

Our purpose as followers of Jesus  
is to love God and others in our everyday lives.  
*Discipleship & Accountability*

## An Unhurried Lent

The beauty of the winter snow storms are behind us and the new life of spring is on it's way. Spring is such a wonderful time of year, especially around here. I love to notice the many ways creation wakes from it's winter slumber and the beauty of new life, or resurrected life, as it blooms all around.

With spring also comes Easter, Resurrection Sunday, "the holiday" for the Christian church. Over the past year and a half, I've had a new opportunity to be challenged, to learn, and to grow spiritually. By the power of the Holy Spirit, through study, soul training exercises, and a faithful community of likeminded people on the same journey in spiritual formation, I have come to know God in new and exciting ways. This Easter I'm seeking to continue that journey through the ancient practice of Lent.

Lent, related to the Anglo-Saxon word for "spring" and the English word for "lengthen," is the six-week period leading up to Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> this year, and goes through the Thursday before Easter (Maundy Thursday). The early Lent traditions included periods of fasting and reflections in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection.

As this is my first time observing lent, I am using a reading plan titled "An Unhurried Lent" based on the book *Inhaling Grace* by Alan Fadling. The readings are designed to aid in moving away from soul hurry in order to better focus on the relationship with Jesus.

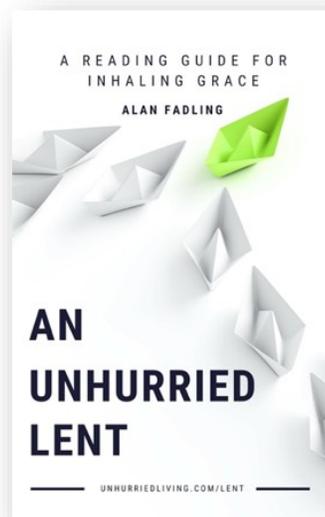
I invite you to join me on my Lenten journey this year. You can find more information about "An Unhurried Lent" at [www.unhurriedliving.com](http://www.unhurriedliving.com) where you can download the reading plan and more.

I pray this season of Lent will prepare your heart to experience the love of Jesus displayed through the cross, burial, and resurrection.

Moment by moment with Jesus,

*Bret Thorson*

Sunday, March 10





## New Windows in the South Building

Thanks to a generous financial gift from an anonymous donor, the South Building has been furnished with 72 windows in 65 openings. The project began in January and is planned to be completed by mid-March. Staff has appreciated warmer offices, brighter lighting, and the updated look.



## Scholarship Fundraising Event for PNW Students

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

**11:30 AM—1 PM**

Mountlake Christian Church

5304 232<sup>nd</sup> St. SW

Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

RSVP to Pastor Tim at 206-595-4060

We will be taking the church van to this event. Please let Pastor Tim know if you are planning to attend the event and/or if you would like to ride in the van. We will be leaving the church building at 10:45 AM.

Speaker, Phil Roberts, grew up in Indiana and Tennessee and he graduated from Milligan in 1993 with a degree in Bible. For 24 years, Phil has served in various roles of ministry. In the fall of 2017, Phil joined Emmanuel as the Assistant to the President for Seminary Development. In this role, he travels on behalf of the seminary visiting with Emmanuel's alumni and friends. This past January, he began the Master of Arts in Christian Ministries program at Emmanuel.



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## Northwest Christian Women's Conference

Every year women from Highline Christian join women from throughout Western Washington (and beyond) for the Northwest Christian Women's Conference (NWCWC). We hope you will consider joining us this year.



- Who:** All women, age 18 and above
- What:** Main speaker (returning speaker, Shelly Larson), break-out workshops (you choose 4 to attend out of 12 offered), all meals prepared and cleaned up for you, free time, worship, structured and unstructured time with women from just Highline Christian, "Workout Wear" themed Saturday Dinner (optional), Sock Swap - new socks (optional), Service Project - Rapha House (optional)
- When:** Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28, 2019
- Where:** Warm Beach Conference Center, Stanwood, WA
- Cost:** \$165, all registrations due by March 24
- Why:** To learn and worship with women from a variety of Western Washington congregations, while being housed with/spending time with/getting to know women from just Highline Christian
- Theme:** Fearless (the workshops look like they have great variety, yet pulling everything back to the theme of living without fear)
- Theme Verse:** Hebrews 12:1-2 "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."
- Contact:** Tammie Lindblom, or at the Atrium Table on March 10/11, March 16/17, and March 23/24.





## Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study Transformed—(How God Changes Us)

Do you want God to change you? The Bible says, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). In this study we'll be exploring what the Bible has to say about every essential area of our lives: spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, relational, financial, and vocational. The world is shouting for our attention with answers to our relationship struggles, solutions to our financial problems, and explanations to our search for meaning. God's Word is the only answer that promises to transform our lives from the inside out.



This 7-week DVD study includes powerful small group lessons taught by Rick Warren, combined with the materials from the *Transformed All-in-One Workbook*. Join us for this exciting journey and allow God to transform you from the inside out.

This study begins April 3 at 6:00 PM and will meet in the North Building Great Room. For more information contact the church office.

## Ladies' Fellowship and Prayer

Wednesday, March 13 there will be a gathering for fellowship and prayer in the North Building Great Room. Light finger food snacks will be served from 6:00-6:30. From 6:30-7:45 we will pray together, first in the large group and then in small groups. Bring a favorite verse to share. Do you have a life verse? We want to encourage and bless each other in the Lord. All ladies are welcome.

## Photographic Memories

We are meeting on Friday, March 8 in the South Classroom of the North Building, 6-11 PM, to scrapbook or just to organize photos and get ideas. Bring all consumable supplies. Tools will be available to share. Contact Tammie Lindblom to RSVP or with any questions.



## Shoemaker Circle

Shoemaker Circle will meet Wednesday, March 20 at 10:30 AM in the South Building and then go to lunch at the Olive Garden. Questions? Call Mary or Alice Webb.





## Prevention Time Breakfast

You're invited to a breakfast with Prevention Time on Saturday, March 9, at Jimmy Mac's in Federal Way. The address is 34902 Pacific Highway S., Federal Way, across from Costco. The cost is \$10 per person for yummy pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, juice, and coffee. Jimmy Mac's will donate half of the cost to Prevention Time to fund Reach4Life. Come anytime between 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM, and bring your family and friends!



## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you, Highline! You have given us an excellent start toward filling Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes for next year! Since December you have donated 49 toothbrushes, 297 pairs of socks, 35 toys, and even 13 school supplies (which will be the focus for next August)!

### **Our March Focus will be toys for boys (ages 2-14).**

If you donate a toy that needs batteries, we will need to include batteries but it might be wiser to donate the batteries closer to next November. Remember that we cannot send anything that is liquid (no bubbles!), breakable, or war-related (no guns, knives, or army figures of any kind).

Some excellent ideas include balls of any type. Deflated soccer balls with a pump can transform a community, trucks, jump ropes, battery-operated radios, hot wheel cars, brain-teaser puzzles, solar powered calculators, musical instruments (harmonicas, shakers), playdoh, puzzles, yo-yos, use your imagination!

If you have received notification that any of the shoe boxes that you tracked last year were sent to a particular country, please let me know. I'd love to pass that along. If you receive a letter from a shoe box recipient, please also share that with me if you are willing! If you have any questions regarding Operation Christmas Child, please contact Tammie Lindblom.





# Preschool Park

Birth through  
Kindergarten



When we are helping children learn, eye contact is important. When eye contact is made it creates a connection. When we make eye contact with our children, we are communicating that they are important to us and worth listening to. There are times where children have lots to say, and sometimes we as parents cannot take the time to listen to them. I found myself trying to work on my phone one day. My son kept trying to get my attention. He said “Mom, I love you!” I found myself replying “I love you too!” and I realized I was looking at my phone when I said it. I realized, I just told my phone that I love it. My challenge to all of us is to look at our children in the eye. There are times where we are busy and our eyes are not on our children. Take the opportunities to stop and look into their eyes to keep the connections strong.



***We love to offer our amazing Sunday School teachers a hot beverage each Sunday.***

***If you have any hot chocolate or regular coffee K cups you could bring, we would love to bless our teachers!***



Katie Taylor ♥ [katie@highlinechristian.org](mailto:katie@highlinechristian.org)

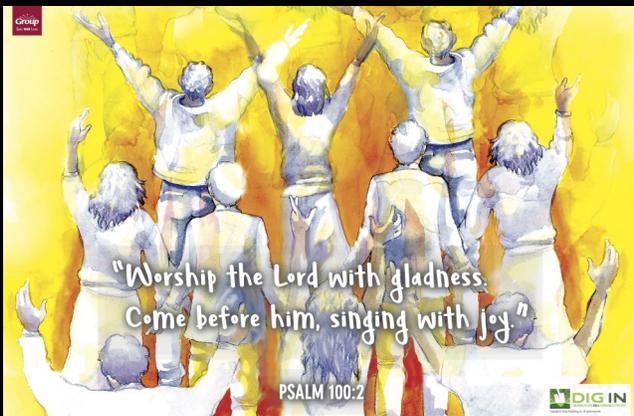


Upcoming Events



Our Winter Retreat had to be rescheduled due to last month's "snowpocalypse." Our camp is now scheduled for April 5th-7th. If these new dates do not work for you, Please let Pastor Tyler know! Details on transportation to follow.

This Month's Memory Verse



Check out this month's memory verse and see if you can have it memorized by Sunday! This verse is perfect for us to be focusing on as our Sunday school classes get ready to dig into the ministry of Jesus.



Here list for all of our Summer events. More details will follow, but we wanted to put all of these out so that you could mark your calendars!

## HCC Student Ministries Summer Events

### Early Childhood

- **Pre-School VBS - August 12-16**

A week-long, half-day Vacation Bible School for Kids 3 years old through entering Kindergarten. Students must be potty trained to participate. Days go from 9:15-11:45 A.M.

### Grade School

- **First Chance Camp - June 30-July 2**

A two night, three day campout for younger elementary students going into 1st-3rd grade. 1st grade students must be accompanied by an adult family member.

Cost: \$129 (OR \$99 IF REGISTERED BEFORE JUNE 1.) Scholarships available.

Registration at: <https://www.pleasantvalleycamp.org/1st>

- **Junior Camp - July 28-August 3**

A week-long campout for our 4th-6th grade students. It is an awesome opportunity for our students to be challenged to grow in their walk with Jesus, and have tons of fun while doing it!

Cost: \$299 OR \$249 IF REGISTERED BY JUNE 24, 2019. Scholarships available.

Registration at: <https://www.pleasantvalleycamp.org>

### Youth Group

- **Man Camp - May 17-May 19**

Man Camp will be a trip for 6th-12th grade boys. With change happening in Illuminate Youth, all of the details are still to be determined. We do encourage you to save space in your calendar as we work as quickly as possible to get all of the details out!

- **Girls Getaway - May 17-May 19**

Girls Getaway will be a trip for 6th - 12th grade girls. They will be staying at the Ebb Tide Oceanfront Inn at Seaside Oregon for the weekend! More information to come

- **CIY MIX - August 7-August 10**

MIX is a four-day summer event specifically designed for students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. It is intentionally crafted in ways that will engage middle school students through tactile, interactive and fun activities coupled with Bible-based teaching and small group interaction.

Cost: \$379 before 06/01/2019, \$414 after. Scholarships available.

- **CIY MOVE - July 29-August 2**

CIY MOVE is a 5 day Conference for High school students, in Corvallis, Oregon. This conference is designed to amplify the call of Christ on students' lives to become Kingdom Workers.

Cost \$324 before 05/01/2019, \$359 after. Scholarships available.

### Family Events

- **PVCC Family Camp - July 1-July 26**

Family camp is a week long camp for the whole family. With activities for all age groups, this camp is an awesome experience.

Cost: \$50 dollars per person. Enter promo code: at check out: hccfamcamp1

Registration at: <https://www.pleasantvalleycamp.org/1st>



## Worship Service Times:

Saturdays—6:00 PM

Sundays—9:00 AM & 10:40 AM

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM-Noon

**Next  
eNewsletter  
Deadline:  
March 24**

Use this [link](#) to submit  
your eNewsletter  
submissions.

The office staff  
thanks you!



## House of Hope (Prison Ministry) Board Member Report

*Assistant Director Ken Mickelberry*

After retiring from the Navy and graduating from seminary with a Master's Degree in Ministry, I was seeking the Lord's calling to a ministry of His choosing. I was already involved with numerous ministries, one of which was leading a Bible study at the Kitsap County Jail every Tuesday. The study took place in the dormitory section of the jail where up to 14 men could attend one of the four 45- minute sessions held in the multipurpose room. While this ministry was fruitful to bring the good news of salvation and hope in Jesus, there was no time available for meeting one-on-one. When I was asked me to come in during the day to help answer written inmate requests for Chaplain type services and materials, I knew this was the ministry I was seeking. It was the most personally rewarding ministry I've ever done. Helping people see God's light while they are in a dark place in their life is a privilege. While the door has been closed to the daytime ministry I still am involved with facilitating the Tuesday Bible Study. I now have a much deeper appreciation of how important it is to bring the light of Jesus into this dark time for them. I look for any Spirit-led opportunity to reflect the light of Jesus in Jail Aftercare. House of Hope has taken me to school (so to speak) in jail ministry and aftercare in ways that I could never have imagined. I am humbled and grateful for it.

Commander Ken Mickelberry  
USN (retired) Asst. Director

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"Assisting in Life Transition and Spiritual Maturity"  
**Unchained for Christ Ministry**

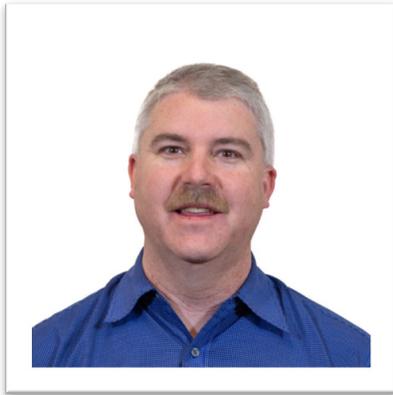


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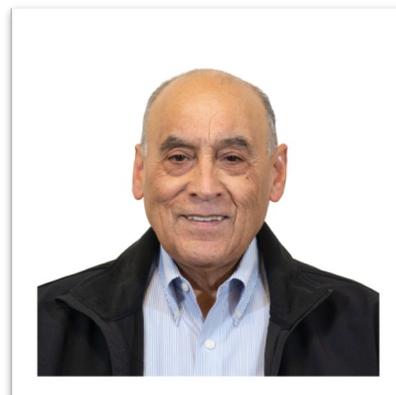
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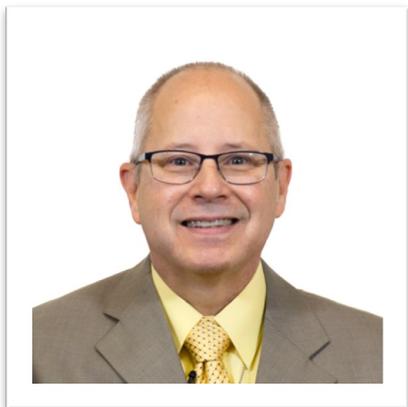
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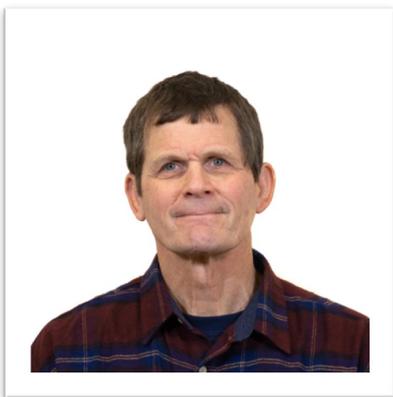
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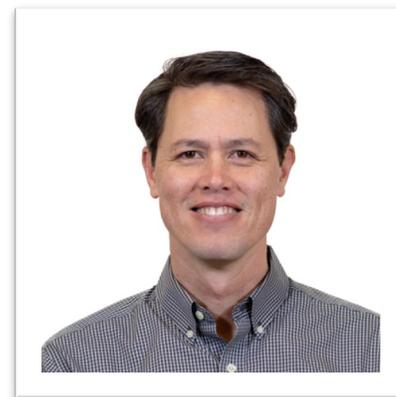
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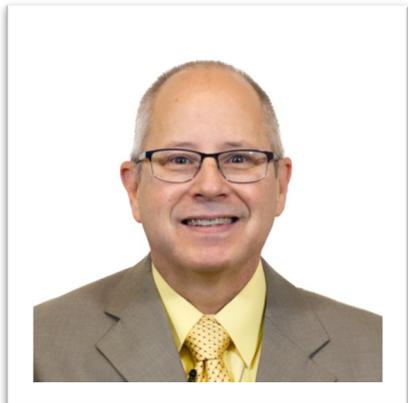
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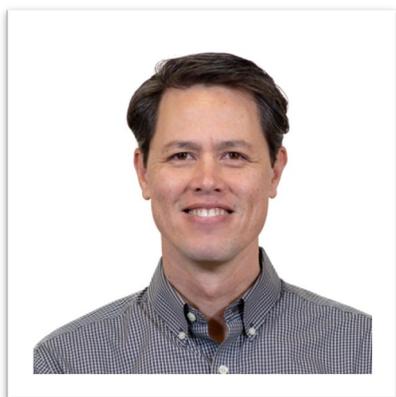
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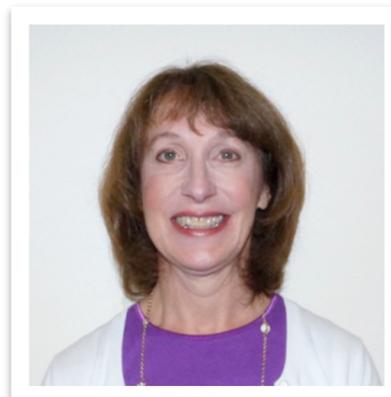
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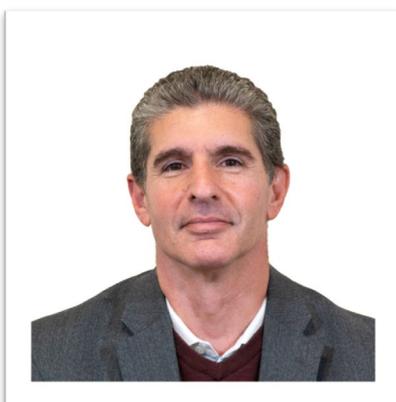
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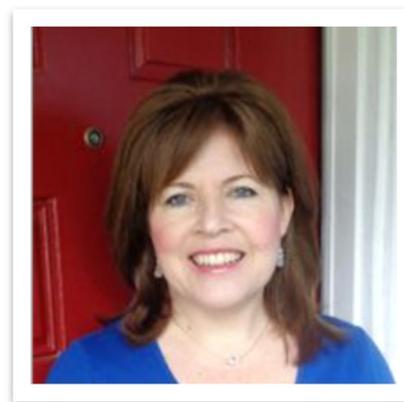
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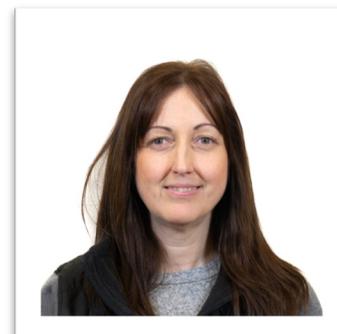
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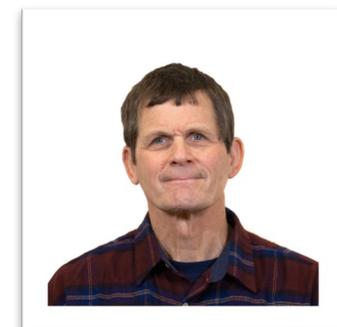
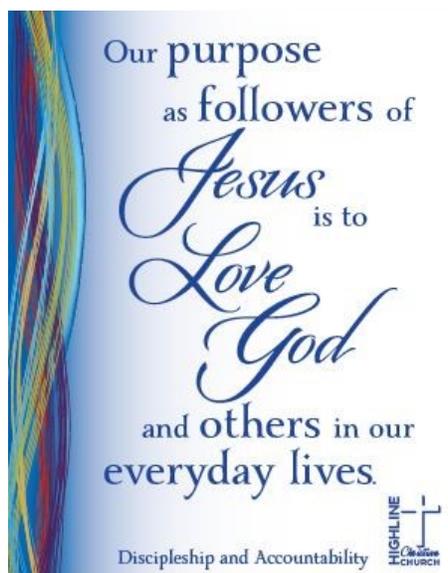
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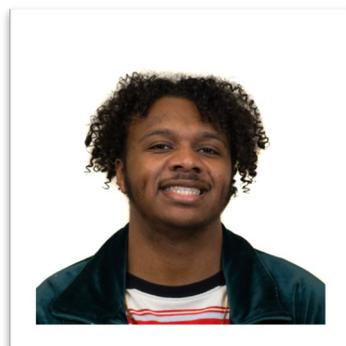
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