Embracing our Tomorrow

The Highline eConnection

October 2014

Highline Christian Church

Touched by Jesus to Touch Others' Lives. . .
Experience God's T.O.U.C.H.

Note from Church Life Director

Hello Highliners,

Praise God for the hands and feet of Jesus! Let me briefly focus on three individuals in this month's update. First, thank you and bless you **Wes Smith**! You did an outstanding job finishing the bottom of the Welcome Center booth. Your work shines, and your artistry and devotion show through. Second, thank you **Gregg Louvier** for coordinating this, and all the other physical aspects of the Welcome Center project (and now that I think about it, just about every other HCC project as well). Third, thank you again **Ben Kirkham** for the masterful job you did shepherding The 2014 Tom Barnes Classic from beginning to end! Below we find Ben's report.

Your servant in Christ,

Jack

2014 Annual Tom Barnes Classic Golf Tournament Report

What a great day of fellowship, weather, food and golf the Lord blessed us with!! We had 18 teams of winners participate in the tournament for a total of 70 players. All teams were winners and awarded

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith" (Hebrews 13:7 NIV).

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

A few suggestions to encourage them: 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. If you would like to give them a gift you are welcome to leave it at the church office and we will see that it is delivered to them. Thank you for loving and encouraging all of our staff in so many ways.

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October 26

Golf—*(continued from page 1)*

prizes according to scores.

Lowest team score: Jim Hertel, David Vinther, Jack Skeen & Bob Brice

Longest drive *Juniors*: J. J. Schaller. *Ladies*: Trish Graham. *Men*: Tony Salamony

Closest to Pin Hole #6: Bob Brice Hole, **#13** Ben Kirkham

Thanks to the following committees:

Planning: Teresa & Scott Barnes, Jack Fratangelo, Jim Kemp, Del Kelly, Delores & Ben Kirkham

Procurement: Jerry Evans, Del Kelly, Delores & Ben Kirkham

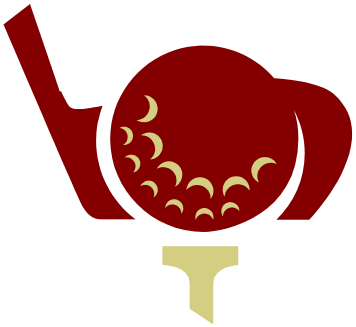
Photography: Thomas Hernandez, Rebecca Pellegrini

Sponsors that donated money for food, snacks, water and prizes: Highline Christian Church, Bill Crammatte, Jack Fratangelo, Del Kelly, Delores Kirkham, Steve Morrow & Costco.

Donating Prizes: Tim Crawford, Jerry Evans, Del Kelly, Delores Kirkham, Wes Willoughby, Bill Olson, Puetz Golf and Pro Golf.

North Shore Golf Staff complimented all the golfers on their conduct and manners while at the golf course. **Great job everyone!**

Next year's tournament date is Saturday, August 8.



Welcome New Worship Staff

We are pleased to announce the recent hiring of two part-time worship ministry personnel, Liesl Sund and Julie Kemp. **Liesl** is a Worship Ministry Intern from now through May 2015. She is completing her senior year at Northwest University where she is studying music ministry. This internship will help her fulfill her requirements to graduate next spring. Liesl will be assisting Teresa Barnes (Worship Ministry Interim) with all aspects of the ministry, including worship planning, scheduling, and leading weekend worship services.

Julie Kemp has been an active part of Highline for a few years and now joins us as Choir Accompanist. She will accompany Choir (led by Holly Fader) at weekly rehearsals as well as when they sing on Sunday mornings.

We are thrilled to have both Liesl and Julie as part of our worship ministry team!

Women in Touch

Lives will be changed when we are REAL

Monthly Breakfast Fall Kick Off

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. [Ephesians 2:10]

Has God given you specific instruction or a clear passion for a particular population or ministry? Or are you trying to figure out where you fit and/or what to do with your gifts? Women In Touch would like to invite you to the October Kickoff Breakfast on October 4th at 9:30am – 11:00am in order to learn about ways to get involved in various service opportunities, studies, and other activities at Highline. We will begin with a potluck breakfast as usual. If you are willing, please bring an item or dish to share. There will also be a devotion and plenty of time for fellowship! Please come get 'in touch!' Until then sisters, consider wholeheartedly how God has gifted you and how you can use your gifts to bless others!

Childcare is available at the Breakfast for children 4 & under for $2/child. Please RSVP on the HUB with the ages of the children you are bringing.

All women welcome! Bring a friend!

<u>Women in Touch Leadership Team</u>

Jenny Louvier, Mahogany Villars, Gayle Wylie, Sue Evans, Teresa Barnes, Kim Bobbitt, Ruth Easterling, Shelley Smith, Dyan Lauer, Julie Kemp

Contact any of us through the HUB or call (206) 243-4333

Shoemaker Supports Staff

In honor of Pastor Appreciation Month, at our October 15 meeting We'll be making small gifts and writing cards to the Staff and Elders at Highline. In the past, We have made HalloWeen candy treats for children or the Jehovah Java Stand, but this year We decided to support special people Who serve so graciously all year long. Thank you Staff and Elders!

All Women are invited to our meetings Which are the third **Wednesday of each month at 10:30am.**

Save the Date for "A Christmas Event"

The Women in Touch ministry "A Christmas Event!"

- ✓ Magnificent Tables
- ✓ Special Speaker
- ✓ Beautiful Music
- ✓ Food and Fellowship

Friday Dec. 5th

Mark your calendar for a Blessed Christmas evening!

(There will be no monthly Saturday breakfast in December)

Encouragement

Laughter

Relationships

Accountability

Women in Touch Spotlight: Ruth Harrison Easterling

Ruth Harrison Easterling
Attending Highline 3 Years

Tell us a little about yourself

I grew up in Boulevard Park area (What is north Highline) and moved in high school to what is SeaTac now. I graduated from Seattle Christian in 1986 and attended Seattle Pacific University, graduating in 1991 with a degree in Christian Education. In 1993 I moved to Wilmore, KY and lived there for 3 years as I completed my "MDiv" at Asbury Theological Seminary. I then took a job at a church in Michigan and met my husband Shane. We got married in 1998 in Burien. In 2006 Shane took a job in downtown Seattle and We moved back to Seattle.

How did you come to know the Lord?

I grew up in a Christian family and accepted the Lord at an early age. My parents demonstrated the love of the Lord to me all of my life and it has been a desire of my life to serve Him faithfully every day.

Tell us about your family?

I have three girls, Phoebe (10), Abigail (8) and Leah (6). They love to dance. My husband is a banker in downtown Seattle.

What do you do like to do for fun?

Read, go camping with my family, bike ride, play board games.

What's the farthest you have been from home?

Greece or Israel

What one word would your friends use to describe you?

High energy

If you could go back in time what yr. would you go back to? Why?

1955 because I really want to know if that was the best years of our country and if it was as fun as it looked.

If you could meet any person still living who would it be? Why?

NT Wright. His perspective on the Bible is solid and I would love to ask him a bunch of questions.

If the whole world were listening to you right now, what would you say?

Stop trying to achieve "true success," instead spend time finding "true happiness," that can only be found in ones' heart. For When you find true happiness then you will know that life can't be achieved, but it is a gift coming from the Giver of Life. (Ps. 125:1)

"Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet." – N.T. Wright, Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense

Light up your city for Christ

Matthew 5:14

illuminate Youth Ministry

Update Letter October 2014

Fall is finally here. Leaves are turning, temperatures are dropping and we are excited about all that God has in store for this new season of ministry! These past few months have been pretty crazy, filled with remodeling, reformatting and prepping for our Fall kickoff of the illuminate youth program. God is good and we will continue to follow his leading and direction!

Blessings,

Pastor Steve, Nicole
Jaydon, Riley & Baby Girl Brock

News Updates

I wanted to first say thank you to all the students and adults that have helped to transform our new youth center. Without you and your hard work we would not have gotten it finished in time for our Fall kickoff! Blessings to all of you! -Pastor Steve

Our illuminate Youth Ministry Program has changed to meeting **Wednesday nights 6:30-8:45pm**! We are excited about having this amount of time to really focus on our fundaments of ministry. Outreach , Discipleship & Fellowship!

The high school girls purity Bible study will be starting up this coming Saturday October 4th. It will continue through the Fall meeting the first Saturday of each month from 7:30-9:00pm in the Youth Center. This Bible study is designed to help support those students who have made a commitment to purity! For more information please contact Tiffany Cowan 206-708-5053

Prayer Partners

We appreciate your prayers for:

- The launch of our new youth program
- Our students & families
- For us to be effective in reaching our students
- For more leaders to join our ministry team

Parent Partners

If you have any questions or comments about our new youth program or would like to join the illuminate Youth Leadership Team, please contact Pastor Steve.

E: Steve@highlinechristian.org

When We Meet

Junior High

- Sunday Morning Up-Word 10:40 am-12:00pm
- Wednesday Night Youth Group 6:30-8:45pm

High School

- Sunday Morning Up-Word 10:40-12:00pm
- Wednesday Night Youth Group 6:30-8:45pm

Teaching Topics

Sunday Morning Up-Word:

- **JH** – What is Freedom? The World vs The Bible
- **HS** – The Book of Daniel

Wednesday Night Youth Group:

- **October 1st** – *illuminate Youth Ministry, Who we are?*
- **October 8th** – *Identity in Christ Part 1*
- **October 15th** – *Identity in Christ Part 2*
- **October 22nd** – *Identity in Christ Part 3*
- **October 29th** – *Harvest Party*

Parents if you would like to receive an emailed handout of our teaching material please contact Pastor Steve

Up Coming Events

- Sunday October 12th – Seahawks at the Brocks 1pm
- Wednesday October 29th – illuminate Harvest Party

Look for more events on our youth facebook page!

www.facebook.com/groups/illuminateyouthministry

Higher Ground Children's Ministry

Summit Trekkers

Thursday nights 6:00-7:30

1st-6th graders

In the Activity Center @ HCC

Summit Trekkers is our mid-week ministry for our 1st-6th grade students to gather together to hear about, experience, and explore the Big God Story. Each week the kids will seek to create community by spending some time getting to know each other a little better through general activity as well as spending time in small groups. Small groups are separated by gender and by grade, 1st-3rd and 4th –6th.

Each week we also seek to create environments for the kids to learn to listen to and respond to the work the Holy Spirit is doing in their lives.

At Summit Trekkers we're on the trail through God's Word

Parent participation is encouraged. Please feel free to stay at the beginning to join in for the "Anticipate" activity as well as come back for the "Blessing" during the last 10-15 minutes of class. See you there!

Special points of interest:

- Summit Trekkers
- Offering
- Family Ministry Conference
- Overnighter
- Dates to Know

Children's Ministry Offering

Offering in the children's ministry is part of our worship and response time. Each week in Sunday School (9:00 church service), Base Camp (10:40 children's church), and at Summit Trekkers (Thursday evenings) the kids will have an opportunity to respond to God by giving back to Him a portion of what He's given to them.

Our offering goes to support Operation Christmas Child. For more information about OCC please see that article in the eNewsletter.

Family Ministry Conversations

Envision Your Part in God's Global Family Ministry Movement

*"We're coming to a city near you to start a compelling series of conversations about spiritual formation and family ministry. If you're a senior pastor, children's & family ministry leader, youth pastor & leader, or a volunteer, we invite you to come explore the latest trends in children's and family ministry. You'll connect with like-minded ministry leaders and discover what part **YOU** can play in the family ministry movement."*

The Family Ministry Conversations are a partial day conference I've had the opportunity to attend for the last couple of years. As much as it is a conference to help leaders engage children and families with the truth of the Big God Story, it's also an opportunity to pause and be still before God and to reflect on my need for His grace, mercy and forgiveness in my own life.

I plan to attend the Family Ministry Conversations again this year and invite Sunday School Teachers/Leaders, Ministry Leaders, and parents to join me. Registration is required so if you are interested please contact Pastor Bret as soon as possible. The Conference is $25 and includes lunch.

FMC—Seattle
November 17, 2014
9:00-2:00

Summit Seekers Overnighter

Summit Seekers Overnighter
October 17th at 7:00 p.m.—
October 18th at 10:00 a.m.

The 4th-6th Grade Summit Seekers Fall Overnighter is quickly approaching. Summit Seekers can get their permission forms at the check-in counter, on the church web page, or on the HUB.

Overnighters are a great opportunity to grow in community and build relationships student to student and staff to students. Over-nighters are also a great opportunity for the Summit Seekers to invite their friends to church for a night of fun and activities and to open a door to share their faith.

If you are interested in staffing the Fall Overnighter please contact Pastor Bret to join the "Special Event Staff List."

Upcoming Dates

Mark your calendar to make the most of every opportunity

- October 2nd—First Summit Trekkers
- October 17-18—Summit Seeker Overnighter
- November—Operation Christmas Child Project
- November 17th—FMC
- November 27-January 1—No Summit Trekkers
- January 8—First Summit Trekkers of 2015
- January 12—Winter Children's Ministry Leader Gathering
- January 23-24—Summit Seekers Overnighter
- February—Summit Seekers Winter Retreat

Early Childhood Ministry

Pirates and Jesus

This Summer my husband, my son Micah, and I went to Disneyland to celebrate our 10th anniversary. Our trip happened right after Preschool VBS, which my son attended. We walked into the park and had a great time with Micah. One ride that we went on was the Pirates of the Caribbean. At one part of the ride there is a ship that was broken in a storm. Part of the ride sparked an amazing conversation with my son. He looked over at the storm and the broken up ship and said to us "That is like Jonah! Jonah went on a boat and there was a storm!" He then continued to tell the whole story of Jonah. (The week before our trip, he had learned about Jonah in Sunday School.) The next part of the ride has a scene with pirates and treasure boxes. He looked at me and said "There is a snake in that treasure box!" Each treasure box he saw, he would tell us an item in the box from VBS. (At Preschool VBS we had a treasure box each day. There was an item in the box that linked with the story taught that day.) As I went on the ride over and over with my family, Micah would retell parts of Bible stories he remembered from looking at the objects on the ride. It was such an amazing reminder of how children see God in the world. The small images he saw on the ride sparked amazing conversations about God, creation, sin, and Jesus.

As a parent, sometimes it is easy to rush through life with your kids. I almost missed that conversation because I was looking at the ride. When I stopped and listened to Micah, I felt the Holy Spirit reminding me to look around the world and see God at work! I was reminded to take the moments and listen to my son share about Jesus. That conversation was the best part of the trip!

There is still a need for helpers and teachers for Sunday School both hours. There is also a huge need for helpers for Saturday night child care as well. If you would like to help on a rotation or each week, please talk to Katie Taylor as soon as possible. katie@highlinechristian.org

Thank you!

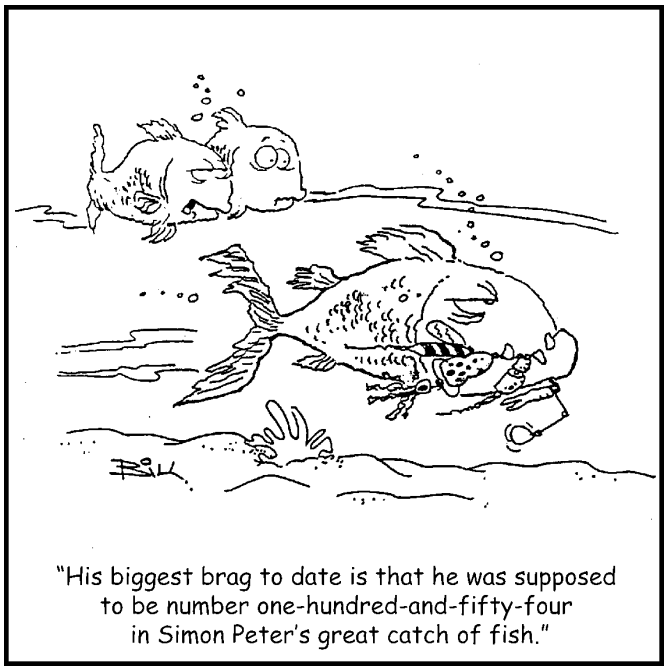
We had no idea where this journey with God at Highline would take us. Through the years (40+), various opportunities arose. Some we accepted, some we did not. I'm a Mr. Fix-it; Nona is a teacher. God has blessed us with these talents; we give Him the credit. It is great to be a member of the family here at Highline. We trust that as He has shown, God has a plan for our future. We thank everyone for their support and the blessings received. Thanks for the tribute given us.

We remain in Christ,

John and Nona Denny

Looking for Some People

I'm looking for two or three retired folks that can occasionally help me pick up cars that I buy in Seattle, Tacoma and Eastside areas. No particular schedule, will just call when the need arises. If you can help out, please contact Jim Hertel.



"His biggest brag to date is that he was supposed to be number one-hundred-and-fifty-four in Simon Peter's great catch of fish."

Trip to the Mountains

On Wednesday, October 1, from 9am to 4pm, the Seniors will venture through the hills of the Chinook Pass to enjoy the Fall's beauty. We'll lunch at Whistling Jack's in Cliff Dell before our return home. Plan to contribute $7.00 toward gas. Contact Steve Moreland or Georgia Henney with questions.

They are married!

Chris & Christi (Blaine) Terry
Jeff & Cindy (Hart) Rhubottom
David & Lee (Ryan) Machalica

Worship Service Times

Saturdays—6 P.M.
Sundays—9 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.
Sunday School – 9 a.m. for all ages;
10:40 a.m. Adult Studies & Base Camp

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Monday—Thursday
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m.—Noon

Elders 2014-2015

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Tim Crawford

Sal Dena

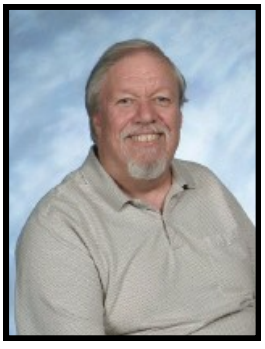
Rob Evans

Les Fader

Chuck Hansen

Dr. Tim Knight

Gregg Louvier



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