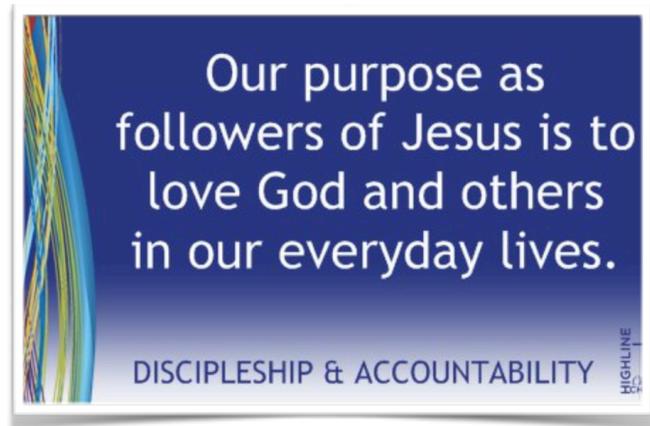


# DISCIPLE DIGEST

Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

## Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, our Prayer Team would like to pray for you. You may enter your prayer request on the APP via “Connect with Us”, through the [HUB](#), or by email at [office@highlinechristian.org](mailto:office@highlinechristian.org).



## A Journey in the Wilderness

A month and a half ago we began to see and hear about something taking place that had never happened in our lifetime. Asia and Europe were both experiencing a new strain of the corona virus and it was leaving them devastated. Hospitals were full, stores were empty, and the death toll continued to increase by the hundreds by the day. Here in America, we watched, we waited, and we began to speculate what it would mean for us, or if the virus would even affect the United States. By mid-March large gatherings were banned, schools were closed, the borders were closed, gathering places were closed, restaurants were closed, and much of life as we know it was brought to a stop with a Stay Home, Stay Healthy mandate. In just a few weeks our world went from a thriving, busy, fast-paced life to a slower, physically distant, and in many ways isolating life.

As I spent time in my morning reading today, I was struck at how I identified with the Israelites in a new way. In Exodus 15 and 16 the Israelites find themselves miraculously on the other side of the Red Sea from Egypt. The threat of Pharaoh and his army are all washed

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## Retreat Postponed until October 16, 2020



Ladies, we look forward to spending time and growing together as we engage Unstuck Women’s Retreat, with guest Speaker Crystal Neubauer. We believe the Lord has given her a message to share with us for such a time as this and look forward to seeing you October 16 - 18th.

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### *A Journey in the Wilderness....*

away and God is leading them to the promise land. The Israelites had seen some things take place that they had never seen before. The Egyptians found their people needing medical attention, their stores empty, and the death toll high. God was faithfully on the move, however the Israelites found themselves isolated in the wilderness. About a month and a half pass by and the Israelites are still in the wilderness, still isolated, hungry, thirsty, and beginning to grumble to Moses and Aaron against God with complaints of where they were and false memories of what once was.

I've often read this passage and wondered how Israel could forget the faithfulness of God, the presence of God, and look back to false ideas of what it was like while they were slaves in Egypt, and at the same time miss the goodness of God in their midst. Yet, here we are, one and a half months into a new wilderness experience, isolated from others, experiencing all kinds of different emotions, and many of us definitely yearning to get back to "normal." A month and a half, and so easily the past has been rewritten, the present is unsettling, the duration of time for this new way of life still uncertain, and what about the presence of God in the midst of it?

It is true, the Covid-19 pandemic is not done, and the affects of what is taking place now are far reaching, yet God is faithful in the midst of it. The glory of God appeared to the Israelites in the wilderness in the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud, and He rained down on them meat at night and bread in the morning. Israel was to learn God would meet all their needs according to His riches in glory, and He will meet all our needs according to His riches as well. God has not abandoned us and His Kingdom is not in trouble, no mater how it looks.

As we journey through this wilderness experience, may we build the habit of trusting God by asking: what has the pandemic taken away? What has it not taken? And what are the blessings of God in and through this Covid-19 pandemic? May God bless you as you seek God's faithful presence in your everyday moments as we journey this wilderness together.

Living moment by moment with Jesus,  
*Bret Thorson*  
 Discipleship Minister



## Connecting with HCC during Covid-19

Over the last couple of months the shape of ministry has really changed, and I'm sure we are all looking forward to when we can gather together again. Though social media is not an ideal way to connect or accomplish ministry, it is the mode of much of ministry taking place today and ministries at Highline are no different.

There are a number of ways you can stay connected with things going on through Highline. Below is a list of the various links available to connect with others and to view or hear the various teachings taking place each week. There is also a link to a form to request help if you need help getting connected. May the Lord bless you as you seek to stay connected.

Web



App



Podcas



Facebook



Instagram



YouTube



[Early Childhood on Facebook](#)

[Early Elementary on Facebook](#)

[Upper Elementary on Facebook](#)

[Middle School on Instagram](#)

[High School on Instagram](#)

[Young Adults on Instagram](#)

## Extra Help during Covid-19

The Covid-19 Pandemic has caused many changes to life as we knew it. Today, all are being encouraged to stay home and stay healthy. For some, the mandate to stay home is simply part of the effort to help others, such as the overall effort to minimize the curve, the number of patients in hospitals due to the virus. For others however, staying home to stay healthy really is a necessity for all sorts of personal health reasons and there is even more of a feeling of being trapped.

Another group of people affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic are those who have lost jobs, or have been put on a mandatory furlough, possibly without the assurance of a job to return to. Many are out of work during this time and the loss of income as the stay home, stay healthy mandate continues affects daily life for everything from rent and utilities to groceries and other daily household needs, including yes, the dreaded search for the ever elusive toilet paper.

Highline Christian Church desires to be the body of Christ, His hands and feet, and to meet needs as they arise. People have already signed up to help run errands, pick up groceries, as well as to help financially as able. If you have not signed up yet to serve, and the Lord is calling you to do so, you can fill out a volunteer form by clicking the blow link, or following the links available on the church web page or App. [Click here to sign up to volunteer.](#)

If you are seeking extra help during the Cover Pandemic, would like someone to go to the grocery store for you, need help with rent or utilities, or would simply like someone to chat with, please let us know. You can contact us by filling out the form in the below link, on the church web page or App, or by calling the church office. The church voicemail is being checked regularly.

Be safe, stay healthy, and please, contact us if you need help.

[Click here to fill out a form for extra assistance.](#)

# Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adult ministry of Highline Christian Church is doing very well. I am proud of what we are currently doing even through this COVID-19 pandemic! We have shifted quickly and swiftly all YA services, preaching, prayer, gatherings, activities and worship to either “Zoom” or on our social media platforms. Thus far, it’s all been very successful and effective.



## Sundays:

We encourage all Young Adults to watch Pastor Tim’s message with their own families (if they live with family) every Sunday. Then we gather on Sundays at 1pm on Zoom to discuss the message, encourage, uplift, pray and to walk through this together.

## Thursdays:

At 8pm on Thursday nights, we have a recorded message that is posted on the Young Adults Instagram’s account. Then at 8:30pm we gather on Zoom to talk through it and to connect in this crazy time. We will continue to do this until the “stay home, stay healthy” is all over. Our team has also come up with a few fun activities, like “show and tell” and other things together.

## Extra:

We have introduced a new way to do devotionals, it’s a method called S.O.A.P. Simply meaning S. Scripture, O. Observation, A. Application, P. Prayer. The leadership team and I are excited

about using this within the Young Adult ministry and getting Young Adults into the Word of God in this crazy time, which has been pretty effect thus far.

## Highlights:

We have done mine actives, things like, citywide scavenger hunt, Game Nights, getting ice cream, going to an arcade, ice skating and much more! Overall, the mine activities have been very beneficial for relationship building as a community and as a ministry of HCC. Young Adults really enjoy it! Our leadership team has also really been able to troubleshoot any issues we come across!

## Clarity:

We had Young Adult activities, special services, actives and more that was going to happen this Spring and into Summer, however, God is faithful and always does what’s BEST! So, we are following His lead, and taking one step at a time. We do Young Adult activities for the purpose of creating community, building the Church and providing an opportunity for Young Adults to invite people to gather. We have a mid-week, Young Adult Service because that’s what it is, it’s a duplicate of our Sunday morning services. It’s just modified to the age group and the goal is to get the Young Adults to be very familiar with the term service because we want them to have a similar kind of mindset, that is, they would attend Sundays services and be a part of the larger faith community “The Church”, by using that language. It is very intentional for the purpose of long-term commitment to the local Church. I am very proud of the Young Adult Ministry, it is growing and moving forward.

*Josh Ambrose*  
Young Adult Minister

# HS Youth Ministry

## Hello, HCC Family!

The Youth ministry of Highline Christian Church is doing very well. I am proud of what we are currently doing even through this COVID-19 pandemic! We have shifted quickly and swiftly all Youth services, preaching, prayer, gatherings, activities and worship to either “Zoom” or on our social media platforms. Thus far, it’s all been very successful and effective.

### Sundays:

At 10:30am on Sunday mornings, we have a live worship and teaching session for all high school students on the Youth’s Instagram’s account. We also encourage all Youth to watch Pastor Tim’s message with their own families every Sunday. We then gather on Sundays at 1pm on Zoom, to discuss the messages, to encourage, uplift, pray and to walk through this together.

### Wednesdays:

At 6:30pm on Wednesday nights, we have a recorded message that is posted on the Youth’s Instagram’s account. Then at 7pm we gather on Zoom to talk through it and to connect in this crazy time. We will continue to do this until the “stay home, stay healthy” is all over. Our team has also come up with fun activities for the Youth each week! Such as a “Create project”. Simply taking something at home and getting creative with it, showing before and after to the entire Youth ministry. We have a “bake/cook off” this coming week, “go for a walk”, “Build a fort night” and much more!

### Extra:

The student leadership has been posting on their social media a “Devotional” over the last week and will also continue to do so until all of this is over. We have introduced the method called S.O.A.P. Simply meaning S. Scripture, O. Observation, A. Application, P. Prayer. Our entire team is excited about us as a youth

ministry getting into the Word of God in this time!

### Highlights:

High School Winter Camp, the last week of February, was awesome! Such good reports

from the 20 High School students that went from HCC, the 8 band members that lead worship for the entire camp, the 6 cabin leaders and of course Bob Simmons for driving the church bus! The overall Winter Weekend was amazing! The Worship was powerful and the Word of God was taught with authority and clarity. It was a super fun, crazy weekend with over 50 High School students attending the Camp.



### Clarity:

We had many Youth events, special services, activities and more that was gonna happen this Spring and into Summer. However, God is faithful and always does what's BEST! So, we are following His lead, and taking one step at a time. We do Youth events and activities for the purpose of creating community, building the Church and providing the opportunity for students to invite their Christian and non-Christian friends to hang out. We have a mid-week Youth Service, because that’s what it is, it’s a duplicate of our Sunday morning services. It’s just modified to the age group. The goal is to get the Youth to be familiar with the term service because after they graduate, they are somewhat expected to attend Sunday service’s and be a part of the larger faith community, “The Church”. So using that language, it is very intentional for the purpose of long-term commitment to the local Church. I am very proud of the Youth Ministry, it is growing, but also healing.

*Josh Ambrose*



## Tyler Mosier Knew What He Wanted from a Young Age



Tyler Mosier felt the call to ministry early in middle school and never wavered. Even before he met two Boise Bible College reps at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp's middle school week, Tyler knew he wanted to serve God with everything He had. After a conversation with the reps, he researched many schools, but BBC always stayed at the top of his list.

Even before his senior year of high school, he knew he was headed to BBC and already had most of his classes mapped out. Before he walked into his first class, he wondered if it would be challenging enough. When he walked out of Life of Christ (taught by Dale Cornett) and Introduction to NT (taught by Derek Voorhees), he wondered if he had what it would take to make it through the semester!

Every class was a challenge but Tyler didn't forget his mission and rose to it, graduating in 2017 with a BA in Christian Ministry. Today, he directs the upper elementary and youth ministries at Highline Christian Church in Burien, WA. The growing church in South Seattle also gets to hear him preach occasionally.

Tyler has many lifelong friends from BBC, the best one being his wife Katy (BS'18). They met through the efforts of some matchmaker friends using intramural basketball games as an excuse. He says, "It was my skills on the court that caught her eye," but then he adds with a smile, "anyone who saw me out there knows that isn't true." The couple continues to enjoy the support and encouragement of many other friends from college, including Hayden Wright, Bryan Coble (BA'17), Jakob (BS'12) and Stacey King, Hunter Croft (BA'17), and Connor Southerton (BS'17) to name a few.

Still a man who knows what he wants, Tyler continues to grow, learn, and seek new challenges. He helps direct youth camps and was recently asked to serve on the board of Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. And he's recently taken up learning Brazilian Jiu Jitsu! He and Katy also get out to enjoy the area when they get a sunny day, fishing, hiking, or swimming.

Tyler is making an impact on the young people he leads and the congregation he serves. He was one of the youngest asked to preach at Spring Conference. He is living out the values he was exposed to at BBC as an excellent teacher/preacher, building a community, innovatively leading the upcoming generation and serving humbly.

## First Chance Camp

### Save the Date!

First Chance Camp is coming up on July 1-3 for students going into First, Second, and Third Grade. It will be at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. If your child is going into First Grade parents must attend.

What will happen at camp? We will be learning about Walking in His Light and how we can live like Jesus. The kids will have an opportunity to worship in a variety of ways, respond to what we learn, make crafts, take nature walks, go swimming, and meet new friends! I will be sending out a pre-registration sign up to see who will be coming to camp. We will all officially register and pay after the quarantine is lifted, but pre-registering is important to help with planning.

Camp is a great place to come to get out in the woods and experience God in nature! Keep an eye out for the pre-registration coming to email soon!

Thank you!

3/30/20

Dear HCC (my home church!),

Thank you so much for your ongoing financial support of Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. We appreciate everything you do to help our ministry.

See you at camp!

God Bless,  
Logan + Kim Jenott

## Operation Christmas Child



Hello Highline, Obviously we haven't been able to purchase and donate items for Operation Christmas Child in the same way the last couple months. I listed below which items were going to be focused on each month. If you have the opportunity to purchase on-line (look for opportunities - ie sales at Oriental Trading Company, tacking an item onto an Amazon order, etc) and save them to donate once we meet in person again, that would be great. All items must be appropriate for **ages 2-14**. If you are spending time cleaning out various rooms in your home during this "Stay Home Stay Healthy" time period, keep in mind that **only new** items can be donated to OCC. **NO USED ITEMS** please! If you have ANY questions about ANY of the categories, please reach out to me. Thanks for not only looking for purchasing opportunities, but also for **praying for the future recipients of these boxes who are also being affected by this current pandemic**.

Love, Tammie Lindblom [ktsralindblom@comcast.net](mailto:ktsralindblom@comcast.net)

**January** - Socks

**February - Girl Toys** (examples: playdoh, play jewelry, jump ropes, toy musical instruments that can fit in a shoe box, brain teaser games, balls, sewing kits (scissors must have short blades with blunt tips), craft kits (glue stick is great, NO liquid glue), small puzzles, dolls, mini etch-a-sketch toys, travel games, card games. Use your creativity.)

**March - Boy Toys and Soccer Balls/Pumps** (balls (of all kinds), hot wheel cars, playdoh, etch-a-sketch toys, plastic animal figures, puzzles, solar calculators, jump ropes, yoyos, harmonicas, small trucks, playing cards, flashcards, games (brain teaser games, travel size games, any game that can fit in a shoebox, electronic games must have extra batteries). A soccer ball can impact an entire community!)

**April** - Stuffed Animals

**May - Flashlights with batteries** (please include extra batteries in a Ziploc bag)

**June - Toothbrushes** (multi-packs will only be separated if individual toothbrushes will still be sealed)

**July** - Wash Cloths and Bar Soap

**August** - School Supplies

**September** - Cash

**October & November** - Full Boxes

# Early Childhood Ministry

## Mickey Mouse, Aslan, and Jesus?

What do Mickey Mouse, Aslan, and Jesus Christ have in common? If you came up with something related to a king and kingdom, congratulations! You're right! Mickey Mouse has his Magical Kingdom, Aslan rules Narnia (and beyond), and Jesus rules heaven and earth (okay, and everything in the entire universe). What is so compelling about the idea of kingdom that I would spend my Saturday afternoon writing on this topic? Here's my top five:

**1. Jesus is King of Everything!** In these days and always, it is crucial that followers of Jesus remember that we live in the Kingdom of God, right here, right now. Jesus is the ruler. We aren't. Political leaders aren't. Church leaders aren't. Jesus and only Jesus is king. This fact is so important that this summer (optimistically speaking here), **Preschool VBS** will be learning about four miracles of King Jesus. We will learn what King Jesus was saying about himself and his kingdom through these miracles. Hope your potty-trained three-year-old to those entering Kindergarten will join us **August 10-13** at the church building. Details and registration information to come.

**2. The story of the Bible centers around kings and kingdom living.** Scot McKnight (great author – check him out!) says the Bible is in three main sections according to the king who is ruling – theocracy (God rules), monarchy (earthly kings – think Saul, David, Solomon, Jehoshaphat...), and Christocracy (that's Jesus!).

**3. We live in the kingdom now.** Jesus talked about the kingdom being here and now most in his ministry. "The kingdom of heaven is

here!" Jesus preached. He illustrated this truth in his teaching. He demonstrated the kingdom in his miracles. He set up the kingdom in his crucifixion and resurrection. And Jesus will fully establish... (see #4)

**4. His kingdom is our ultimate destination.** Some of us think heaven is our ultimate destination. That's not what the Bible presents. When Jesus returns, he will bring heaven and earth together fully and completely where he will be the king and we will rule with him. We are only getting a portion of that now. But when Jesus comes back, boom! Heaven and earth re-united. Kingdom – fully established. No more death. No more tears. No more crying. No more pain. Okay, can we have that like YESTERDAY! Guess not. We'll just keep being part of the kingdom work here and now until he does return.

**5. Jesus is our King first and then our Savior.** Implied in Jesus being our king is that he is also our savior. We follow him because he is in charge. As we follow, we are saved. We become more like Jesus and the rules of the kingdom reign in us. We are saved from all death, things present or to come, powers – anything that would (if it could) separate us from God.

And THAT my brothers and sisters is worth spending a Saturday thinking about!

*Charlene Crawford*  
Early Childhood Minister

# Early Childhood Ministry

## What is important about a Bible Timeline?

In order to understand who Jesus is, we must understand Israel and her history – and that is a lot of history follow. One way to help children with the idea of a looong story is to provide a pictorial representation of the Big God Story (aka timeline)! These pictures can also help to show children **where** in the timeline each of our stories are. It is helpful to know Abraham comes, then Moses, then David, then prophets, then Jesus, etc. Also, a timeline gives context for the narratives we teach. It is not helpful to present isolated stories and allow children to paste them together. For example, David & Goliath were not in the Garden of Eden. Abraham wasn't expected to follow the 10 Commandments. King Saul (first king of Israel) was not the same Saul who met Jesus on the road to Damascus. You get the idea. The order of the story is important. Telling the sub-stories in context is important. Below are the highlights of the grand narrative. For brevity, I have left out important words like covenant, law, exile, sacrifice, etc.

- God made the world
- People sinned
- God wanted restored relationship with people
- God started with a family
- God made that family bigger
- God moved that nation of people into a land of their own
- God gave them kings
- Most kings were bad
- God promised a new king who would rule forever
- The people were removed from their land

- The people were brought back to their land
- The people waited for the king to come
- (Insert roads, common language, and an army to keep the peace). Time for some good news!
- Jesus! He lived, died, was raised, and went back to heaven
- The church was established (we think masks are odd – how about tongues of fire on our heads!)
- We get to be a part of the Big God Story right here and right now in the year 2020
- Jesus will return and bring together the new heaven and new earth
- We get to be with Jesus in the resurrected heaven and earth

So, will “graduates” of the Early Childhood area be able to recite the highlights of the grand narrative of scripture? Probably not (though I would not put it past them!). What we do want children and their families to notice and understand is that God has a big story, and we can be a part of it!

*Charlene Crawford*  
Early Childhood Minister



## Something New

WHEN we return to our regularly scheduled corporate worship, besides all the other fun we'll be having hugging each other (I hope) and greeting each other and generally going berserk because we are actually back together, we will have (drum roll please)...

### **a new check-in system!**

Okay, that was a bit of a downer. The new check-in system will unlikely affect you in significant ways, but here's what you need to know for the Early Childhood Wing:

- Our welcome staff will be learning the new system. Please be patient with them. Thanks.
- Nametags will look slightly different.
- Our welcome staff may ask you about services and classes in a different order than you are accustomed to.
- If you find that our check-in station is unattended for a brief moment, go ahead and try checking your children in! The system is pretty intuitive.
- It will be fun!

I hope we get to see each other again soon!

*Charlene Crawford*  
Early Childhood Minister



If you plan on doing any of your shopping on Amazon, login to AmazonSmile, choose Highline Christian Church as your charitable organization and .5% of your eligible purchases will be donated to HCC.

**Thank you for making a difference in your community.**



## Sunday, May 24th Transform Burien HCC Outreach Dinner



Serve a meal and provide food and clothing services to those in need in our community.

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### **Worship Service Times**

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Saturdays - 6:00 PM  
Sundays - 9:00 AM & 10:40 AM

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### **Next eNewsletter Deadline**

May 17, 2020

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### **The 4th Sunday of each month:**

2:30 to 3:30 PM - Set Up and Serve  
3:30 to 5:00 PM - Serve  
4:45 to 5:45 PM - Clean Up

### **Opportunities:**

Set Up  
Kitchen-Cook/Prep  
Meal Server  
Food Bank  
Clothing Bank  
Hall Monitor  
Prayer and Conversation with Attendees  
Clean Up

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