

The Highline Connection

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

May 2007

Ladies' Brunch

Food, Fun, Fellowship
May 19, 2007 9AM-Noon

Wear your comfortable lounging clothes and bring your slippers to relax in. You will be served a yummy brunch and enjoy some fun Christian entertainment.

There will be a slipper contest:

- Cutest
- Raciest
- Sexiest
- Warmest
- Most colorful
- Most decorated
- Most loved (worn out)
- Best Theme
- Most amazing

Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your sisters in Christ. Please invite your friends and sisters, moms, etc. who may not attend Highline. Cost will be \$5 per person. Watch for posters around the church building and announcements of ticket sales times.



9th Annual Men's Night Out

All Men Invited for an evening of
Baseball at Safeco Field!

Seattle Mariners
Take on the
Pittsburg Pirates
Wednesday, June 20th!

Sign up on the Men's Ministry Board
beginning May 20th

Transportation provided from Highline

Meet at 5:45 PM for 7:05 PM Game
Cost is \$15 each
Sons Welcomed!

For more information,
Contact Tim Crawford
mensministry@highlinechristian.org



BUILDING UP...

REACHING OUT

What's Happening with the New Building?

Several Milestones Achieved:

- Our electrical vault is finally installed! We had several issues to resolve prior to the installation, but we succeeded. The concrete vault is 8-1/2 feet deep, 8 feet wide, 13 feet long and weighs over 27,000 pounds. It is buried between the new sanctuary and 1st Ave on the NE corner of the building. It will house the electrical transformers that will provide power to the new building and eventually to our existing facility.
- The sanctuary, atrium and entryway walls are primed and textured, and by the time you receive this article Ernesto (a professional painter who also happens to be the minister of the church that meets in our facility several times during the week) and others will be in the process of painting them.
- The bathroom tile work is mostly done.

Next Regular Work Parties

If you can, please come to a work party on May 5th and/or 19th (8:00 am – Noon).

THANKS:

Special thanks this month to Annette deLeest. Annette has been on the Building Team since 2001. Over the last two years, Annette has led the interior design efforts. She's had several other individuals working with her on many facets, but she has personally spent a large amount of time in research and design work. There have been a huge number of design detail decisions to make on this project and Annette has played a big role in most of them.

Mark Your Calendar



Sunday, May 20th, will be our annual congregational meeting to vote on the budget for next year, elect elders and officers of the congregation, and this year there will be a proposed change to the operating procedures regarding the process for electing officers and the scope of these positions.

Thank You For Your Donations

Thank you to all of you who so generously donate all your used clothing and items to the missions.

Donations are sent to one of the following:

Union Gospel Mission in Seattle
(All items for women and children)
520 S. King St.
Seattle, WA 98104

Bread of Life Mission
(Men's items only)
97 South Main Street
Seattle, WA 98194

We would like to ask anyone who is able to take your items directly to the missions noted above. This would not only get them to the mission more frequently, but this would also save us the extra work of storing and delivering them after we get a large amount of donations.

We realize this is not possible for most people, so we will still gratefully accept donations as in the past, which is in the mail room. Please mark your clothing and items as to which mission you would like them to go to.

Art & JoAnn Taylor
Chairs, Community Outreach Team

“Wiring Party” A Success

On April 14th, there was a “wiring party” at the new sanctuary to pull microphone and computer wires between the stage boxes and the tech booth. This involved people measuring and cutting wires to length, taping them into small bundles for each box, and labeling each wire at both ends. Another group of people had to crawl under the stage to route the wires. It was a big job. A big thank you goes to Teresa Barnes, Ken Tanttari, Bill Gross, and Tim Crawford who did all of the measuring,

They were a great help getting in the tight places under the stage...”

cutting, bundling, and labeling of the wires. Another big thank you goes to Brinston Fader, Tyler Mosier, Gavin Mosier, Leah Mosier, Kyle Petersen, Natalie Barnes, Leann Barnes, Curtis Mosier and Les Fader that helped under the stage routing the wires. They were a great help getting in the tight places under the stage and making sure the wire bundles did not get tangled up. There were also several that helped with food that helped keep everyone going. Everyone worked hard and the job was accomplished. What a blessing to get that part of the wiring done. Just one more step in getting the sanctuary ready.

-- The Tech Team --



Thank You

I would like to say a big thank you to all who prayed for me while I was at Orchard Park Nursing Home. I am so thankful for your prayers.

Love
Nancy Jo Brown



All-Church Memory Verses Can You Say Them?

January—John 20:31
February—Romans 5:8
March—Galatians 2:20
April—I Corinthians 15:3-4

May All-Church Memory Verse

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

*“Hear, O Israel: The Lord
our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your
strength.”*

A Story of Two Grandmothers

The grandmothers have it....at least this month, anyway! It is May and this is of course, the month for MOMS! This Mother's Day, Jane Knight and Marsha Louvier are going to have a different kind of day! This is because they have something very different to celebrate.

She was born on February 2, 2007 and she weighed 8 pounds, 14 oz. at birth. The best part? She has two grandmothers who adore her every move and who can't help but spoil her rotten! She is Baylee Joy Louvier and she is clearly the apple of everyone's eye!

With Mother's Day fast approaching, Jane and Marsha recently sat in the church office, talking about who else? Baylee Joy! Oh, they did the traditional oohing and aahing over her. And they discussed her every move, coo, and smile. However, the best description for their conversation is "serious girl talk." These days in their lives, conversation ranges from the need to childproof their homes to the amusing attempts of others to make Baylee Joy smile. Welcome to grandmotherhood....Jane and Marsha!

Several years ago, when Marsha and Gregg Louvier helped Jane and Pastor Tim Knight move into their home, Tim made a casual, comment in passing. With daughter Jenny, age 10, and the Louvier's son Nathan, age 12, he joked. "Just think Gregg, in a couple of years, our kids could get married!" Little did Tim know that his off the cuff remark would prove true.

And with that union came Baylee Joy, who was officially introduced to the Highline congregation at her Baby Dedication during third service, on April 1, 2007.

The grandmothers love to talk about their favorite subject. How does it feel to be a grandmother? Jane responds, "I've never been a Grandma on Mother's Day." The mere mention of their granddaughter's name brightens their faces and the room. Marsha shares, "When I first saw her, I felt thankfulness that she was healthy. She looked like Nathan. She's a cutie!"



Having celebrated many Mother's Days in past years, one really stands out for Jane. Her own father sent her a corsage for her first Mother's Day. This was quite a feat since he was allergic to flowers!

Although any veteran mother would be tempted to give advice, when it comes to parenting, Jane says, "we try to wait until they ask." Following Baylee

Joy's birth, Jane and Marsha each stayed overnight with Jenny and Nathan to assist with baby care. Then the sad part happened- it was time to go home. Then, the *really* sad part happened and Marsha recalls, "staying away was hard."

Marsha laughs about the moment she learned she was going to be a grandmother. She remembers thinking, *I don't know that I'm ready....*as she imagined the stereotype of a grandmother. She explains, "people think of them as being old and gray." Gone are the days of grandmother rocking in a creaky chair. She doesn't always knit. She is not always up to her elbows in flour from home baking. Baby items and attire from yesterday are now outdated and unsafe. Today's grandmothers are modern, trendy, have lots of energy and are undoubtedly among the happiest people in every family! The two young grandmothers are in a new world these days.

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The neat thing, according to Jane- in addition to watching her daughter celebrate her first Mother's Day, is "watching your kids parent." Both grandmothers agree that it is nice to have the family close. Holidays are spent with both families so Jenny and Nathan do not feel they have to choose between families. Jenny has been at Highline since 1995, and Nathan grew up in the church.

Jane clearly remembers the time when she gave birth. There was a special place in that birthing process for her husband. Jane explains that Tim felt he, of course, had the right to ask questions during her birthing process. When the time came for their daughter to give birth though, she and Tim realized they should take a step back. When his daughter Jenny gave birth it was Nathan's place to be there and ask the questions.

Jane delights that Baylee Joy is smiling and cooing right now. Marsha says it is especially fun to watch people try to make her laugh. When asked about their dreams for Baylee Joy, both grandmothers are in agreement. Their dream is for her to have a relationship with God first and foremost. Jane continues, "We don't care what job you do or where you go to school...." Marsha jokingly adds, "but if she becomes a really good soccer star...." as the two burst into laughter. The day is coming when Baylee Joy will be crawling. Jane voices understandable concern, "I don't think we are childproofed yet!" Marsha recalls cautioning Jenny and Nathan, "Just because an outfit says 3 months, does not mean it will fit." These things can concern grandmothers and since Jane and Marsha have been there, done that....they have plenty of expertise to share.

Marsha still recalls Nathan's birth. "He was born early and I didn't get a Mother's Day for a year. Gregg got Father's Day in a month!" These days, Grandpa Gregg makes weird noises to get Baylee Joy's attention so she will smile. Then there's Grandpa Tim, who loves to put Baylee Joy to sleep by singing to her.

When Jane looks at Baylee Joy, she marvels,

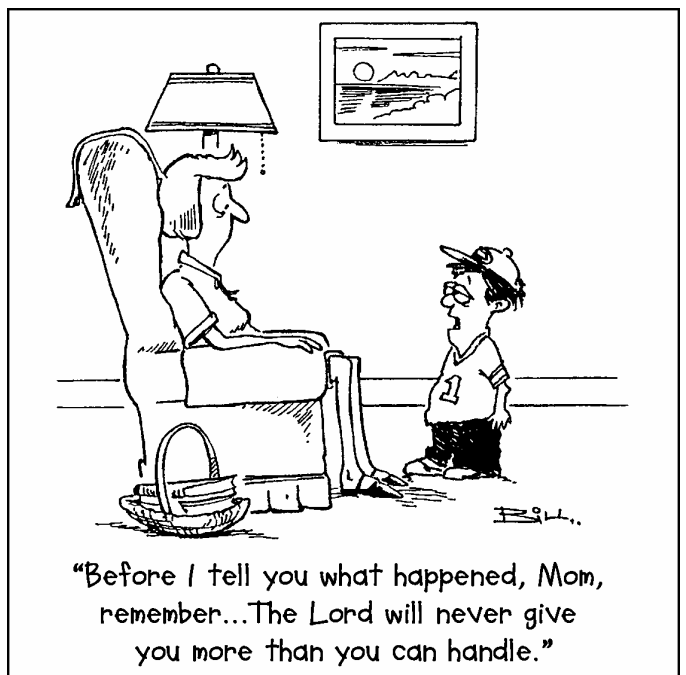
"she's so complete. She's a little person- she's developing a personality." This is undoubtedly a special, adoring look, reserved for a grandmother's eyes only.

It's Mother's Day.....for the mothers, women who celebrate their mother's memories, the grandmothers, daughters, single mothers and ones who touch others "like a mother!" There is no better time to thank God for the precious women in our lives. Enjoy this meaningful day!

By Joy Henley

The Birth of Mother's Day

In 1907, a lady in Philadelphia, Anna Jarvis, began lobbying for a day when our nation would honor mothers. She persuaded the leaders of the church her mother attended to designate the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. After Mrs. Jarvis had written countless letters to political authorities across the nation, by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day a national holiday. He chose the second Sunday in May for the annual celebration. The second Sunday in May was the anniversary of the death of Mrs. Jarvis' mother. .





Prayer Circle

Praise God

Exodus 15:2 “The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation. He is my God and I will praise Him.”

Praise our Lord for

Angela (Judymae Tanttari’s daughter) had a successful medical mission trip to Haiti; Laura Blakley had a successful cancer surgery; Mary Webb’s vertigo has improved. April Cole no longer has carpal tunnel in her hand. 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

Trevor, Em Finlay’s nephew—pray he opens his heart to God; Bill Brown—bad cough; Nancy Brown—toe nail cut off, and bladder problem and finance problems; Anna Peoples—pray she will not be fearful of new sibling coming; Verna Gray—pneumonia; Bonnie Walker—recent surgery and blood pressure problems; Logan (Jennifer Ray’s 2 ½-yr.-old cousin’s son)—full body cast; Charlie (friend of Tamela DeRosso’s)—aorta burst during surgery; Brennan (Kyra Kelly’s son)—recovering from hit and run car accident; Helen Sisley—broke 2 vertebrae; Walter Perkowski—pray he passes his night driving test; Tim Schmahl (Marty Dena’s ex-husband)—malignant tumors in his throat and heart attack; Tony (co-worker of Jane Docherty)—no significant changes in his cancerous lungs; Bob (Sandra Ault’s friend)—pray he gets a seed implant for his cancer; Jeff (Megan Brickell & Cindy Hart’s friend)—melanoma on his foot may have to amputate; Anthony (Marilyn Schroeder’s son)—more seizures; Ray (Marv Fritt’s friend)—brain surgery.

Pray for the families, students and teachers from the massacre at Virginia Tech.

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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.



The new pictorial church directories arrived and have been distributed the last two Sundays. They will be available again after all three services on April 29. Following that, any member or regular attender can contact the church office to obtain your copy.

Typos and Mistakes in the Family Pictorial Section

Jessica Racquel Gallardo (no comma)
Silas Vaden (not Salas)
Rachel Wilcox (not Rachelle)

Typos and Mistakes in the Roster Section

JACROUX (not JAEROUX)

Directory Changes

Please contact the church office when you have any name, phone or address changes so that we can let the congregation know and keep each of our directories accurate.

Calling All History Buffs

Our history books will be on display May 20 in the Fellowship Hall after all 3 services. Come take a look! You may find your picture!

Nona Denny, Historian



Happenings in Shoemaker Circle

Shoemaker Circle has completed and evaluated the **LOW SUGAR COOKBOOK**, which will be available to those interested, by request (sign up), in the Fellowship Hall, below the Senior Activities board.

We received a certificate of appreciation from the Humane Society for Highline's recent **PET FOOD DRIVE**...posted on the Senior Activities bulletin board.

Shoemaker Circle continues to collect **ALUMINUM CANS** for recycling as a fundraiser in support of missions. HCC's response to this project has been **OUTSTANDING!** Thank you to all

CONFECTIONS...of a Sneaky Cook...sample recipe:

1. Mix
 - (1) pkg chocolate cake mix
 - (1) 8 oz cherry (lite) yogurt
 - (1) egg
 - (2) Tablespoons—lite margarine, melted
 - (1/2) cup water
2. ADD
 - (2/3) cup chopped nuts
 - (1) pkg- 6oz- chocolate chips.
3. DROP by spoonfuls – 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. BAKE – 350 degrees for 12 minutes. COOL... enjoy! Great when served with a slice of fresh apple (palate cleansing).

May 2007						
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Serving God Through Work

When a young man in Oklahoma City lost his job a decade ago, he was told about a church that needed someone to maintain the building. He didn't want to be a janitor and maintenance man, but when nothing else came along, he applied for the job.

He was hired, and he now feels that the job is the Lord's will for him. It is his venue for ministry. For example, a mission team was being organized for Africa. He set up the room where the mission was planned. He provided everything the team needed to make their plans: tables, chairs, maps, chalk, a board with white paper, markers, etc. He considered his actions to be a small part of the ministry to the mission field.

When he cleans the sanctuary, he makes sure it's in the best condition possible. He knows that cleanliness is indeed next to godliness. The psalmist wrote, 'Holiness befits your house' (Psalm 93:5, NRSV).

The senior minister of the church took the custodian aside one day. He said that some new members had joined the church in part because the facilities were always well-kept and clean. In a sense the man had served as an evangelist. When asked about the work he's doing for God - and on behalf of God's church - he says, 'I feel blessed.'

May we all discover blessed opportunities to serve God in everything we do.



And the Lord Added

We rejoiced as the Lord added Alan to Highline:

BY BAPTISM

Alan Glore

HIGHER GROUND KIDS SPOT

A LEADER FROM WITHIN

One of the top deciding factors young parents use when choosing a church is the church nursery. Over the years we have made many changes to the nursery, early childhood, here at Highline. Think back almost 10 years ago and you would have to go down stairs to find the nursery which was used for newborns through kindergarteners. Today the infant and toddler nurseries are on the main floor with the sanctuary and the 2's and 3's, preschool, and kindergarten all have their own classes downstairs. So what's next?

The Early Childhood Ministry along with the rest of the church is in a state of transition and eagerly awaits the use of the new facility. In this time of transition it is going to be critical to have good leadership in place to lead the Early Childhood Ministry to the next level. Where will this leadership come from?

God continues to be faithful. He has provided a volunteer who has a passion to see early childhood children learning about Jesus. She has been working in the early childhood field since 1999 and has over 35 hours of STARS Washington standard daycare training. She continued her training through Crista Ministries and was an assistant teacher at the Kings Early Childhood Center. She has served as the lead teacher in various toddler and preschool class settings and has served in the Higher Ground Children's Ministry since 2000. She completed her college internship under my direction and graduated from Puget Sound Christian College with a Bachelors degree in Christian Ministry. Currently she is

working as a special education para-educator in the Highline School District, and she wants to see Highline's nursery be the type of nursery new moms and dads will want to leave their children in. So who is she?

Katie Taylor, married to Richie Taylor summer of 04, has volunteered to help lead the Early Childhood Ministry of Highline to the next level. I am excited for Katie to take on more of a leadership role in the early childhood ministry as she brings much needed vision and direction to a vital ministry in the church.



Over the next few weeks and months as we finish preparing for our summer Sunday School classes and start preparing for the fall classes Katie will be making contact with many of you who serve in the Early Childhood Ministry. Please do all you can to join her and glean from her passion to see even the littlest one hear about God's love. If you have ideas, insights, or concerns about the Early Childhood Ministry I'm sure she would love to hear from you.

I am grateful Katie has volunteered to help lead this ministry and have already enjoyed the hours of planning and brainstorming we have shared. Please join me in welcoming Katie Taylor to the Higher Ground Children's Ministry leadership team as our new Early Childhood Director.

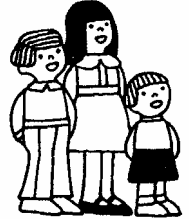
Your servant in Christ,

Bret Thorson
Higher Ground Children's Pastor

HIGHER GROUND SUMMER COMING THIS SUMMER

June

- **June 3rd - Promotion Sunday @ HCC**



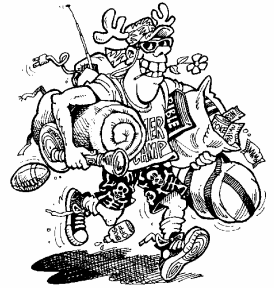
- **July 5-7th - First Chance Camp @ Pleasant Valley Christian Camp for Children entering 2nd or 3rd grade**

- **July 8 - 14th - Junior Camp @ Pleasant Valley Christian Camp for Children entering 4th - 6th grade**



- **August 6-7th - Trail Trekkers VBS Day Camp for kids entering 1st - 3rd grade**

- **August 13-17th - Summit Seekers VBS Campout @ Camp Lakeview for kids entering 4th - 6th grade**



- **August 20-24th - Preschool VBS @ Highline Christian Church for potty trained three year olds through children entering kindergarten.**

