

# *The Highline Connection*

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

*October 2007*



BUILDING UP...

REACHING OUT

## Opening Service in New Worship Center Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Building Team, electrical team, technical team, sub-contractors, and others have prayerfully evaluated what tasks remain, and are ready to announce a date for the first worship service in the new building. . . . December 2<sup>nd</sup> (yes, that's 2007)!

We covet your continued prayer support to meet this deadline as there are many tasks yet to be completed. What a joy it will be to celebrate the birth of Jesus in the new building! In January we plan to invite community churches and other individuals to a Sunday evening dedication service where we will celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness throughout this project.

We do not yet have a target date for opening the adjoining Education Wing but we praise God for the continued progress that is being made!

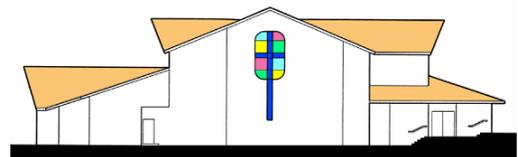
## What's Happening with the New Building?

**New Worship Service Times  
Begin Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**1st Service: 9:00 – 10:10 A.M.**

**2nd Service: 10:40 – 11:50 A.M.**

Child, youth, and adult Sunday school classes will be offered during both service times.



**Building To TOUCH Lives**

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

We appreciate our pastors all year long, but in October we have the opportunity to give them special honor and recognition for all they've done.

Our pastors are: Tim Knight, Chad Schnathorst, Bret Thorson, and Music Minister Teresa Barnes. Beginning in October you will find four baskets in the Fellowship Hall to place cards and gifts of appreciation for each of our pastors.

A few suggestions to encourage our pastors: gift certificates for music, food or merchandise, tickets to a ballgame or movie; Starbucks gift cards; dinner out or an invitation to your home; flowers; free babysitting; and chocolate. You may have a few creative ideas of your own



Watch for a flier on ways to encourage all year long. You will find it in your Family Mailbox in October.

*Pastor  
Appreciation*

## Women's Ministries Annual Fall Kick-Off

Ladies of Highline Christian Church: You are invited by the Women's Ministry Team for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship on October 6!

Bring your favorite food for a potluck between 5:30 and 7:00 P.M. Then plan to stay and play your favorite board games up to 10:00 P.M. Come for the food – Come for the games – Enjoy the fellowship!

This event is FREE!

Please contact Dixie Check if you have any questions.

## TOUCH Classes Coming this Fall

The next set of TOUCH classes have been scheduled:

TOUCH 1 on October 6<sup>th</sup>  
TOUCH 2 on October 20<sup>th</sup>  
TOUCH 3 on November 10<sup>th</sup>

All classes are in the morning from 9:00 - noon, with lunch provided afterwards. So that we can plan accordingly, we need you to sign up in advance. Sign-up sheets for all three are available in the Family Mailbox room or you can call the church office (206-243-4333).

“TOUCH” is an acronym for our purpose statement and you can get a full explanation of that in the TOUCH 1 class. TOUCH 1 is ideal for new members or those considering membership at Highline. We also encourage long-time members to take it so that we all have the same foundation. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a member in the church universal, and what Highline specifically is about.

TOUCH 2 is about habits – good habits. Whether you're a relatively new Christian wanting to establish some good habits or a seasoned Christian wanting to enhance or refine your habits, this class is for you. The habits that we deal with are Bible study, prayer, personal devotion time, tithing, and fellowship.

TOUCH 3 takes the next step and deals with your personal ministry. Whether you want to find an area of ministry to get involved in or if you aren't sure if you're in the right area of ministry, this class will help. It looks at your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences to guide you to an area of ministry that is right for you.

In addition to the things you'll learn, the classes are a neat opportunity to connect with a small group of people in a different way.

## The Bible Answer Man is Coming to Town!



KGW AM 820, Seattle's Christian talk radio station, is having its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Listener Appreciation Event on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>.

This year the guest speaker will be Bible Answer Man, Hank Hanegraaff, national radio show host, president of the Christian Research Institute and author of several best-selling books.

This free event will be held at Cedar Park Church in Bothell. Doors open at 5 P.M., event starts at 6 pm and will last until 8 P.M. The event will begin with worshipping along with the Cedar Park Worship Team. Hank will then give a 45-minute talk, followed by a 35 – 40 minute question and answer period. This is a great opportunity to ask any nagging question you have about the Bible or *anything* to do with apologetics (like what do I say to a Mormon, Jehovah Witness, atheist, etc.?). Afterwards, refreshments will be served, along with book-signing.

Cedar Park Church can be reached by taking I-405, using exit #22, NE 160<sup>th</sup> St. Go west towards Bothell. Turn right onto 112<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and travel approximately ½ mile. The church building is located on the right-hand side of the road.

Last year's event featured Alistair Begg at Mars Hill Church in Ballard. This fabulous event was attended by a standing-room only audience of 1,500 people, with 200 turned away! So please be advised - if you want to be assured a seat, don't show up at the last minute!



Outreach band members left to right: Valdis Atvars, Kyle Gibson, Kurt Bennett, Mike Bowen, Stephanie James, and Barb Bennett



To our church family,

Thank you so much for your support of our upcoming mission trip shown at the recent chili feed. We raised over \$1,000! Praise God. A huge thanks also goes to the band Outreach for helping make the event so festive!

The Chile Mission Team

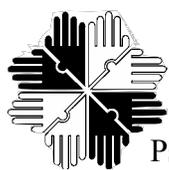
### Ushers Needed



Many people, especially visitors, are uncomfortable going down the aisle looking for a seat only to discover it is saved or not enough room for the number in their family. Therefore, we need men and women who would be willing to monitor the seat availability for 15 - 20 minutes into the service and set up chairs at the back and side as needed. We need two each, for the 9:30 and 11:00 services once a month or whatever works for you. Someone would work with you a Sunday or two. If you would be willing to serve our church body in this way, please call Dianne Barnes.

Thank you.





## Prayer Circle

### *Praise God*

Psalm 9: 1 & 2 “I will praise you, O Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you. I will sing praise to your name, O most high.”

### *Praise our Lord for*

Praise that Penny Mosier’s hip surgery was successful. Carl Montgomery—successful hip replacement surgery; Maria (Marty Dena’s sister)—successful back surgery. Praise for all the people that are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

### *Pray*

I Timothy 2:1 “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.”

### *Remember in prayer*

Karen (Kyra Kelly’s friend)—mass found in her ovary and fluid in her lungs and liver; Penny Mosier—prayer for relief from pain and endurance after surgery; Blake (Em Finlay’s cousin’s 18-year-old-grandson)—living the challenge of Leukemia; Nancy Brown—recovering from breathing problems; Tammy Wallin—going through chemo; Marlyn (Beve Cord’s sister)—pancreatitis; Bryant Davis—pray for a safe trip; Amanda Davis—pray for patience and sanity during the Halloween and busy season at work; Marv Fritts—Mom had a massive stroke, Rosemary Grove—back and leg problems; Joyce Noonan—back treatments to begin soon; Sue Schemp—thyroid removal surgery; Heather Sadar—doing well after birth of Josie Noelle.

### *In Sympathy*

Donna Schaller & Jeanne Louvier—death of their brother Dean

If you have any praises or prayer requests or want to be on the all church prayer chain, please call Barbara Goodridge (253-852-1583) or Jane Randall (206-242-9035).

## Our Longest Church Member



Did you know Eleanor Rowley joined Highline Christian Church in 1946? And that our Church started in 1945 at the old Highline High School? By the time she joined we had begun building our church building in its present location. She and her family lived four houses from the church property on 150<sup>th</sup> Street S. She and her girls, Eileen and Marilyn, attended Highline regularly and were joined later by her husband, Les, who became a longtime fireman in the Burien area. Both girls had Amy Jenks as a Sunday School teacher, and both were married in our church.

Eleanor remembers helping with mimeographing the early church papers in the office. She would walk to church carrying her violin over her arm. She played many violin solos and was a member of the choir. She also participated in the women’s group.

She is presently in a wheel chair and would like to return to church. She asks for prayer that she can get back to using her walker again. Eleanor still crochets beautiful scarves and doilies (which she donates to charitable organizations), and plays the organ. She also makes her own Christmas cards. She is thankful to the Lord for her good eyes and hands, and counts her blessings every day.

Quotes from her: “How people can get along without God is beyond me” “Heaven is so real.” “My church family is very dear to me.”

Nona Denny  
Historian

*Your Presence is Requested at*

HCC Chile Mission Team's

# *Auction Fundraiser*

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

From 6:00 to 8:30pm

at

*Highline Christian Church*

14859 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98168



Featuring:

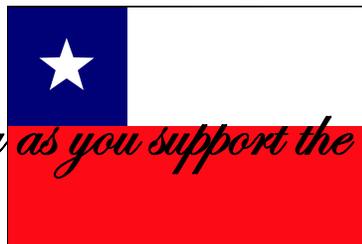
- ~Light Buffet
- ~Entertainment
- ~Door Prizes
- ~FUN!
- ~FREE Babysitting!

All proceeds will go toward our Chile Mission Trip in February 2008!

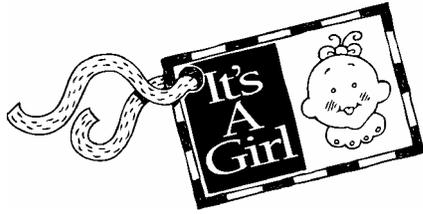
Some of the amazing items that you will have an opportunity to bid on are:

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| *Movie Tickets                     | *Alaska Airlines Mystery Item |
| *Automotive Services               | *Vacation Get-a-Way           |
| *Restaurant Certificates           | *Handmade African Art         |
| *Home Improvement Items            | *Simple Will                  |
| *Children's Birthday Parties       | *Salon Services               |
| *Professional Teeth Whitening Kits | *Bosch Power Tool Kit         |

Ticket price is \$5 for admission. Your ticket will provide you with fabulous eats, a bid number, and entry into our door prize drawing! Children 15 and under are free!



*May God bless you as you support the Chile Mission Team!*



We would like to welcome Josie Noelle Sadar. Josie was born on September 18, 2007 at 8:59 A.M. She was 7 lbs 4 oz and 19 inches long. Her parents are Frank & Heather Sadar and her grandparents are John & Joyce Thompson. She also has a big brother Frankie. Welcome to Highline Josie!

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST FESTIVAL**

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2007 TACOMA, WASHINGTON

Location: Tacoma Dome  
Special guest musicians will be featured each evening, along with a mass choir on Friday and Sunday.

Friday, November 2  
7:00 PM Franklin Graham

Saturday, November 3  
Kidzfest 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Student Night 6:47 PM Franklin Graham

Sunday, November 4  
4:00 PM Franklin Graham

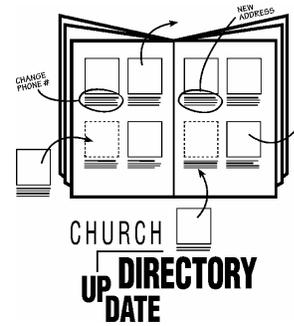
For more information see  
[www.grahamfestival.org/tacoma](http://www.grahamfestival.org/tacoma)

## **News from Shoemaker Circle**

Shoemaker Circle will meet Wednesday, October 17 at 10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Plans for the coming season: Halloween bags for treaters; Bake/Bazaar—Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18; Bingo/Potluck in December; New this season—Use It Again Stuff (sale) early next year.

We're continuing to recycle aluminum cans in support of missions. Every can counts!

## **Church Family Information**



**Phone Number Change**  
Mike Brena

**Change of Address**  
Jeff & Michelle Hutchens

Heidi **Morman**

Filemon & Avelina **Nava**

Adeline **Reitz**

Kevin **Smith**

Gavin & Angie **Vaden**

***They are married!***  
Gabriel & Irina (Check) **Des Marais**

# God Speaks for Single Mom

By Joy Henley

A friend of mine named LaTasha, recently received a glimpse of God's understanding and presence in her life. As a single parent of two young sons, she was financially struggling. She needed money to apply toward her rent. She had not told anyone about her need, choosing to rely on her faith that the money would appear.

She attended her regular Wednesday evening church service, where she gathered with a group of about 20 people. It was during this quiet time that the wife of the senior pastor suddenly spoke. The pastor's wife announced, "God put someone on my heart. She's a member of our church." She went on to explain that this person does many things for the church, and shared a little personal information about her. LaTasha sat in the group, hearing the message and contemplating what she would be able to give. She was aware there were many single parents at the church and she was pleased that the church was about to help someone in need. LaTasha's name was announced to the group. People started giving...and giving...and giving. Purses and wallets opened, and there were lots of hugs. LaTasha wept, and recalls she felt as if she would collapse. She had not told anyone that she was in need — not one single person. There was someone who knew though. God. He obviously delivered a message about her circumstances to the pastor's wife. That night, LaTasha was instructed to stay a short time after the group meeting. The pastor wanted to present her with a check before she went home.

LaTasha and her two sons had recently moved into an apartment complex with a basketball court. The boys wanted a basketball so they could shoot hoops. Her son was given a basketball that night!

As if this were not enough excitement, LaTasha has been trying to lose weight. It has been her dream to have a personal trainer and/or nutritionist. A pastor's wife, who has a state-of-the-art gym in her home, offered to help LaTasha. The woman is a Certified Personal Trainer

LaTasha is quick to remind people who hear her testimony that God did not just preach to people, but he met their needs. The big question now is

the impact this kindness has had in LaTasha's life. When she discusses the experience, tears well in her eye. "I have increased faith. God really does see us. He even knows the small things we do not verbalize. He blessed me because of my obedience. It goes to show that God is alive and cares about us. I can't wait for the opportunity to bless someone else." LaTasha's experience shows what can transpire by the power of God's promise and generous hearts.

There are needs in every church. On a recent Sunday here at Highline, I saw someone "slip" groceries in a sack to a person. Few words were exchanged...the sack was just quietly laid before the person. The giver quickly walked by. Vow to be super observant and you just may discover someone needs *your* help.

There are people in every church who are one paycheck from being homeless. If not today, they may be tomorrow. Suddenly, there is a family emergency and people are overwhelmed with horrendous medical bills. A person who is employed today can be unemployed tomorrow. Today, the marriage seems intact, yet tomorrow there is a spouse somewhere, who will announce he or she wants a divorce. The person sitting next to you in church may be one of many domestic violence victims. They do not "look" a particular way, nor does this only happen to a select group. There are just life experiences which we cannot always anticipate.

As for Latasha, she insists she told absolutely no one she was short of rent money. Nor to her knowledge, had anyone told the church her sons wanted a basketball for the courts at their home. She kept the dream of having a personal trainer to herself, because after all, that would be incredibly expensive. LaTasha has great reason these days to feel humbled and loved.

God delivered LaTasha's message and need to His faithful servants and they stepped up to the plate. When LaTasha later saw the pastor that evening, he remarked, "If anyone ever asks you if God speaks, you tell them this." He pulled a check out of his pocket. Latasha needed \$435.00. She looked down at the check which was written for \$436.61.

It is not a coincidence and certainly not a surprise. It is just how God works.

# HIGHER GROUND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## LAST CHANCE LOST & FOUND

Are your children missing a coat, a sweatshirt, a towel, a sleeping bag, or some other item of clothing? If so, they may have left that item at the church after a Sunday service, a mid-week meeting, or a special event.

Our Lost & Found piles are overflowing and it's time to clean house. On **October 7th & 14th** we are providing one **last chance to claim any lost and found items**. After October 14th, the items will be washed and donated to one of the missions we support.



Please be sure to take some time to look through the Lost & Found located near the check-in counter because your children have already said the items do not belong to them, but I'm willing to bet you might find an item you've been looking for.



## BE A BEACON OF LIGHT

October is here so it's time to decide what you are going to do on Halloween. With some simple planning and a quick order from [orientaltrading.com](http://orientaltrading.com) and/or [ats.com](http://ats.com) you could give out the best treats on your block.

Last year some of our families handed out treat bags with candy, gospel tracks, and scripture verses. Another family handed out Play-Doh and gospel toys instead of candy. A third family ordered gospel candy to hand out. At my house a few of us got together and had carnival style games that shared the gospel. What will you do to share the love of Jesus with the families who come to your door?

## TRAIL TREKKERS, SUMMIT SEEKERS, & CHILDREN'S CHOIR

School has been in session for about a month now and the kids, and parents, should be used to the new schedule. Now that the kids are adjusted to going to bed earlier and getting up earlier it's time to start Trail Trekkers, Summit Seekers, and Children's Choir.



Trail Trekkers and Summit Seekers will take place on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 starting October 4th. We know many of you play sports and are involved in other extracurricular activities and we hope you will continue to enjoy those activities. With that said, we also hope you will view Trail Trekkers and Summit Seekers as a priority as well and will find a way to attend on a regular basis. One suggestion would be to take things one quarter at a time. For example, if you are already involved in activities that meet on Thursdays then do that for the Fall quarter, but make Trail Trekkers or Summit Seekers a priority in the Winter quarter. Whatever you decide, we look forward to seeing you there.



Children's Choir is for children 1st - 6th grade and will start October 11th in the Chapel at 5:00 p.m. Come ready to sing and worship God with all you are.

Your servant in Christ,

Bret Thorson  
Higher Ground Children's Pastor

# **SUMMIT SEEKERS**

## **“Walking On Water Overnighter”**



**Please eat  
before you come**

### WHO?

Summit Seekers and 4th - 6th grade friends

### WHAT?

*Swimming, fun, games, & Pizza*

### WHEN?

October 12th at 4:30 p.m. -

October 13th at 10:00 a.m.

### WHERE?

Highline Christian Church & Federal Way  
Community Center Pool

### HOW MUCH?

\$5 and a friend or two

Permission forms are available on the Children's Ministry  
Web page at [www.highlinechristian.org](http://www.highlinechristian.org) and at the Higher  
Ground Check-in counter