

DISCIPLE DIGEST

Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

Third Saturday Church Work Party



September 19th
8:30-Noon

All are invited to join us for the Third Saturday Work Party. We will be doing general grounds maintenance & fix-its and could use your help. Meet us here in the HCC Parking lot. For any questions, contact Gregg.

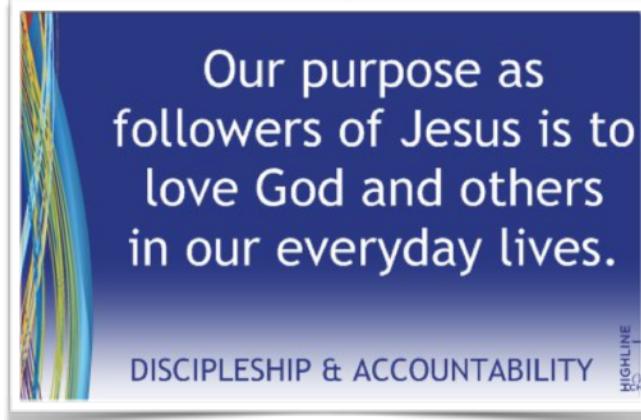
Fall Classes Begin September 13, 2020

Adult fall classes and Early Childhood through Upper Elementary (Birth through 5th Grade) Sunday school classes begin September 13.

See page 3 for Adult Sunday school information.

See page 7 for Early Elementary Sunday school information.

See page 9 for Early Childhood Sunday school information.



Reformed Reflection



Eschatology Review: *Jesus Wins: The Good News of the End Times*

I picked this recent title of *Jesus Wins* by Dayton Hartman, who is pastor of Redeemer Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina and an adjunct professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The title intrigued me both because of its' simplicity and it's brevity - it only runs 65 pages! If you're looking for a 300 to 400 page tome on eschatology to help you sleep, this is not it! He provides a brief summary and historical background to the major views. His book is rather an encouragement to the church that eschatology is not a place for speculation, but hope. Do we ever need hope!

The Book of Revelation begins with this: "*The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place.*" The NT book on eschatology, Revelation is first and foremost about...Jesus Christ. In fact this

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revelation, it belongs to Him. He is the subject of our study of the End Times, though I believe we keep confusing the Who of Revelation with the what and how.

Recalling our study of the Apostle's Creed, which we covered back in 2019, one would be almost impossibly tasked with finding anything in it, with which to disagree. That is its' simplicity and it's time-tested staying power. This Creed only says this in relation to end times, "*He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*"

The Nicene Creed doesn't go very much further. It's statements about anything end times is left at, "*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*" And, "*We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*"

Hartman observes, "Simply put, the creeds are memorable, faithful summaries of what the Bible teaches and what Christians have always believed. Creeds can be a rallying point for Christian cooperation because they act as orthodox guardrails for theologians and pastors", and I might add: laity.

So, what's my point? Again, If you're looking for the end-all theological exegesis to support the arguments of any eschatological point, you're not going to find it here! Period. However, you will get a short dose of the main point, Jesus Wins! Hartman nails that point well.

Hartman poses the question: "...how do we interpret the news in light of Jesus' second coming?"

He answers, "Um, maybe not by diving into controversies about amillennialism, postmillennialism, and premillennialism."

What if...,"we look to the early church, the first believers were united in the hope-inducing conviction that Jesus is returning—soon – and that when he does, he will be the victor. While this didn't save them from the pain and suffering of this world, it did give them the endurance to trust Christ to the end."

"They endured because they believed in the sovereignty of God. Our God is the Creator who rules over time and the affairs of humankind. When peace rules in our nation or the nations, our God reigns. When genocidal maniacs wipe out villages, our God still reigns – storing up judgment against those who commit injustice,"

"No matter the circumstances of national and global tragedies and triumphs, our God is supreme, and the time until his return grows shorter each day."

"Resist the urge to despair at the state of affairs in our nation and our world by joining the early church in simply and confidently confessing: Jesus is coming soon, and Jesus wins,"

Lastly, "regardless of where we land on the spectrum of eschatological interpretations, we agree on far more than we disagree."

To that I can only add a hearty 100%, AMEN!

Brad Krantz

Dwell - Audio Bible

The Dwell audio Bible app has added the Message version and they extended the free full version through September. If you haven't tried dwell yet, I encourage you too. I've been listening to lots of scripture with this app and am finding it to help bring peace in this ever changing and stressful time of Covid.



Find the link to your free Dwell subscription [by clicking here](#), or on the HCC App.

Dwelling with you,
Bret Thorson

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 by tapping on "Connect with Us", through the [HUB](#), or by email at office@highlinechristian.org

Adult Classes

Starting on September 13th, we will be holding two small, adult classes, one during each of the Sunday morning worship services.



The 9:00 class will be a women's class led by Kathy Bledsoe and the 10:40 class will be open to anyone seeking to study scripture a bit more with Paul Smith.

In seeking to respond to ongoing changes due to covid-19 in a Christlike manner as we can, the church leadership is making every effort to abide by the "safe start" requirements for religious and faith based organizations. With this in mind, here are a few of the regulations participants should be aware of:

- Face coverings are required for all participants including facilitators
- Social distancing of 6' is to be maintained
- Weekly preregistration is required for Sunday School classes and worship services. Space is limited, 15 people in the classes and 100 people in the worship services, so please be sure to preregister via the HUB, HCC webpage, HCC app, or by calling the church office.
- Screening of self and household prior to attending class/service and self-isolating if you or any member of your household is presenting any symptoms of Covid-19. [Click here for information on Covid-19 symptoms](#).
- Check-in upon arrival at church is required prior to attending classes or worship services

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we seek to gather together as we can and are allowed. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson

Practice of Praise

I don't know about you, but I've experienced all kinds of emotions since last March. It's normal for us to journey through various



emotions as we travel through life, however right now with the Covid-19 pandemic it seems as though everything is accentuated. It seems as though with every new loss comes an increasing depression and with every little gain comes mixed emotions of joy. There are also lots of other emotions we are experiencing as well including anger, hopelessness, apprehension, fear, anticipation, exhaustion, contentment, peace, joy, love, and more. The time of staying home, isolation, and a slow start to things has caused many to really have to evaluate their lives and people aren't necessarily sure about what they are finding. One example of this truth is the increased number of marriages that are struggling as well as the increased number of calls about domestic violence. Our stress levels are high and at every turn there seems to be greater restrictions only leading to greater stress.

Though there is no miracle cure on how to handle the new or increased stresses in our lives due to Covid, there are things we can do, practices we can enter, to partner with the Holy Spirit in this leg or our journey. As I mentioned elsewhere, one practice I've entered is to listen to scripture with the Dwell app. I've really appreciated listing through books in the Message version with the soothing music in the background. I'm finding I'm hearing things a little different due to the translation and it is leaving me more at peace for whatever is to come. Another practice I

believe can be helpful for many is to acknowledge God in His creation and to join creation in praising Him. Psalm 148 is a call for all of creation; everything from the stars in the heavens to the fish of the sea, the mountains and fields filled with flowers to people young and old alike to praise the Lord. Using this time as an opportunity to get outside, to slow down and notice the beautiful creation God has blessed us with can lead to greater peace, comfort, and joy as God reminds you about how good, beautiful and true He is. Despite the various restrictions being imposed on us, despite a number of things being closed, despite losses of vacations and celebrations, God is good, beautiful, true, and He is present with us constantly reminding us that He is in control.



May you enter the practice of praising God with all of creation and in so doing experience greater peace for today.

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson

YA Instagram



Next Generation Young Adults join us on [Instagram](#)

Podcast by Pastor Tim

Join Pastor Tim's podcast,

[The2Greatest](#) (T2G)

after the two greatest commandments to love God and others.



They will only be about 5 minutes long. We hope they will bless you. Listen in! You may access T2G by Facebook or our APP.

Making a Difference



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.

Young Adults

We have been doing really good as of lately. Hosting zoom calls on Thursday and Sundays to hang out, talk about spiritual things and to keep building community. March, April, May and June have all been through Zoom! It was definitely hard and challenging to get Young Adults to jump in, but it was good for the time we had to do it.



Young Adults are now meeting in - person at the Church with masks and 6ft apart on Thursdays. We are having great worship together and going through a series called Remember. We are having our leadership team share their testimony because God is using our journey in His Story.

Building community has been tough but not impossible! Phone calls, texts, and other forms of communication have been the primary way of connecting. We recently hosted a Q&A panel and it was incredible! Great questions, great food and great people!

We are taking a two week break from summer nights and will be going back to regular YA services. Leah and I are getting married August 28th! We will start back up with a worship night September 10th.

Hope to see you there,
Josh Ambrose

Youth Group

We have been doing very well! Hosting zoom calls on Wednesday and Sundays to hang out, talk about spiritual things and to keep building community. March, April, May and June have all been through Zoom. It was definitely hard and challenging to get Students to jump in, but it was good for the time we had to do it.

We are now meeting in - person with masks and 6ft apart at the Church on Wednesdays. We are having great time of worship together and doing a series called Remember. Our Adult leaders and Student leaders share their testimony because God is using our journey in His Story.

I had also added a wonderful new High School summer program July 8th called "Equip" for students who want to really grow in their walk with God, with extra teaching, leadership opportunities and spiritual development. We are meeting on Wednesdays 3 - 7 and having Youth from 7 - 8:30pm. It was awesome!

We are taking a two week break for students to prepare for school and Leah and I are getting married!!! We will start back up with a worship night September 10th!

Josh Ambrose

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you for those who have donated items or help to prepare for the Operation Christmas Child packing "season" just around the corner.

Some ways that you can help, even while we are not all back to the church building:

- Purchase school supplies while they are on sale! Specific needs are spiral bound notebooks, pencils, pencil sharpeners (47 cents), erasers (two pink erasers for 47 cents), crayons (50 cents), markers, and colored pencils. Optional: glue sticks (NOT liquid glue), short blunt tip scissors, school boxes, pens, and solar calculators.
- We have 21 soccer ball pumps, but only one soccer ball. We do NOT need more pumps at this time. We have a need for 20 more soccer balls. I just purchased 9 soccer balls for \$48.31 because they were available. If someone is able to cover part or all of that cost, please contact me.
- I am not sure if we will be able to meet to fold boxes in October, as we have done in the past. In case we are not able, please contact me if you are able to fold boxes at your home and how many you would be comfortable assembling. Thanks.
- Other needed items are: stuffed animals or small dolls, soap, wash cloths, toothbrushes, flashlights, batteries for flashlights, girl toys for ages 2-14 and boy toys for ages 2-14. All items must be new.
- Contact Tammie Lindblom if you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child or need a pick up of donations.

Early Elementary Classes

When classes resume on September 13th, Early Elementary will meet in the Lodge on the main floor of the South Building. We will be experiencing our Big God Story and learning what the adults will be learning in the main worship service. My heart is to spend time creating a worship community as a group because we have not been together in so long. We will be focusing on social distance but not losing community. I have some creative ways to give the children their own space as we all worship together. I have picked up some velcro floor spots so each child can have his or her own defined space. We will bring up our benches and rearrange so that the children have space. The children will all be together both services for now because the Lodge classroom is larger than our class in the basement.

Early Elementary will not be meeting on Wednesday nights due to the restrictions. We will plan to meet up again when higher numbers can meet in person again.

Katie Taylor

Toys Toys Toys More than we could ask or think

Recently Katie Taylor, our Early Elementary Minister was contacted regarding a closing preschool in the area. Katie and I were invited to peruse the school's classrooms and "shop" (for free) from the well organized, clean, and well-taken-care-of toys and supplies.



It was a huge gift to our Early Childhood and Early Elementary programs to not only receive these items, but to receive them in such nice condition from wise women who have taught over 20 years in preschool education.

Many of the items offered to us were exact things we had been shopping for but had not yet purchased. For example, Early Childhood needed some doll clothes and some food for our kitchens. Early Elementary needed a doll house, room supplies, and art supplies. A special item was the light bright sets! While we were getting slightly giddy about our great fortune, we began to absorb the very difficult feelings of sadness and hurt that surrounded us. These women who were gifting us were mourning a very significant loss. They had poured their lives into families and into the education space for the majority of their adult lives, and it seemed to evaporate before their eyes. Katie had the insight, "We need to pray for these ladies." So before we left, Katie and I paused to pray and ask God for healing for the women, for their personal hurts from the difficult circumstances of the closing, and for our own stewardship of what was provided.

While we are so thankful for what was given, we recognize that our gain is great loss to several others. We ask that the Holy Spirit provide for them "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work with us (Ephesians 3:20 NIV).

Charlene Crawford

Jesus is King of Everything

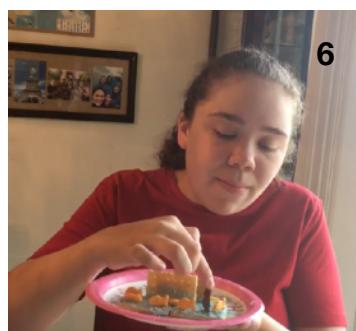
Preschool & K-1 VBS

While we couldn't meet together, Early Childhood and Early Elementary families were invited to engage with 4 stories of Jesus' miracles. We had a great team of presenters (pictured at right) who helped children engage with different parts of traditional VBS.

- 1. Abi welcomed the children and family each day.**
- 2. Charlene taught Psalm 23 and tied a phrase each day to the day's theme**
- 3. Hallie and team lead songs with motions to emphasize the day's truth**
- 4. Leah and Leah told the story for each day — often with some pretty funny antics.**
- 5. Bella and Sophia led the children in a related craft project**
- 6. Alison showed the children how to make their lesson-related snack. ("Jesus" walking on water shown below)**
- 7. Stephanie led the children in a Worship Response — giving the children an opportunity to respond to God after hearing the lesson, singing, making a craft**

Twenty children from 13 different families were able to participate this year. A bag of supplies was sent home to each child before the week's lessons began. Twenty-nine videos were posted on Facebook and Instagram. Volunteers to make this all happen included 2 children, 9 teens, and 4 adults.

Thanks to our families, volunteers and to you, the congregation, for your faithful giving to make this type of event possible.



By Charlene Crawford

Early Childhood Classes Re-opening Sept 13th

While so much of life is still uncertain and undetermined, we are excited to announce the return of something that we have been looking forward to for months. Starting on **September 13th**, we will be restarting Sunday morning programming for birth through 5th grade students. Here is an overview of the information that you need to know.

1. Families are required to pre-register children on the form used for registering for the service. Classroom capacity is limited to 25%, so we can only accept a limited number of students. We will maintain our two-volunteer policy.
2. Early Childhood children are **not** required to wear a mask. Volunteers, however, will be required to wear a mask.
3. Checkin-in will be through the doors on the West side of the North Building. Because we are required to have separate entrances and exits for our classrooms, watch for specially designated doors for EC check-in and check-out.
4. Both the 9:00 and 10:40 service programming will be identical and the teaching will follow the same scripture passage being preached during the adult worship service.

If you have any questions about registration or the classroom, feel free to contact Charlene Crawford. Contact information is on the HUB.

September 2020

Community Connections



Good morning friend,

Make sure to mark your calendar! Our Care Net 101 is only one month away. This webinar is an awesome opportunity for you to get an inside look at what we do at Care Net and how you can promote life throughout your community!

Date: September 12th, 2020

Time: 10am-11:30am

Location: Webinar (access link will be sent after registration)

Please [register here](#) by filling out the volunteer inquiry form.

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions! Call or text 253.383.6033 or email kcady@carenetps.org

We look forward to having you join us!

Sincerely,

Kerry Cady

Program Services Coordinator,
Volunteer Admissions
Care Net Admin
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Nadine Petrich has moved on to be in the presence of our Lord. Please keep her daughter Sandy and Nadine's family in your prayers.

Worship Service Times

Saturdays - 6:00 PM

Sundays - 9:00 AM & 10:40 AM

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Office Hours

Due to COVID 19 our office is temporarily closed. Emails and messages are checked on a regular basis. Please leave a message and Kim will contact you in a timely manner.

Next eNewsletter Deadline

September 20, 2020 by Noon

Sunday, September 27th Transform Burien HCC Outreach Dinner



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

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

*****New Location*****

Sunnydale School

15631 8th Ave S

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2020-2021 Elders



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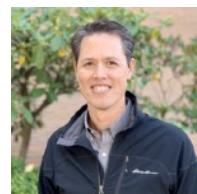
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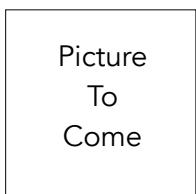
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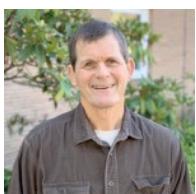
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