

The Highline Connection

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

May 2009

*Spring
Tea*



Women's Spring Tea
May 16, 2009, 1:00-4:00 P.M.
HCC Worship Center

Get your tickets starting May 3rd in the Atrium of the Worship Center. Casting calls are still open if you have a talent you would like to share. Please contact Kathy Bledsoe for more information.



California Baptist University
Choir and Orchestra
in Concert at HCC Worship Center
May 11, 2009, 6:30 P.M.

As the premier performance group of the School of Music, the University Choir and Orchestra is led by nationally acclaimed conductor Dr. Gary Bonner, Dean of the School of Music. Over 140 singers and instrumentalists perform nearly 50 annual concerts in Southern California and on tours as they personify Dr. Bonner's philosophy of A Higher Standard.





**Mexico
Mission Team
BBQ Fundraiser
May 17th**
(following 2nd Service
and Congregational Meeting)



Menu



BBQ Beef Sandwiches
Garlic Toast
Pork and Beans



Peanut Butter Cookies
and More!



Entertainment by:

Rey Ureste and Guests



There will be tickets available in
the Atrium on Sundays after every
service to remind you to come!
Suggested donation (day of) \$5.



Thank you for your support!




**FROM THE
PASTOR**

**"Staying Hungry For
Holiness In A
Hurting World"**

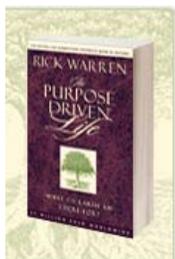
So many in our midst are facing hard times: Jobs are lost, health is gone, financial security isn't so secure anymore. These troubles aren't unique to our generation. God's people, living in a fallen world, have faced trials for centuries. Let's invite God's Word to speak into our lives during our current crisis. I invite you to join us on Sundays as we continue our sermon series in the book of 2 Corinthians. It's one of Paul's least read, but more personal letters. I encourage you to read it through and plan to sit a while with me each week in this corner of God's Word. Hear Him speaking words of hope and comfort to you. May His Spirit help us "Stay Hungry For Holiness In A Hurting World!"

By His Comfort

Pastor Tim

Attention Women!

There is a new Women's Small Group Bible Study that has just started. They are meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10 A.M. in Room 201 of the South Building. They are currently studying "The Purpose Driven Life." Any interested women are invited. If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact Carole Chance.



**Scholarships
Available**



We encourage students to seek ministry majors by awarding scholarships to those attending a Christian college. While all majors are welcome, preference is given to those seeking to enter Christian ministry.

Minimum Requirements:

Must be a current member of Highline

GPA 3.0 or higher

Acceptance to an approved Christian college

The application deadline is May 31, 2009

See Dave Schroeder for an application form.

The Prayer Closet

From: Galen and Carole Marcille

******Just a reminder: National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 7, from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on a drop-in basis. Come for as long as you can, or as short as you need to. Prayer guides will be available. Childcare will be available for children 0 to 5 years from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Older children may either pray with their parents or join Summit Seekers and Trail Trekkers from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Please plan on having your older children attend the whole children's program to keep the disruptions to the program at a minimum. If you have any questions, please call Galen or Carole Marcille at 206-246-6647. We hope to see you there!******

Do you remember the picture taken in the early 60s of a little boy playing under the desk in the Oval Office in the White House? How many of you thought, "Now, what is that little child doing in such an important office?" or "How disrespectful of that child, playing under the desk of such an important man?" Probably not many people thought such things. Why is that? Perhaps it was the relationship little John Kennedy shared with the man who occupied that desk in the Oval Office—his father, John F. Kennedy, the president of the United States. Do you think he worried that he might be breaking protocol by playing under the desk? Can you envision how he greeted his father? Do you think he started his greetings with "Mr. President"? It's doubtful. More likely, he just greeted his father with "Hi, Daddy!" and wrapped his chubby little arms around his father's legs. What did his father think of all this familiarity? Did he sternly correct his son? Banish him from the Oval Office when he poked his little face into the room? Probably not. And why not? Most likely, it was because little John was his son.

Do you ever worry that you are not praying correctly? Do you ever think about praying, only to find yourself at a loss for words to express what is on your mind and heart? Do you feel discouraged from trying, because you are afraid you will not measure up to the standard? And let's not even talk about praying out loud!

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This is where Romans 8:26 and 27 is so encouraging: "Likewise the Spirit also helps us in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

What was that? I never noticed that before! Did you hear it? Even Paul, the Apostle, admitted that "we do not know what we should pray for as we ought . . ." So—it is normal to feel that concern as we pray! We all get nervous about praying, because we do not know what to pray. Perhaps we are afraid we might pray the wrong thing. Maybe we fear we might offend the Almighty. Is such a thing possible? Can we truly offend our Heavenly Daddy, our Abba-Father, when we pour out our hearts before His throne, which He invites us to do boldly in Hebrews 4:16: "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need?"

No—it is more likely we will sadden Him by neglecting our time with Him. So let us not stand up God when it comes to our times with Him, because we are afraid of a breach in protocol. Just talk with Him. He is waiting for you to poke your face into His throne room, wrap your arms around Him, and sit at His feet contently. No appointment needed.



The church lost and found is located in the entryway to the south building. Please be sure to check for missing items on a regular basis. Items remaining unclaimed for a month will be donated to the local outreach or an appropriate ministry. Items left around the buildings, including the Family Mailbox Room without a name on them will be moved to the lost and found. Thank you for your help in keeping our buildings free of clutter!

Calling all Softball Players!!

It is that time of year again to dig out your cleats and glove and hit the diamond for some good Christian fellowship. We are starting to take sign-ups for our summer men's church softball league and would love for you to join us. Our season will start between the middle and end of June and will run through the beginning of August. Depending on the number of players, the cost can range from \$30 to \$40. Final costs will be determined once we know how many players we have. If you are interested please sign-up before May 17. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the South Building next to the bathrooms on the Sports Ministry board if you are interested.

Additionally, come join us on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 P.M. at Mosier Field for batting practice (weather permitting!).

Any questions, contact the Sports Ministry Leaders, Bill Gross or Nathan Louvier.



Arts and Crafts Exhibit Coming This Month!

On Sunday May 24, 2009 there will be an Arts & Crafts Exhibit and also a Cookie Sale in the South Building Fellowship Hall.

Since last September several small groups have been working to learn, improve and practice various handcrafts. Some of these projects will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall for the enjoyment of all. We will also be selling specific items and cookies in support of missions. This event is sponsored by Shoemaker Circle. Sign-up for exhibit space now in the Fellowship Hall; limited to handcraft projects, including wood sculpture, fishing lures, paintings, and baby stuff (knit, crochet).

It's Just What We Do Here...

By Joy Henley

On a recent spring day, a friend casually asked me, "Have you ever noticed how God puts people in your life at just the right time?" I nodded. Little did I realize though, that exactly one week after my friend asked me this, I would need help. It would come too...in split second timing. Why does it seem so difficult to ask for help, yet when we do, help seems to come so easily?

Having recently had my car towed, I was preparing in my mind to say an inevitable goodbye. According to paperwork I received, I had 120 hours to retrieve my car or the towing company would take possession. I just knew there was no way I would be able to afford to get my car out of towing. Especially after starting a world wide social service organization, and then losing a full-time job due to the economy.

I drove to the local post office the following, drizzly day, pulled right up to the mailbox, and hopped out for probably 15 seconds to mail a letter. It was during these few seconds that I heard my name called. It was a friend I had not seen in a couple of years. He asked if I was ok and we started talking. When I told him about the car fiasco, he was eager to help. The result of our chance meeting during those few seconds- when I jumped out of my car and darted to the mailbox that day, was that he wanted to be a cheerful giver and pay nearly \$400.00 so my vehicle would be returned. He even returned to my home later that evening and said he wanted to make it clear that he did not wish to be reimbursed.

Once we sat down and talked, I gained a better understanding of why my friend embraced such an opportunity to help me. He said a few years ago, he had asked people at a far away church, for help for an individual. He said he believed the people he asked for help, could afford to do something. He said he heard several disappointing remarks when he asked for help- he called these "excuses to *not* help." He explained, "They have it down pat- why they will not help."

People refused, mentioning that the person had been struggling for some time, adding, “That’s like putting money in a bottomless dark hole.” He said others “reasoned” that “If we help, then it enables the person to stay in those circumstances.” As my friend sat before me, I understood that he was opening his heart to give even more, because of people who had refused to give. Sometimes, even the negative things have a positive impact on us.

The following Sunday, I walked into church and was approached by a familiar face. He darted toward me from across the room. He said he had heard about my car needing repair and announced he was going to repair it. He also had already called a friend and he agreed to help too. Why was I surprised? After all, they are servants of God, and this *is* Highline Christian Church! I was so humbled and as tears started to fill my eyes, he looked puzzled and simply blurted, “It’s just what we do here.”



Then Easter came and I received a surprising gift from a dear, church friend. As I opened the gift bag, I was stunned. It was a familiar gift. Oh, I had seen it before. I had cherished and loved it. However, last fall, when my friend collapsed and went into a coma, I parted with it. I figured my friend needed it by her bedside a lot more than I did so I gave it to her. I gave the free- standing crystal cross to her. As I handed it to my ill friend, I believed I would never, ever see another one like it. Easter Sunday was the most appropriate day to be given this identical cross. When I opened it, I felt like God was shining down on me. Coincidence? Don’t think so. Of all the gifts my friend could have given me, she was the “messenger” who returned the crystal cross to me. I have always thought of her as my “Sister in Christ”...she is indeed, special.

Now with Mother’s Day approaching, it is a great way to “give back.” There are all kinds of

mothers in this world- biological ones, selfless mothers who gave their children up for adoption, single and non-custodial ones, teen mothers, step-mothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, ones who are “like” mothers, and many others. One mother says she wants “that delicious apple pie” from her favorite grocery store for Mother’s Day. There are moms who would rather have their cars repaired or a household task completed, than an overpriced bouquet of flowers. Another single mother said she dreams of having a few hours to herself. One said she just wants to feel better. There will be mothers somewhere who wait... they will hope again this year, for a call from an estranged daughter or son. Numerous ones want prayers for potential jobs. Many of the things on wish lists this Mother’s Day are more about our love and prayer than they are money.

Sometimes, when we need help for ourselves, we become the rich ones. We learn what a major difference others can make in our lives by just being there at the right time. We pray that we will be able to enrich someone else’s life in God’s perfect timing, the way ours was blessed. We learn the power of a loving, giving heart and being used by God as His tool. We can work wonders just reaching out to someone. We never know what is on or in someone’s heart until we say hello and just start chatting! Hopefully, we go on to pass our helpful attitude and love to the next person and the next and the next...

I have heard that when one of us in a church has a problem...we all do. That when one of us is in need, all of us are in need. People who “walk the walk” at Highline teach all of us. Why was I so teary-eyed and emotional when help flowed like a stream, into my life? When I think about it, things could not have happened any other possible way. Like I was humbly told, “It’s just what we do here.”



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

Jan Kesler-Dickson came through knee replacement successfully; Lowell Hall had successful ankle surgery; Margaret Ozura’s friend came through heart surgery;. Beka (Galen & Carole Marcille’s daughter-in-law)—home from the hospital and recovering; Anthony (Marilyn Schroeder’s son)—survived 4/18 without a seizure; Jim (Harold Goodridge’s friend)—all his lymph nodes are back to normal; Wendy (Ron Finlay’s niece)—didn’t need stint in her brain after all; Janette Williams—her SSD was restored. 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

Joshua (Amanda Davis’ friend’s cousin)—has leukemia; Brad (Jane Docherty’s co-worker)—brain tumor; Carol (Jane Docherty’s co-worker)—cancer surgery; Dave (Margaret Ozura’s friend)—heart valve surgery; Bill Brown—facing retirement at 62; Kolleen (Linda Rome’s cousin)—spots on her liver and it is cancer; Tigisti Tsegai (Ruthie Goetz’ daughter-in-law)—lupus; Winnie (Carole Marcille’s dad’s girlfriend)—surgery to repair aneurysm; Lynda Nech’s six-year-old cousin—leukemia, but it is in remission; Marilyn Schroeder’s landlord’s father—pneumonia and heart condition; Mariam (Marilyn Schroeder’s friend)—reoccurrence of breast cancer; Brian (Barbara Dena’s brother)—diagnosed with cancer in several places; Galen Marcille’s client having

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tumor removed; Georgia Henney—medical problems; Roseann (Darlene Burrill’s daughter)—car accident; Jessie Winters would like prayer for friend with cancer in lymph nodes; Nita (Mick Marshall’s mother)—severe diabetes complications; Kristy (Margaret Wineman’s granddaughter)—scoliosis surgery; Nancy (Mary Webb’s daughter)—major abdominal surgery; Phyllis (Georgia Henney’s mother)—growth to her ovarian cancer; Em Finlay—stomach pain still undetermined; pray that Lisa Davis can complete her course at college; Willis (Barbara Goodridge’s uncle)—tumor in his throat; Ellen Gores—hospitalized with a stroke; Janette Williams’ young granddaughter—raising her three siblings and has problems with housing and finances.

With Sympathy

Lucille Potter—death of her daughter Peggy
Tamela DeRosso—death of her father

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.

With Sympathy



We would like to offer sympathy to the family of Donna Davis. Donna went home to be with the Lord on March 28, 2009 after a very brief battle with cancer. Donna was a very active member of Highline for over 16 years and will be missed greatly. A memorial service to celebrate her life was held at Highline on April 2, 2009. Please keep Donna’s husband John, as well as the rest of the family, in your prayers during this very difficult time.





And the Lord Added

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

By Baptism

Jacob Schroeder
Jonas Willoughby

By Transfer

Paul & Denise Sorenson

Kyle & Ellen Scholes

Lee & Karen Scholes

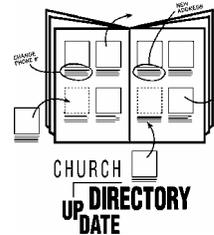


11th Annual Men's Night Out

All Men Invited for an evening of baseball at Safeco Field! Seattle Mariners take on the Baltimore Orioles! Meet at 5:45 P.M. on Wednesday, June 3rd! Sign-ups begin in May! Cost is only \$15 each. Sons welcomed!

For more information, contact:
Tim Crawford
mensministry@highlinechristian.org

Church Family Information



Can You Help?

In the mail today is a letter from my parents. Before I even open it, it says to me: you are loved. We can be Christ's messengers, letting Him speak through us saying, "You are loved." There are many lonely people in our world who long for such a message. Friend to Friend is a one-to-one volunteer visitation program for residents living in nursing homes and assisted living communities. If you would like to deliver a letter of love in person to one of these children of God, call 206-870-4266 or 1-888-FTF-7818 or e-mail marilyn@friendtofriendamerica.org for more information.

Change of Address

Paul Geering

Leroy Scott

Kevin Smith

Shelley Smith

HIGHER GROUND KIDS SPOT

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE

May

Grade school VBS & Camp Sign-ups
F2 Family Mission Sign-ups

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.

July 12-17

Summit Seekers VBS Campout
@ Camp Lakeview

July 27 & 28

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

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

August 17-21

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

Summit Seekers “I Made It, But...” Overnighter

Every year around February a strange thing happens in the sixth graders, they realize their time in the children’s ministry is almost over. For some of the kids this is a very exciting thing, something like graduating on to bigger and better things, but for others it causes inner conflict. Often we hear from many of the kids, and their parents, they don’t want to leave the children’s ministry.



As leaders we often face similar emotions as we watch kids we have poured time and energy into and have made some great connections with move up to the youth ministry; the time is bitter sweet.

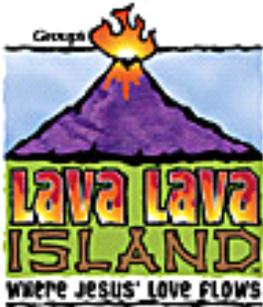
The overnighter on **May 15th** is an opportunity for us to celebrate the sixth graders, a last hurrah so to say. I have to admit, it’s hard to let them go, I miss seeing my kids each week, but I also recognize it is time. They are ready to move up to the youth ministry and in a few years I hope they will come back and serve in the children’s ministry as leaders.

Summit Seekers, it’s time to celebrate! Get your Overnighter permission forms turned in and let’s have some fun!

Your servant in Christ,
Bret Thorson
Higher Ground Children’s Pastor



Early Childhood News



Preschool Vacation Bible School

Preschool Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of August 17-21. This is a special Vacation Bible School for children who are potty trained 3 year olds through kids entering into Kindergarten in the Fall.

The fun begins at 9:00 a.m. and goes until 12:00 p.m.. There are Bible lessons, special worship times, a puppet show, craft time, game times, snack time, plus more! Please mark your calendars!

If you would like to help for the week, please talk to Katie Taylor or Charlene Crawford.



Spotlight on the Cuddlers Room!

This is our classroom designed for infants through children who are crawling. This room is for children who need to be held or children who need to sleep. We have a place for tummy time and rocking chairs to sit in. There are cribs for sleeping. In this room there is a place for mother's who need to feed babies.

It is a women only room.



Serving Kids Together,
Katie Taylor

Please remember to fill out and return Biography Pages to Katie.

If you would like to help serve in any Early Childhood area , please call or email Katie Taylor

Katie@HighlineChristian.org

H.Y.M. CHRONICLES

May Birthdays

Skye R.	1st
Price M.	13th
Shiloh R.	14th
Becca K.	15th
Brennan W.	20th
Chandler D.	21st
Brandon C.	23rd
Garrett M.	24th
Tony F.	29th
Chelsey C.	30th
Ariel W.	30th

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
Sunday May 3rd

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

Youth Programs & Events Continued:

5/10/09 Mother's Day

No Small Groups in the PM

Sunday 5/31/09 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: <http://www.hope-christian.net>

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

7/19-21/09 Sr. High Sandblast (9th-12th grd)

7/22-24/09 Jr. High Sandblast (7th-12th grd)

8/3-8/09 CIY "Move" Conference (9th-12th)

You can Help Us

Albertson's Community Partners Card

If you shop at Albertson's and haven't picked up your Community Partners Card (for HCC) and would like one, please ask a greeter, check mailbox #1 or see/call Chad (206) 353-6300. Up to 5% of your purchase can go towards HCC Youth Activities, at no extra cost to you.

Any Questions or Concerns?

Please Contact Chad:

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