha Louvier
Custodian



Nancy Metzberg
Keyboardist



Holly Fader
Worship Associate



Teresa Barnes
Administrative Assistant
teresa@highlinechristian.org