

# *The Highline Connection*

*Highline Christian Church*

*Touched by Jesus to Touch Others' Lives*

*Experience God's Touch*

*November 2009*



**Thanksgiving Eve Community Service**  
**Wednesday, November 25**  
**7-8:30 P.M.**  
**Highline Christian Church**  
**Worship Center**

We will be singing songs of praise.  
The Thanksgiving message will be given  
by Jon Cortese, Senior Pastor  
of Burien Free Methodist Church.  
You are welcome to bring a pie to share.

# Book Corner



## Best-selling Author's New Book on the Economic Meltdown: Yours for Free

Patrick Morley, author of 16 books including The Man in the Mirror, spent seven years fighting an economic meltdown and survived. He chronicles the spiritual, practical, and financial lessons he learned in How to Survive the Economic Meltdown. Download a FREE PDF copy at [www.survivethemeltdown.org](http://www.survivethemeltdown.org). No strings attached.

## Book Available

The church recently received a donation of a book by Natalie Nichols Gillespie called "Successful Adoption: A Guide For Christian Families."

If you are thinking about adoption, have adopted or want to have some ideas about how you can impact the lives of the children that Jesus says he cares about, this is the book for you. This book gives a realistic picture of adopting, and help in evaluating what you can handle in order to give a child a forever family. It covers both U.S. and international adoptions and includes the experiences of people who have adopted as well as information about finances, lining up a support system, and what to expect after you have adopted including attempts to contact birth parents and even includes some volunteer opportunities to assist children. If you would like to read this book, it is currently in the church office so you are welcome to come by the office and borrow it.

## And the Lord Added



We would like to welcome the following people who transferred their church membership to Highline.

**Dick & Theona Bowen**

**Vern & Helen Britton**

## Church Family Information



## Change of Address

**Dwayne & Cheri Beavers**

**Kelly Gillum**

**Rich Mendes**

**Maria Revollas**

**Kyle & Ellen Scholes**



## Attention Ladies!

Ladies, it's not too late to 'jump in' to the book of Daniel! Women in the Word will be finishing up Part One of the book of Daniel and will begin Part Two on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:45 P.M. in the Great Room in the Adult Education Wing. This second portion, chapters 7-12, explores the thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ. Books are still available. Questions, or if you want to sign up, contact Lynda Olson.



## BAKE SALE

### Shoemaker Circle News and Events

Bake Sale & Bazaar

11/20 Friday Drop off ( 9 A.M.- 4 P.M. )  
11/21 Saturday 9 A.M.-2 P.M.  
11/22 Sunday 9 A.M.-2 P.M.

Sign-up now in the Atrium. Proceeds to benefit Family Mission Team April 2010 to Mexico

Sale Items will include: home-baked goods, low sugar items, gently used items, handcraft items (including jewelry, crochet, knit), and silent auction items.

Donations: Gratefully accepted!

Got a favorite recipe? Willing to share?

Also service opportunities...no experience required  
Contact Shoemaker Circle Family Mailbox #235



## Need a Christmas Tree or Wreath?

The Family Mexico Mission Team will be selling Christmas trees from November 27-December 18. Pre-orders for wreaths and trees will begin on November 8. Sign-ups will be in the Atrium. We will also have our tree lot for the public on the north side of the building next to Dennys. We will have Douglas, Grand and Noble Firs available plus wreaths. Please let all of your friends and families know to buy their trees from us. Thank you so much for your support of the Family Mission Team.



Over the years, God has blessed Highline with many resources. To assist in the full use of the facilities and their resources to God's glory, Highline needs to take a current inventory of our various existing assets (chairs, tables, easels, flatware, cups, etc.). As such, Highline is putting out the call for volunteers to assist in this "counting" enterprise. Donate as little as fifteen minutes and count the spoons, it is as easy as that. To volunteer, contact Pastor Kurt and he will fill you in on what needs to be done.



# The Prayer Closet

By Galen and Carole Marcille

Have you ever wondered if God has called you to pray? Do you think that you have to be gifted to pray properly? Then wonder no more! The answers are Yes and No!

We are called to pray as we are called to live faithfully for Christ. We are called to pray as we are called to speak the truth or to not steal. We are called to pray as we are called to abstain from sexual immorality. We are called to pray as we are instructed to be generous, be kind to one another, love one another, and to be examples of Christ to those around us. If you would not doubt those calls upon your life, do not doubt the call of prayer upon your life.

Nearly every letter written in the New Testament has instructions to pray and examples of how the apostles prayed for the believers they cared for. Jesus Himself gives us instructions on prayer and a solid example of prayer in the way He lived. As we see His example, we are struck with the realization, that if the Son of God felt a need to pray (that is, commune with His Heavenly Father), how much more do we need to pray and share our lives with our Heavenly Father?

But what about the concept of being gifted to pray? No where in scripture does it speak about such a thing. It is not listed among any of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. When instructions and examples are provided, no one is excluded or excused from the work of prayer. We see men and women all praying together in the book of Acts. The Jewish tradition held men were to pray and women were to keep house—that was ministry enough for women. But you see little of that sort of instruction for Christian women in the New Testament. In today's church, however, prayer is often relegated to the women and men are considered weak if they pray. Yet the apostles devoted themselves to prayer and the study of the word and felt it their primary duty (Acts 6:4). Paul also gave a special exhortation to men to pray in I Timothy 2:8. Even so, prayer is the work of both men and women in the kingdom of God (see I

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Timothy 2:8 and I Timothy 5:5).

From the gospels to the book of Acts, we see evidence of both Jesus and the disciples spending time in prayer. Jesus prays over meals, before several miracles, and before He raised Lazarus from the dead. Before major decisions and events, He would spend a night in prayer—such as when He chose His disciples or went to the cross. Here are just a few of the instructions of Jesus regarding prayer:

- the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
- lessons about continuing in prayer without discouragement (Luke 11:5-8; 18:1-8)
- about praying earnestly and not to be seen and admired for your piety, or with chanting rote repetitions (Matthew 6:5-8)
- about asking, seeking, and knocking in prayer without giving up (Matthew 7:7-11; Luke 11:9-13)
- about praying for our persecutors (Matthew 5:44)
- the importance of humility and repentance in prayer (Luke 17:9-14)
- praying to overcome temptation (Matthew 26:40-41)
- special promises for believers praying in agreement (Matthew 18:19-20)
- praying for God to send workers for the spiritual harvest of souls (Luke 10:2).

Here are multiple instructions regarding prayer from the apostles:

- the importance of persistence and thanksgiving in prayer (Colossians 4:2-4)

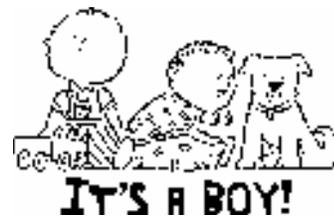


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- praying for our leaders (I Timothy 2:1-4)
- exhortation to pray always in the Holy Spirit for our brothers and sisters in Christ and our leaders and missionaries (Ephesians 6:18-20)
- the Holy Spirit's help is needed to pray properly (Romans 8:26)
- always being prayerful (Romans 12:12)
- prayers of Paul for the various churches (Ephesians 1:15-21; Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11; Colossians 1:3, 9-12; I Thessalonians 1:2-3, 2:13; II Thessalonians 1:11-12, 2:13-14, 3:1,2; II Timothy 1:3; Philemon 4-6)
- pray instead of worrying (Philippians 4:6-7)
- rejoice always, pray constantly, and always thank God (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- come boldly to God for help because of our Great High Priest, Jesus (Hebrews 4:14-16)
- offering a sacrifice of praise to God (Hebrews 13:15)
- prayers are affected by our relationships with others (I Peter 3:7)
- pray because the end is drawing near (I Peter 4:7)
- praying in spiritual battles (I Peter 5:6-8)
- seek to pray according to God's will, not our own will (I John 5:14-16)
- build yourself up in the most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit (Jude 20-21)
- the role of our prayers in heaven (Revelation 8:3-4)
- pray for one's self, confess sins and pray for each other, pray for the sick, and be focused in prayer (James 5:13-18)

Let us grasp anew our absolutely amazing privilege of access to God through prayer that Jesus purchased for us with His precious blood (as the writer of Hebrews pointed out in Hebrews 10:19-22). The price was too high, and the cost too deep, for us to cast prayer aside as pointless, or to neglect it as trivial, or to avoid it as too difficult. It is something even a child can do, but it is the work of men and women of God through the ages. Perhaps it is the work before all work. Come, now is the time to pray.

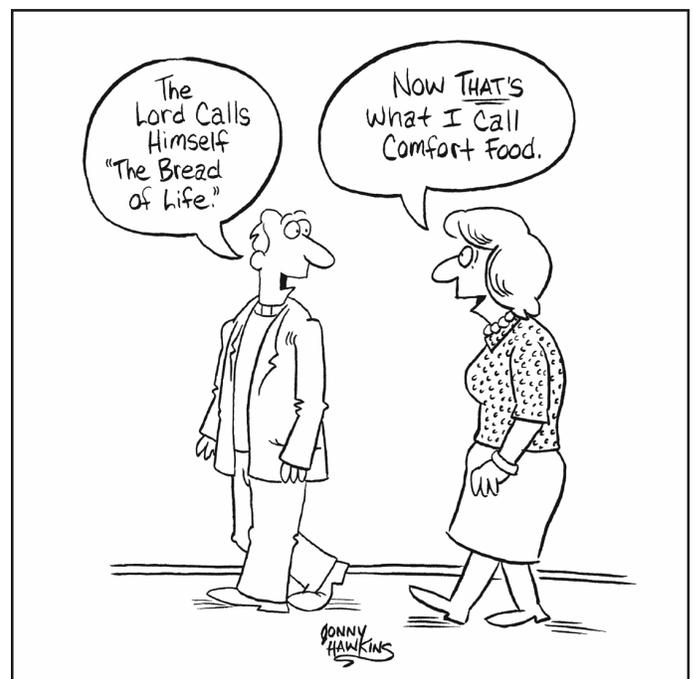
Carole



We would like to welcome Logan Christian DesMarais who was born on October 6, 2009 at 7:08 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and was 18 inches long. His parents are Gabe & Irina DesMarais and his big sister is Gracie. His grandparents are Chris & Dixie Check. Welcome to Highline Logan!



We would like to welcome Ryder James Patton who was born on October 14, 2009 at 11:25 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. and was 18 ½ inches long. His parents are Ryan & Chrissy Patton and his big brother is Tytan. His grandparents are Bill & Eileen Patton.



## 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

Kathy Evans 6-year-old grandson won mutton busting contest at the Fair; James & Maria Michels praise that their son’s financial aid was approved, Gordon McIntosh healing from Parkinsons; Alice (Barbara Goodridge’s Mom)—successful back surgery; Kurt (Kathy Evans’ son-in-law’s brother)—doing well after his surgery for the mass in his intestine, however it is cancerous but they believe they got it all; Jennifer Ray healing nicely after her recent surgeries; Barry (Dianne Barnes’ son)—successful tonsillectomy. 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

Alan (Art Taylor’s friend) colon cancer; Katie (Bill Brown’s Aunt)—broke her hip; Bill Brown—arthritis in his hands and stiff neck; Donna (Dave Sloan’s sister)—double mastectomy; Kathy Evans’ 6-year-old grandson competing for National competition in Fresno; Gil (Sue Evans’ brother-in-law)—pray radiation will shrink his tumors; Glen (Harold & Barbara Goodridge’s neighbor)—bruised from fall and has pneumonia; Beka (Carole Marcille’s daughter-in-law)—tubular pregnancy; Justin (Jeff Rhubottom’s step-son)—to be incarcerated soon; Jeff Rhubottom and his wife—marriage consultation; Ed (Diana Reagan’s boyfriend)—may lose his job and family worries; Linda Foster—homeless due to health problems (tumor) and possible surgery; Janette Williams—breathing problems; Rita (Jane Randall’s friend)—trouble walking, weakness and can’t return to

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work; Jodie (Jane Randall’s friend)—struggling with health, down to 80 pounds, mind failing; Isaiah (Maria Michels’ son)—experiencing prejudice at his job; Patty (Delores McIntosh’s daughter)—pray she opens her heart to Jesus and relationship healing, bi-polar and depression. Jennifer Horn—prayer for Rebecca that she carries and has a healthy baby; Amy (Jennifer Ray’s neighbor)—non-cancerous tumor on her brain; Bernadette (Mary Hudson’s friend)—bone marrow transplant; Al Chance—cataract surgery; Bill (Ellen Gores’ son-in-law)—heart surgery; AB Corliss (friend of Kathy Evans)—Alzheimer patient and near death; Leona Archer—hospitalized with cancer and in critical condition.

### With Sympathy

Ellen Gores—death of her sister-in-law  
Jan Davis—death of her husband Dwight

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. Please make sure that when you are giving a prayer request for the prayer chain, that you okay it with all the parties involved to make sure that they do in fact want it on the prayer chain. Thank you.



To our church family,

Thank you to all of you for the flowers and prayers. It is so nice to have a church family around while you go through surgery and we appreciate all of you.

*Janet and Marv Fritts*

Esther and I had grand plans on how to show our thankfulness to all of you wonderful people who helped us out with the Italian dinner fund raiser way back on August 16th, 2009. Well, many unexpected challenges arose after that event which prevented us from properly thanking you. You have not been forgotten. Thank you! We also thank all of the many people who gave of their finances. It made it possible for Esther to get a ticket back from Italy. She will be arriving home (SeaTac) November 13th, 2009. She wanted to stay longer, but she will need to come home to apply for a visa to go back. We were hoping that she would be able to apply for one while she was over there, but they said no.



**Update on her stay in Italy-** When she first arrived most everyone thought she was 24 years old (she is 18) and Italian. Culture shock. She almost cried when she found out that soccer was just for the boys. The girls were into fashion and makeup. The food? Amazing. The pasta is very filling and they receive fresh fruit and veggies on a regular basis. The language. It's kind of funny for me to hear her frustrated that she can't speak fluent Italian. God has gifted her to understand everyone she meets while ministering on the streets. She is so surprised by it that she sometimes forget that she needs to communicate back. She has been part of a drama group, but mostly hands out fliers and shares her testimony.

My favorite thing in the whole world is that she hears God's voice. Sometimes she struggles in having to obey Him, but is learning that it's the "bestest thing to do." God is motivated by love. Everything He does and everything He asks us to do is because He LOVES us. He wants the best for us. We are so limited in our sight, but with God we can trust Him to lead us in the right path, even though it may be very hard, He has the BIG PICTURE. I believe with all my heart that God will work all things for good for those that love Him and He has called according to His word (Romans 8:28).

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**Difficulty in the camp-** This huge tent ministry has been around for 30+ years. Many children have grown up under this tent. They are now in their 20s, etc. and have become very complacent and apathetic. The moms tend to gossip and play favorites. A handful of people are on fire for God, but there needs to be a radical change within most of the people. Only a handful of people come to the evening meetings each night. During the meeting the children of the ministry run around undisciplined. Please pray that God will touch these people's hearts, convict them via the Holy Spirit, repent and fill them with His Spirit so that they will be able to reach out to the lost. My heart hurts when I think of the body of Christ over there. They seem so crippled and in pain. Esther just keeps seeking God to find ways to minister to them. She told me that growing up at Highline Christian Church has been such a blessing. She is so thankful for the families that demonstrate God's love. That they have served as a model of how Christians should live, take care of their children, etc. And a big thank you to Pastor Tim for preaching the TRUTH.

The team time at their current location is up. They need to move ASAP. The problem is that their request to go to Florence has many stipulations. They are in a tough spot. I seriously do not know how God is going to work this out. You can check out the web-sight [www.citaitaly.com](http://www.citaitaly.com). Many thanks to all of you.

Love,

Linda and Esther Foster



# HIGHER GROUND KIDS SPOT

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. This ministry delivers millions of gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children around the world. For many of the children who receive a packed shoebox, it is the only gift they will receive. In addition to the items packed by individuals, families, and churches, Samaritan's Purse adds a gospel book. This book includes a ten-step discipleship program in which children also receive a New Testament when complete.

We encourage you to get involved in sharing the Good News of the Savior with a hurting child.

In a short time, we will be delivering packed shoe boxes to a collection site. You can help by providing any of the following items **on or before November 15**. This is only **THREE SUNDAYS FROM NOW!** If your family would like to pack a complete shoe box, please see Tammie Lindblom or Bret Thorson in the church office for more complete details.

My personal "philosophy" in packing boxes is to include items in the following categories: 1) something to snuggle with, 2) something to keep them warm, 3) something to write on and write with, 4) something to play with, 5) something necessary, and 6) something to eat. Examples from each category are included below.

Please do NOT include: used items, damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food; out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans.

You can also help by donating toward the shipping costs. Each box must be accompanied by a \$7 donation. Checks can

be made payable to Highline Christian Church and please put "Operation Christmas Child" on the memo line. Please give these donations to Tammie Lindblom or Pastor Bret for tracking and planning purposes.

Thank you for your support and for helping a child experience the love of Jesus this Christmas.

Love,  
Tammie Lindblom



## EXAMPLES OF OCC BOX ITEMS

### Snugglies Keep Warm

Stuffed animals; Socks; Doll; Hat/Scarf;  
Beanie baby; Mittens/gloves;  
t-shirt/clothes (keep in mind the box size)

### Writing with/on Playing with

Notepads; Playdoh; Playdoh cutters;  
Drawing pads; Journals; Balls; Cars;  
Crayons/twistables; Colored Pencils;  
New McD's toys; Marker pens; Jump ropes;  
Sharpened pencils; Sidewalk chalk;  
Pencil sharpener; Puzzles; Yo-yos  
Coloring books; Pens; Musical Instruments;  
Etch-A-Sketch; Rubber stamps/stamp pads

*Please only provide new items for the boxes.  
The items may be dropped off at either the  
Early Childhood Check-in Counter or the  
Children's Ministry Check-in Counter.*

*Thank you for sharing.*

More information available at:  
<http://master.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/index/>



# Early Childhood News

Dear Families,

You may notice some new faces in the Early Childhood Classrooms. There are some dedicated Jr. High students helping in the E.C. Classrooms on Sunday mornings. The students are in the classes to help and to learn from the teachers how to teach the children about Jesus. The students are working hard in the classes and are committed to helping. Like all of our teachers and helpers, they help one service and attend church during the other service. The students are also involved in a discipleship class Sunday afternoons to gain further training. Many of the teens also helped with this year's Preschool VBS. Please help them feel welcome. As a family, please keep these helpers and the regular teachers in your prayers.

## FAMILY BIOGRAPHIES

If you have not turned in your family biography page, please turn it in at the Early Childhood counter. This gives us information on your child and family. If you need a family photograph taken for the page, please see Katie Taylor on Sunday to have your picture taken.

### **Tips for Dropping off Children:**

- 1. Please tell your child "good bye, and I will see you soon" when you leave. This helps your child know that you love them and are coming back.**
- 2. If your child is sad, we will page you.**
- 3. After service, please come back promptly. This shows your child that you are coming for them.**

**Thank you for partnering with us to make church a fun and safe place.**

Serving Kids Together,  
Katie Taylor



***Spot light on the Preschool and Kindergarten Classes:  
Ann Stampalia will be joining during second service to have a special music time for these two classes. The children will have fun praising Jesus by singing and playing musical instruments.***

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

*Katie@HighlineChristian.org*

## The Outdoor Living Nativity

Have you noticed Fall is in the air? It is hard to miss those wide eyed kindergarteners skipping down the street with their brand new backpacks on heading off to school for the first time. Or the neighbor's leaves falling in your yard covering your lawn chair. Sigh...summer is officially over. This change in the weather is also an indication that Christmas is just around the corner. As has become our tradition, Highline will once again transform our parking area into "The Little Town of Bethlehem" as we present "The Outdoor Living Nativity". With stars overhead and the soft noises of the animals in the background, we recount the story of that very first Christmas to our friends, neighbors and our community. This effort of love requires over thirty human and several animal cast members as well as many, many volunteers. We pray that you will join us in this great endeavor as we share the story of God's greatest gift to us all, the birth of His Son, Jesus.



### ***Nativity Schedule***

November 1 <sup>st</sup> – November 15th	Cast Member Signup
November 1 <sup>st</sup> – November 29th	Volunteer Signup
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cast Selection Complete
December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Program Rehearsals
December 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performances

We are praying that lives will be changed as we proclaim God's message of love and redemption for all mankind through His priceless gift, Jesus!

If you have any questions please contact the following:  
Kim Heppenstall or Annette de Leest