

The Highline Connection

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

September 2006

Fall Ministry Kick-Off

- Who: The families of Highline Christian Church
- What: A night together with the family to kick off Fall Ministries
- When: September 10, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
- Why: Because at HCC, families are important
- Where: Highline Christian Church

LEARN PRAY WORSHIP EAT

You are INVITED!!!

Who is Like the LORD?

Kid's Musical!!!

Sunday, Sept. 24th at 6:00 P.M.



BUILDING UP...

REACHING OUT

What's Happening With The New Building?

In the Education Wing, the underground plumbing is done and the concrete floor should be poured by the time you read this. We'll be able to start framing the walls soon!

In the Worship Center we've been held up for awhile waiting for the Fire Marshall to approve the Fire Sprinkler design. That has now been done and the permit has been submitted to the City. We're hopeful that it will be approved quickly so that installation of the Sprinkler system can begin. This is the last item before we can start putting up the sheet rock. We also have a team working on the final design of the kitchen.

Outside, we have a team preparing for landscaping work this Fall. We'll let you know how you can help when plans are finalized.

Where do we need help? There are numerous projects for volunteers, but we especially need help sanding the beams in the Worship Center. We have the sanders and the lift, we just need people (contact Randy Nye or Gregg Louvier to schedule a time).

Shoemaker Circle Starts Again

Shoemaker Circle meets the third Wednesday of the month, beginning September 20. Bring a sandwich and a scripture and learn what we can all do to further support missions and the fellowship.

We are continuing to collect aluminum cans for recycling. This has been a very successful project and thanks for all your contributions.



Pictorial Church Directory



Highline is ready and able to begin the process of compiling a pictorial church directory.

If you are interested in being part of the team to create a church directory, please contact the church office or Tammie Lindblom .

We will have an introductory meeting scheduled for September 11, 2006 so please contact us soon. Thank you.

Facing the Giants



You wouldn't think a church wanting to impact the world from Georgia would look to Hollywood for inspiration. Of course, not many churches have pastors who spent their childhood shooting movies in their backyard. Then again, how many churches have an all volunteer force willing to put forth the time, talent and prayer to make a movie about football, relationships, and faith? Yet that's the story behind Facing the Giants -- a brand new film coming to theatres **September 29th**. Facing the Giants is not only pure fun wrapped in an unstoppable teaming of faith and football, it's also the first independent, church-made film to be released nationally by a major studio!

Now ministries and churches across the country are joining the team to support this unlikely hit -- the feel-great family film that Christian audiences have long hoped for.

Check out www.facingthegiants.com for behind the scenes footage, exclusive film clips and ways you can help spread the word about this groundbreaking film. With God All Things Are Possible... "Facing the Giants is a great movie about how God can change lives on and off the football field. Every family in America should see it."

Dan Reeves, NFL Coaching Great



Softball season is over. Highline Christian played a lot of softball this year. We started off by joining a new church league based out of the Renton Community Center played during the spring. This

was a very competitive league made up mostly of churches in the Renton area. Highline finished the regular season in fourth place. In the post season double elimination tournament, Highline was eventually eliminated by the second place team. For the summer season, Highline split up into two teams to participate in the SSCSL (the league Highline has played in for many years). The Green team was successful enough to make it all the way to the championships in the playoffs before losing to Boulevard Park Presbyterian (a favorite perennial opponent) in two games. Highline also sponsored a Co-ed team which participated in a league formed out of the Renton Community Center. The team finished eighth out of 12 tough teams and is looking forward to improving on their skills and league standings next year.

Now it is time to change our uniforms from softball to other sports. There are signup sheets on the Sports Ministry Board for those who are interested in participating in Co-ed soccer and Co-ed non-spike volleyball this winter. There is a spike volleyball league at Renton CC. If anyone is interested in organizing and running a team for this league, please contact Bill Gross either through the church office, church directory or the church website.

We are still looking for volunteers to organize a bowling tournament. One person has stepped forward and offered to organize a ping pong tournament. There will be a sign up sheet for this as well on the Sports Ministry Board.

Friday night August 18th Highline had a Glow in the Dark golf ball tournament. This event was a fun filled time and a little different than the average game of golf. We played in pitch black darkness using glow in the dark balls and aiming at glow in the dark light sticks 100 to 150 yards away. Marc Sagmoen won the men's side of the tournament with a score of 35. Lori Nye took the honors for

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the women with a score of 50. Marc Sagmoen and Paul Kelly won prizes for closest to the pin contests.

Sports Ministry at Highline is always open to suggestions and ideas to make this ministry more effective in serving Highline Christian Church.

Please contact Bill Gross and/or Clint Kelly for comments and ideas.

WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 2006/2007



August is ending and Fall is quickly encroaching! Time to think about Bible learning opportunities for the coming school year.

The Women's Sunday School class, taught by Kathy Bledsoe, will be delving into the book of Revelation this year. This wonderful book, that tells Christians the end of the story, is often overlooked as too mysterious, too overwhelming, and too difficult to understand. However, God has placed it in His canon of scripture for a purpose and He does not intend that it be ignored. Our loving Father is not a god of confusion and He wants us to learn from *all* Scripture, not just pick and choose what we think we can handle.

The women's class meets at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall behind the folding screen. All women 18 and older are heartily and lovingly welcomed.

**REVELATION:
What IS God Talking About?!**
Class begins Sunday, September 10, 2006!

Kathy Bledsoe

Welcome Back!

By Joy Henley



When Bob and Realonda Thorson settled into their temporary apartment in Paris, a surprise awaited them!

Imagine residing adjacent to the park, gazing out your window and seeing the renowned Eiffel Tower. Then, envision the Eiffel Tower granting a glittering performance of lights- every hour, on the hour. The Thorson's guest room had the best panorama of the diamond sparkling lights. It certainly gives new meaning to a home with a view.

Bob was on assignment for Boeing, which prompted the couple's temporary move to Paris. During the two years, the Thorson's saw some familiar faces, though. Their son Bret- the Highline Christian Church Children's Pastor and his wife Davi visited, and their younger daughter Railene, as did Ann Stampalia and Ron and Em Finlay. The Thorsons also made many friends in Paris where Realonda continued her language studies.

Bob and Realonda have attended Highline Christian Church since the mid 1980's. Realonda has taught 4th/5th grade Sunday School through the years with JoAnn Taylor. She has been involved with mission groups and trips. Bob was an elder before his assignment and a friendly greeter at the door! Both were raised in the Seattle area. The Thorsons were not about to let any distance separate them from their beloved home church. They remained super excited about the new Sanctuary and followed the progress via the Internet.

Bret notices a subtle, positive difference in his parents, since their return. "Before going, they did not go for mid-day walks. They learned how to slow down. In Paris, good service is slow. There's a reason for that - people learn to connect." Bret recalls when he and Davi visited, and how his parents became tour guides. It is

especially interesting that he can only recount a few times when he traveled in Paris by car. He explains that driving is different in Paris, and his parents utilized and navigated the public transit or Metro system. Museums and parks became places of interest. Life became more mellow, more relaxed. It agrees with his parents.

Adopting this laid back attitude would soon come in handy when Bob and Realonda returned home with only their carry-on luggage. Minus their belongings, the couple was forced to await the arrival of a crate containing their possessions. Bob and Realonda took up a new residence for a few weeks- at a local hotel.

While in Paris, Bob and Realonda attended the American Church of Paris- a multi-denominational church comprised of Americans residing in Paris. This is where Realonda taught Sunday School. Bret remarks, "They missed their worship here- the energy and excitement of it. They love their church family there and here." Then, there is the new Sanctuary that they no longer view merely on a computer monitor. Bret realizes the awe when his parents finally saw the new Sanctuary, "to walk through it is an incredible thing for them."

Getting back into the swing of things, Bob and Realonda plan to pursue their interests in golfing, skiing, camping, dancing, traveling and playing cards. You may wish to greet Bob and Realonda with a hearty "Bon jour" or a hello will do. They are back!

Special thanks to Bret Thorson and John Denny for contributing to this story.





Prayer Circle

Praise God

Exodus 15:2 “The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation. He is my God and I will praise Him.”

Praise our Lord for

Donna Schaller home from the hospital; Janita Lagasca’s mother Jean Goetz is home from the hospital and doing well; Monty Rowley’s ear was not cancerous. Praise for all the people that are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

Pray

Psalms 63:1 “O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You, my body longs for You in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

Remember in prayer

Bill Brown—hernia surgery; Monty Rowley—stomach problems and ear biopsy; Cher Kraemer—needs to find a job; Amina Jaeroux’s husband needs prayers for the hard times he’s going through; Tom (Clint Kelly’s brother)—recent surgery; Troy Gangon (Marty Dena’s friend)—colon and other serious problems; Luke Navest (Marty Dena’s friend)—in Iraq and lost hearing due to bomb blast; Gene and April Cole—guidance in whether to move to Kentucky or not; Jack (Daryl Heath’s father)—hospitalized with pneumonia; Frank (Cindy Rose’s father)—diagnosed with prostate cancer; Edna (Marc Sagmoen’s grandmother)—mild heart attack; Kaitlyn (Kirkham’s 2 year old granddaughter)—heaving a urinary tract and bladder procedure; Adria Wilson (Linda Foster Roush’s mother)—surgery for bowel straightening; Gerald & Paula James’ house deal fell through; searching for another; Paula (Jill Rowley’s co-worker)—anxiety attacks; Marie Ross—eye surgery; Ella Ree Depue—recent stroke; Roberta (Paula James’ friend)—difficulty finding work in NJ; Nona Denny and her daughter moving her granddaughter to San Francisco; Stephen Calderon—in hospital with infection on his face.

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With Sympathy

Donnie & Randy—deaths of friends of Harold and Barbara Goodrich

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.

We Are So Thankful!

Our heartfelt thanks to our church family for all your calls, cards, and prayers during Pat’s mother’s decline and loss. We give praise to God for her 95 years and also for our being able to care for her. God’s plan is perfect.



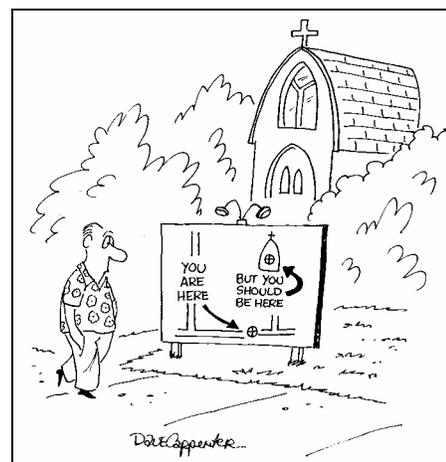
Love in Christ,
Dave & Pat Sloan

To All My Church Family and Friends,
Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and telephone calls when I had my back surgery. They were much appreciated. Thank You!

Your sister in Christ
Ida Andersen

Dear Highline Church,
I want to thank you all for your prayers and thoughts. My eye surgery went very well. I had no pain and my vision is getting clearer every day. God is good all the time, thank you all.

Marie Ross



Church Family Information



Change of Address

Ron & Sharon **Ballough**

Ella Ree **Depue**

Rosemary **Grove**

Tim **Johnson**

Jim **Michels** & Maria **Wales**

Donna **Schaller**

Rick **Tagorda**

Cindy **Rose**



And the Lord Added

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

BY BAPTISM:

Bill **Kipp**

BY TRANSFER:

Kim **Kipp**



Labor of Love Life Choices 2006 Baby Bottle Campaign

Highline supports Life Choices, which is an organization that helps individuals to make life-affirming decisions about sexuality, relationships and pregnancy.

On **Sunday, September 3rd**, there will be a table set up to distribute baby bottles. Simply pick one up and put any spare change, bills and/or checks in it and turn it in to the Community Action table on Sunday, September 30th. All monies collected will be sent directly to Life Choices.

Life Choices has three Puget Sound locations. The money collected will help them provide free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and medical care. Lives will be saved!

Art and JoAnn Taylor
Community Action Co-Chairs

That The World May Know



“That The World May Know” Video Series will be reconvening in October not September due to the many activities scheduled for September. Please check your newsletter next month for our October schedule as we resume our weekly exploration of Middle Eastern archaeology with Ray Vander Laan and how lessons learned through studying ancient sites affect our daily lives.

Thanks, Chris Check

Did You Know?

Fourth grader, Stephanie Lindblom was accepted to enter her Samantha American Girl Collection in the Puyallup Fair. (For those who don't know, Samantha is a doll who represents a 9 year old girl in 1904).

If you attend the Puyallup Fair this year, look for Stephanie's collection in the glass cases of the Hobby Hall.



History Book News

If you would like to take a peek at the history books, they are on the right side of the library, 3rd shelf down.



Also, any recent pictures of church events would be gladly accepted.

Thank you,

Historian Nona Denny
Mailbox #8

You Are Invited!

*Susan Jill Rowley
and
Monty Jennings Rowley*

Invite you to celebrate their silver anniversary and share the joyous renewal of their wedding vows on Saturday the ninth of September Two thousand and six at three-o'clock in the afternoon

*Highline Christian Church
14859 First Avenue South
Burien, WA*

*Reception following ceremony
No Gifts Please*



Can You Help?

*Do you have 4 little hours a week to devote to our service men, women and families?
Even 4 hours in 2 weeks or a month?*

The USO really needs volunteers to work 4 hour shifts around the clock 24/7. Some of our volunteers are having to do double shifts, several times a week! It isn't hard! All you have to do is greet people, make sandwiches and coffee, put out other goodies, and just make folks feel at home. Parking is paid for. It is so rewarding and you meet some very interesting people from all over. We even had a man from Britain the other day.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy Gowdy or call the USO office @ 206-246-1908 and talk to Sylvia or Kelly.

Hope to see some of you there!

United Singles “US” Ministry

As we are winding down our summer, we are looking forward to another great season of activities, get-togethers, and all around devotion to our Father! And of course we will be doing a few service projects as well to give back the blessings that God has given us. Our group is growing and we look forward to having you join us. We also, unofficially, have our group open to married folk without kids who feel they are “between the cracks” as far as finding a small group at the church.

We are a group of Adult Singles who enjoy each others time together and help when others are down, and celebrate when we are up. The things we face as Singles are not much different than those who are Married without Children. Maybe you will find that our activities and devotion time is not much different either. In either case, if you are Adult and Single, with or without kids, or Married without children, you are always welcome to come join us for as much or little as your heart desires.

As this article is printed, we will have enjoyed a great weekend as a Singles group at Mt Rainier to which some of you have joined us. To be in God’s Midst under Nature’s tapestry is the finest experience anyone could ever have! We’ll have to share more details next time!

NEW BOOK STUDY

Starting on Sunday, Sept 17th at 6 pm We will be starting a regular study with the book “A Purpose Driven Life” by Rick Warren. (You will need to obtain a copy or borrow the book, the Singles Ministry will purchase the Study Guide for you.)

This is groundbreaking manifesto on the meaning of life. The most basic question everyone faces in life is: “Why am I here?” “What is my purpose?” Self-help books suggest that people should look within, at their own desires and dreams, but Rick Warren says the starting place must be with God and his eternal purposes for each life. Real meaning and significance comes from understanding and fulfilling God’s purposes for putting us on earth. The Purpose-Driven Life takes the groundbreaking message of the award-winning Purpose-Driven

Church and goes deeper, applying it to the lifestyle of individual Christians. This book helps readers understand God’s incredible plan for their lives. Warren enables them to see the big picture of what life is all about and begin to live the life God created them to live.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Meanwhile, here’s a quick list of our activities for the coming month. Please don’t hesitate in coming to one or all the activities/events you’d like. We’d love to see you there.

- **Sunday, Aug 27** – Meeting is canceled at the church. This is the weekend of our Campout.
- **Sunday, Sept 3rd** - Meeting is Canceled due to Holiday.
- **Sunday, Sept 10th** – Our planning meeting, anyone welcome. Be in from the ground floor to plan our future events, **activities, service projects and study.**
- **Sunday, Sept 17** – We start studying the book “A Purpose Driven Life” by Rick Warren
- **Sunday, Sept 24th - Social Event Night** at the Church. A evening for fellowship and fun. This event, your children are welcome to attend. This month is a Potluck Dinner/ Barbeque. Contact Michelle McCarthy for questions.

SERVICE PROJECTS/OUTREACH:

None scheduled until Fall. Come to the planning meeting on Sept 10th to add your ideas and contributions. We do have some things in mind but always are open to new ideas and concerns.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

We will be scheduling new events and activities on Sept 10th. Come with your ideas and input!

**Please contact;
Michelle McCarthy
Church Mailbox #204**



Highline Men's Ministry

Upcoming Events

Men's BBQ

Wednesday, September 6th

6:00 to 8:00 PM ~ Only \$3

At the church parking lot

"This will NOT be your normal BBQ!"

"Friends and Brothers" Men's Bible Study

Wednesday Nights at 6:45 PM resuming Sept 13th

Come discuss, learn & apply God's truth for your life

Meeting downstairs every Wednesday in Room 108

**For More Information, Contact Tim Crawford or
email mensministry@highlinechristian.org**

Missions Day at HCC

Saturday, September 16

Missions Displays in the Fellowship Hall
8:30 AM Saturday - 2:00 PM Sunday

Morning Session - Sept. 16, 9:30 - 10:45 AM

Meeting Physical Needs with the love of Christ
Featuring Northwest Schools of Missions

Afternoon Session - Sept. 16, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Short Term Missions at HCC

Focus on South America - 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Featuring Northwest Schools of Missions,
IberoAmerican Ministries, and

Christian Missionary Fellowship

Focus on Africa - 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Featuring CHAP, World Harvest, and
Northwest Schools of Missions

Evening Session - Sept. 16, 7:00 - 8:15 PM

Reaching the World with the Gospel

Featured Speaker: Joe Wright, Red Sea Team



Missions Fest Seattle

October 6-7, 2006

**Location: Northshore Baptist Church
and Eastside Foursquare Church**

MFS kids' program will include a 4 hour Friday field trip for Christian school kids and home schoolers. There will be sessions with the main speakers, as well as time with exhibitors and workshop leaders. It will be a mini MFS just for kids! Grades K-6 are invited; there is a \$3/child fee, and they are to bring their own lunch. Advance registration is required for this field trip. We need a 5-1 adult-child ratio.

MFS will also include kid (K-Gr 6) sessions during the plenary meetings. This is offered for children of parents who are attending MFS. We want to provide a mission experience for the kids, too, while the adults enjoy theirs. Child Evangelism Fellowship and Kidzana are two of the groups that will be hosting sessions.

We hope to offer sessions for preschoolers, too. If you would like to help us with that, please contact us at rewald@centurytel.net, attention Heather Ewald.

Thanks,
Heather Ewald

Contact Dave Schroeder or see
www.missionsfestseattle.org for more information.

SUMMIT SEEKERS

“Friday Night Live Overnighter”

WHO?

Summit Seekers and their friends

WHAT?

A night of fun and games to kick off the new school year

WHEN?

October 6th @ 5:30 p.m. -
October 7th @ 10:00 a.m.

WHERE?

Highline Christian Church & Mt. Rainier Pool

HOW MUCH?

Snack to share and a friend or two



Space is limited so register early!

For more information or in case of emergency please contact Pastor Bret at Church (206) 243-4333 or Cellular (206) 551-1517.

Liability Release Form

I give permission for my child _____, to participate in the “Friday Night Live Overnighter” sponsored by Highline Christian Church. I am aware of the inherent dangers involved in this activity. (Activities such as Capture the Flag, Tag throughout the building with dark hallways, Dodge ball, and relay races.) The minimum sponsor/child ratio for this event will be 2 sponsors to 10 children. I am aware that this is a group setting and I understand the nature of the supervision. As with any activity not all consequences are foreseeable. I accept all responsibility for any consequence foreseeable and unforeseeable relating to the “Friday Night Live Overnighter” and the supervision thereof. I will hold Highline Christian Church and its representatives harmless from any physical or financial harm that may come to my child as a result of his/her participation.

I give permission for my child to participate in the “Friday Night Live Overnighter” event and be transported in any vehicle designated by the adult in whose care the minor has been entrusted while attending and participating in the activity.

In the event of an emergency, I authorize any adult representative of the church, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any necessary medical care for my child. I will assume all responsibilities for any medical bills incurred.

Should my child have to return home before the end of the event for any medical or disciplinary reasons I will assume any costs and pick up my child as soon as possible.

PHOTO/VIDEO USE

Participation in this event allows Highline Christian Church to use any appropriate photos or video, from the “Friday Night Live Overnighter,” in the church, on our web page at www.highlinechristian.org, or in future publicity for Highline Christian Church or Highline Christian Church sponsored events.

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Signature

Phone #

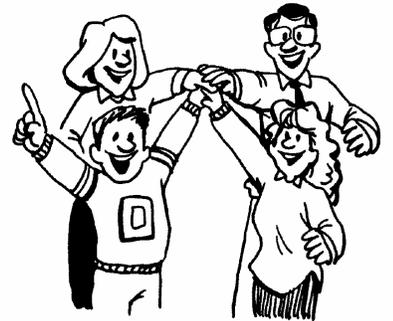
Date

Emergency contact name and phone number

HIGHER GROUND KIDS SPOT

UPCOMING DATES TO KNOW

September 10 - First day of Sunday School classes during the 9:30 worship service. Come a little early to find your classroom.



September 10 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Family Night: A Fall Ministry Kick-off. Come and spend time in worship, praise, prayer, learning, and eating ice-cream as we kick-off another school year.

September 24 - 6:00 p.m. - Children's Musical "Who is Like the Lord" located in the sanctuary.



October 1 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - First day of Summit Seekers! All kids 4th - 6th grade are invited to join us as we have a ton of fun continuing to learn about being Jesus' hands and feet.

October 5 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - First day of Trail Trekkers! All kids 1st - 3rd grade are invited to join us as we continue learning to be Jesus' hands and feet through worship, reading God's Word, lessons, and games.



HANDS & FEET
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