

DISCIPLE DIGEST

Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

Third Saturday Church Work Party

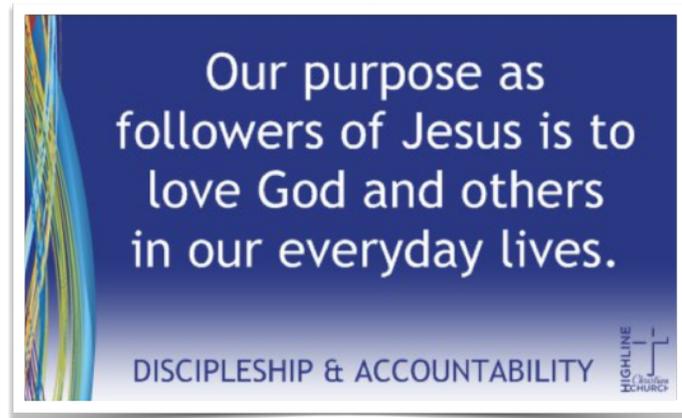
August 21st
8:30-Noon



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 at 206-391-0113

Discipleship Tidbit

Maturity - Not only stable in the storm but in the winds of deception.



When the Well Seems Dry

What do you do when you feel like you're empty and God feels far away? How do you respond when your Bible reading seems void of life as though you read the words and at the end of the sentence you've already forgotten what you just read? How do you keep praying when it feels like all you do is cry out to God but never hear from Him?



I believe we all go through seasons in our lives where God feels very distant, where the things that once gave us life in Jesus somehow feel like one more thing to do instead of part of who we are in Christ. In moments like these, it's important for us to remember as Dallas Willard often taught, we are training not trying in righteousness. God's grace, God's accomplishing in our lives what we cannot accomplish on our own, is opposed to earning not to effort. Earning is our attitude where effort is our action to come alongside Jesus in what He is accomplishing.

Recently, I was listening to scripture (using the Dwell App) and I was struck with Israel's actions in the

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wilderness. The nation of Israel had cried out to God for years and God had finally answered them with many signs and wonders. God led the people out of Egypt, through the sea and into the wilderness. He fed them with manna and miraculously provided them with water. Most of all, He showed the people He was with them in the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud and the tabernacle, the overlap of God's dwelling and man's dwelling. Yet, despite the miracles and God's presence among them in fire and cloud, the people became dry and began to complain and took their eyes off of the God who was with them and was providing for them and looked back to something other, something less than. (Numbers 11)

Did you catch it? Israel was in the wilderness, they were in the training grounds learning to trust in the God who was with them and in His abundant provision and they began to question where God was, why they were out there, and they turned their eyes from the God who was near to the gods of their own bellies. God didn't go anywhere, He didn't change. Israel changed their focus and all of a sudden they found themselves in the dry and barren land instead of the land flowing with milk and honey.

So, what do you do when you feel like you're empty and God feels far away? As I mentioned, I believe we all struggle with seasons like this. I am personally coming out of a season of wandering through a dry and empty land. I knew God did not change because God does not change. I also knew the written word of God still pointed to Him and His goodness, beauty, and truth, even if



as I read it I was struggling to experience it. So what did I do? I took some time to reflect, God doesn't change, so I must have and I needed to change again. I scheduled some time of solitude where I could commune with God, where we could rest together, where we could work together on whatever He would have me do. After spending a day with God, I also decided I needed to change up my routine with God, my readings, study and prayer had to change. It's not that what I was doing was bad, in fact I am slowly returning to some of my prior practices, but I had to change something in order to reawaken my senses to the God of love who is always with me and always inviting me into live with Him in His Kingdom.

Another Dallas Willard quote comes to mind; "life in the Kingdom and obedience to my King are one and the same." All too often when we begin to feel as though the well is dry

instead of reorienting ourselves we tend to wallow focusing more on what is missing than on the presence of the Good Shepherd who overflows our cup.

If you are experiencing a dry season, I encourage you to shake things up, get out of your normal routine. There is more than one way to obey God and live fully in His Kingdom. There are lots of ways we can help create environments where we are better able to experience the invitations from the Holy Spirit to join Him in the work He is accomplishing in this world and in our lives. This is kind of gross and probably a bit out of context but it is the image I received when working through this. In Numbers 11 the people were grumbling against God. God was with them and was providing everything

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form them, yet the people began to grumble about not having meat. So meat they would receive from God, so much so that in Numbers 11:18-20 God instructs Moses to tell they people they would eat meat until it came out of their nostrils. Now, this sounds a bit gross as I said, but I also thought, “isn’t that the way of the God of abundance, He has more to give us than what is good for us when we want it in our own timing.”

May you continue to grow to know the God of abundance, not through meat coming out of your nose, but through the vibrant and beautiful life He is inviting you into. And when you are experiencing those dry spells, may you change what you are doing to create a new way of experiencing and hearing from the God who loves you and wants to be with you more than you can ever know.



Living moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson

Water Walkers



The idea for Water Walkers came from two things:

1. My experience raising three daughters during a time of dramatic cultural change, and
2. A sermon Pastor Tim gave on Peter’s experience of walking on water. In his sermon he encouraged us to be water walkers – to step out in faith to join Jesus in the work He is doing.

My husband and I have spent the last 10 years raising our three girls, guiding them as they grew into young adults. We sought to provide our girls with a firm foundation of faith in Jesus Christ, which was a huge challenge as they grew up during a time of rapid cultural change. These changes dramatically impacted our parenting efforts in ways we could not have imagined. These changes have also been difficult on young people. They feel the stress and pressure of decisions both large and small.

Despite the challenges, raising our three daughters has been filled with moments of humor and joy, as well as times of struggle and sorrow. As a mom I have often felt desperate for the prayers of faithful, believing adults for my girls. And it occurred to me that there may be other parents, grandparents – other caring adults who are desperate for prayers for the young people in their lives. I thought perhaps we as a church body could come together and provide prayer coverage for our young people.

And voila! Water Walkers was born.

What is it:

Water Walkers is a new prayer ministry that invites believing adults to step out of the boat and join Jesus, through prayer, in the work He is already doing in the lives of the youth (middle school, high school, and young adults).

It is a ministry that invites the youth to receive prayer coverage throughout the school year.

- [Click here](#) if you are **youth who wants to receive prayer coverage**.
- [Click here](#) if you **want to be a Water Walkers Prayer Warrior**.

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This ministry is designed to have one believing adult pray for one youth from September through the end of May.

How it works:

Those who are praying will receive the name, grade, gender, and prayer request(s) of a youth no later than August 31st. Prayer requests will be updated quarterly. Meaning, you can expect to receive the youth's prayer request(s) at the end of August, the end of November, and at the end of February.

In addition, the youth will be provided with the ministry's email address so they can ask for prayer, or offer praise for prayers answered, throughout the quarter as needed. Those prayer requests and praise reports will then be passed along to you.

The youth will not know who in the church is praying for them, only that they are being prayed for. At the end of the year, we will come together to celebrate and exchange stories. (Date to be determined.)

A Few Questions Answered:

I have had a few questions about Water Walkers.

Can young adults or middle school students receive prayer coverage through Water Walkers? Yes! We have had such a great outpouring of believing adults who are willing to pray that I am confident we can offer prayer coverage to the middle school students, high school students, and young adults who want it.

Will we know the grade of the student we are praying for? Yes, we have added a section to the registration form that asks for this information.

Can Water Walker Prayer Warriors pass along notes of encouragement or Bible verses to the youth they are praying for?

I love this idea, but for logistical reasons, we are going to say no to that for the time being. However, you are welcome to write these things down and give them to the student at the end of year celebration.

Do you want to be a Water Walker Prayer Warrior? If so, [click here](#).

Are you a youth who would like to receive prayer coverage throughout the school year? If so, [click here](#).

Or maybe you have more questions about the Water Walkers ministry. If so, you can email your questions to Tiffiney at WaterWalkers@highlinechristian.org

Ephesians 6:18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints

Tiffiney Cowan



Young Adults

Our Young Adults meet every Thursday 7:30 - 9PM and we would love for you to help us get the word out! YA is open for 18 - 28 year olds who are looking to worship, build community and grow with other believers! We play games, pray together, worship together and of course have good Bible teaching that is Christ - centered, focusing on the important things of life.



We recently had an outdoors movie night at the Lindblom's house, it was fantastic! We enjoyed a great movie, snacks, fun and of course fellowship! We are also getting ready for a city wide scavenger hunt, it's happening Sunday August 1st and on the 14th we will be taking a trip up to tour and hike Mt. Saint Helens. Good things are going on in our YA ministry we are so very glad and thankful to have such a great group of young people who love God and are pursuing Him.

Need Prayer? We've got you covered!



Are you a young person (junior high, high school, or young adult) who struggles with the stress of school assignments, tests, and grades? Are friendships hard and sometimes confusing? Do you wish you had a better relationship with your parents, your siblings? Do you feel the pressure of having to decide what to do once you graduate from high school?

If you can relate, then here's what I want you to know:

First – You're not alone. These years sometimes feel hard because they are hard.

And second, there are dozens and dozens of people in the church who care deeply about the struggles you are experiencing. These caring adults would love to pray for you throughout the school year.

This does not require that you share your deepest, darkest secrets.

It does not require you to talk to the person who is praying for you.

It does not require you to meet with the person who is praying for you. (However, there will be a celebration at the end of the school year, and we hope you will join in the fun.)

All that is required is for you to [fill out a simple form](#) and provide a few basic details like your name and grade.

[Click here](#) if you want to receive prayer during the 2021-2022 school year.

Or, simply email WaterWalkers@highlinechristian.org to let us know you would like prayer coverage for the upcoming school year.

Ephesians 1:18-19

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe.

Youth



HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP!

Our High school camp is August 15th - 20th! We'll be at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp in Mineral, WA. I will be in attendance along with a lot of other people within our church to help in various ways. We will meet at 2PM to check-in and load up at Highline Christian Church then we will be back by 2PM to check-out and unload at Highline Christian Church.

Register at pleasantvalleycamp.org. The cost is \$65.00 per students by using the HCC Code – HighlineCC at

We cannot wait, we are very excited to get to do this Camp!

What to bring:

- **Bible, Journal & Pen!**
- Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Towel & Sleep wear
- 6 Pairs of Clothes (Sports clothes and closed toe shoes)
- Personal Toiletries
- Swimsuits, hat, sunscreen and bug spray
- Warm Jacket and Rain Jacket
- Optional \$20 For Snacks, Coffee, etc.



All Jr. high and High school students are welcome and wanted to join us on Wednesday nights 6:30 - 8:30! This summer has been amazing, so many good things to share! Wednesday night Youth has been awesome, full of games, bible reading, worship and community building! Our break out sessions are the most productive times, giving students the space to share what is on their heart and or mind about what was taught or how they are doing and provides time for others to love on and pray for each other.



Equip just started a month ago. It has been amazing! We had Pastor Grace Savage teach about how building Godly character is essential for the Christian and Pastor Bret taught on the importances of building an apprenticeship to Jesus by following Him in every season of life, even when it is hard. This past week we had guest speaker and local Youth Pastor, Nik Nair. He shared with our Equip and Youth that building consistent godly practices are really important for the Christian believer.



We had a Party at Angle Lake hosted by a students family's friends house. It was great!

We had the best time jumping off the dock, swimming together, having snacks, good conversation and hanging in the tubes to float. Such a good way to kick off the summer and enjoy community together!

July 11 - 16th I had the honor of taking 15 of our Jr.High students to camp at PVCC, it was amazing! The teaching was great, the games were fun and the people were incredible! We had a blast, getting to know each other, learning about God, growing in our walk with Him,

and getting to make long lasting memories together as a Youth ministry. God was moving the whole time, from breaking chains to mending hearts back to Jesus. it was a powerful and wonderful time to spend with such a special group of young people who are passionate about learning about God and loving others well. Could not ask for a better group to spend the week up at Camp with.

Early Childhood & Early Elementary

First Chance Camp was June 30-July 2nd! Highline's 1st through 3rd graders joined other students from churches around the Northwest to come together at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. We had a great time learning about how to Walk in the Light. We learned about how God is our light, Jesus is the light, and we get to be the light! We played hard, worshiped hard, and learned a lot of verses! We had an amazing group of staff from Highline that included parents, some grandparents, and teenagers. It was wonderful to see God working through all of the Bible teachers to share messages in different ways. We celebrated that we could have camp after last summer's camps were all cancelled. Thank you Highline for supporting the camp and the students!



End of Summer Game Nights!

On August 6th, from 6:00-8:00 **Kindergarten through 2nd Grade** will have a special game night! We will play games and have snacks! Registration will be coming soon on the Highline app!



On August 13th, from 5:00-9:00 **3rd through 6th Grade** will have their own special game night! We will have a pizza dinner, play games, and be running around! Registration will be coming soon on the Highline app!

Fall Sunday Changes!

On September 5th, we begin our new Sunday Schedule for students Kindergarten through 6th Grade. At the 9:00 am service, students will be digging deep with a Bible Study that matches what the adults are learning in the main service. Students will come with their Bibles and we will read scripture, talk about it, respond to it, and have a time of worship. At the 10:40 service, we will be learning about the Big God Story as we study God in Genesis through Revelation. There will be an amazing team of teachers at the 10:40 service who will take turns teaching the children. We will learn in the big group, then divide by grades into smaller groups for questions and activities.



We are still looking for a few more adults and teens to join us in fall during both services. Would you like to come and share Jesus with the children?

BYOB!

Bring Your Own Bible! We are going to be looking at helping children discover how to use their Bible better during Sunday morning classes. Can you please help your child to bring his or her Bible each week? God's word has important messages for everyone. It is a great reading skill to learn to use the Bible during lessons, even if your child is not a strong reader yet!

We have teachers ready to help them find words and understand what they do not know yet! We will be doing some activities in August each week to help the kids get to know their Bibles. If your child does not have a Bible, please reach out!



Connecting

Seniors

Breakfast:

The Seniors will be meeting at The Pancake Chef for their monthly breakfast August 12, at 8:30 AM. I hope you all can make it! Enjoy a morning of breaking your fast as well as enjoying the wonderful fellowship!

Barbecue:

On August 19 the Seniors will be enjoying a wonderful barbecue hosted by Bob and Chris Simmons! Their address is 3303 S. 194th St., SeaTac, WA. Plan to gather around noon and bring something to add to the burgers and brats which will be provided. You can choose either a hot side dish, a salad, or a dessert. Dress for the outdoors so you can enjoy the yard and maybe even a ride on Angle Lake!

Women's Ministry

Come join the Women of Highline at the QuarterDeck ([22307 Dock Ave S, Des Moines, WA](https://www.quarterdeck.com))

August 11, between 6:30-8:30pm

Join us for conversation and a chance to meet other women. Food and Prizes.

Mount St Helens Trip - Aug 14th

August is the perfect time to see this mountain in all its glory – a treasure in our “backyard.” This is an all day trip starting at 8:00 A.M. It includes several stops while proceeding up the mountain:



stops to view new plant growth, a picnic lunch, a two-mile hike on the Hummocks trail to view huge rock formations, ponds and evidence of returning animals and plant recovery. At the end of the road is a view of the canyon carved by the second eruption seen from Johnston Ridge Observatory where there is a small gift shop and museum. Our day begins at the Mount St. Helens Creation Center with a slide show and talk. There is also a small museum and gift shop at the Center. There will also be a shorter walk of 30 minutes on level ground to the dam. On the way home we stop at a scenic local restaurant. Sign-up is August 1 and 8th. For any inquiries call Connie Egger at 206-246-4215.

What to bring. A brown bag lunch, water, sturdy shoes, money or food for dinner.

Operation Christmas Child



Below is yet another reminder of the types of NEW items we need for the Operation Christmas Child boxes that we will soon be packing. The focus for August is **School Supplies**, which will soon be on sale.

For School Supplies, think paper to **write on** in the form of notebook paper, spiral notebooks, journals that will fit in a shoebox, notecards; items to **write with** such as pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pens, colored pencils, crayons, and markers. **Pencils are a preferred writing utensil** because children not only enjoy erasing, but in many cases they HAVE to erase to extend the life of their paper. **All pencils must be packed with erasers and a pencil sharpener, so having those items donated is also crucial.** Extra items such as pencil boxes or pencil pouches are also enjoyable.

Items that have been focused on in **ANY** month can be brought to the OCC tote in the Community Room of the South Building. If you would be willing to sharpen pencils or fold boxes in August or September, please let Tammie know. If you have any questions, please contact **Tammie Lindblom** at ktsralindblom@comcast.net or **253-670-2386**. Thank you!

January:	Socks
February:	Toys for Girls (ages 2-14)
March:	Toys for Boys (ages 2-14) and Soccer Balls/Pumps
April:	Stuffed Animals (sized to fit in a shoebox)
May:	Flashlights and Batteries
JUNE:	Toothbrushes
JULY:	Wash Cloths & Bar Soap
AUGUST:	School Supplies
September:	Cash
October:	Full Boxes
November:	Full Boxes

World Outreach

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Roots & Wings has continued to provide care for the children in this improvised neighborhood. Thank you for your faithful support.



Prayer Requests

PRAY
for Roots & Wings staff, their families and their personal struggles.

PRAY
for the future of Roots & Wings and for God's direction on how to continue expanding our mission.

PRAY
for more strong Christian men to join our team that can provide male role models for our boys.

PRAISE
God for a successful first year of home-schooling our kids! Pray for the future of our education program.

PRAY
for more foster families for children whose parents are in addiction treatment centers.

Mighty Mothers

"This is the beginning of a new life for me and my family. I see a future for us now." - Mama Mari

The mamas of Roots & Wings have defied all odds, have never given up, and dream big for their families!

Moms like Mari, a strong and resilient mom who has overcome so much in her life. Mari grew up in extreme poverty and began working at a very young age. As a result, she left her home for the first time to show her affection. Her husband was a drug addict and abusive, and she ended up fleeing that relationship and moving back in with her parents. With no education, low-self-esteem, and completely dependent on her family, she focused on her housecleaning jobs while her parents took charge of raising her son, Sebastian. But their constant undermining of her role as his mother caused their relationship to deteriorate further and further every day.



Until one day a neighbor told her about Roots & Wings. They told her we would help her with her son, and empower her to find independence from her troubled family.

Today, Mari rents her own home, finishes high school this year, takes English, computer and sewing classes at Roots & Wings, and has a healthy relationship with her son. She dreams of buying a small plot of land and building a home for them to live in. She serves on our ministry team and shares her story with women in recovery. She loves Jesus.

Our hearts are filled with so much love and gratitude for these families that we serve and nothing makes us happier than when we see families overcome seemingly insurmountable odds to restore their families. Thank you for helping us bring hope to mothers like Mari. Your support helps keep families together!

World Outreach

Prevention Time

We want to thank Highline for your ongoing support for the Reach4Life AIDS prevention and youth development program. In 2019 (the last “normal” year), over 257,000 youth were able to hear the gospel and be disciplined in the Word. About 8-10% accept Christ.



We also want to thank you for the additional funds that you gave to us recently! We applied them to the building of a church in Harrismith, South Africa. We funded this special project because land had been made available by the municipality, the church had outgrown the shack they were meeting in, and it was needed for R4L and other community groups. Interestingly, the land happened to be next to an area where Shembe worshippers meet. (Shembe was a

Zulu warrior in the mid-1800s; some people consider him a god.) A bonus was that two of the construction crew accepted Christ! The church there is still using Highline’s earlier gift (2019) of a portable baptismal pool.

Would you also pray with us for these situations:

On Saturday, July 10, former president Zuma turned himself in to begin a 15-month sentence. Protests turned into riots, looting, burning of shops and malls, and destruction of ATMS. The supply chain has been disrupted for groceries, medicines, petrol, etc. Some “white” and “Indian” areas are guarding malls and not allowing black people in, which is causing some racial tension. Please pray for calm, that stores will be able to reopen, and for racial tension not to escalate.



South Africa is experiencing a third wave of COVID and is in lockdown except for essential services. We work with the most disadvantaged people living in townships, squatter camps, and informal settlements. These areas often have no running water or electricity, and share outdoor toilets with multiple people in the

neighborhood. One of our Peer Educators lives in a two-room shack with 13 people, some of whom are infected. It’s impossible to keep socially distant. We have distributed sanitizers and encourage people to do what they can to keep from getting infected. Hospitals don’t have enough beds to take care of all those who are coming to them. Please pray for safety from the virus, and that those who need treatment, would get it.

Thanks again for your prayer and financial support – it is very much appreciated

Congratulations New Members by Baptism



Mario Angelini

Wendi Angelini

Jayme Glore

Shari Wade

Worship Service Times

Saturdays - **6:00**pm

Sundays - **9:00**am, **10:40**am.

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Office Hours

Due to the pandemic our current office hours are

Saturday - 2:30 - 7:00p

Sunday - 8:30 - 2:30p

Monday - 8:30 - 2:30p

Tuesday - 8:30 - 2:30p

Wednesday 8:30 - 11:30a

Closed Noon - 1pm for lunch

Next eNewsletter Deadline

August 22, 2021

Celebration of Life



A Celebration of Life service will be held for Chris Check on August 14th at 10AM in the North Building (Chris passed away on September 26, 2020). . If you would like to attend, please dress casually as Chris was a casual kind of guy.

Sunday, August 22nd 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

Location:

Sunnydale School

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