
DISCIPLE DIGEST

Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

Third Saturday Church Work Party

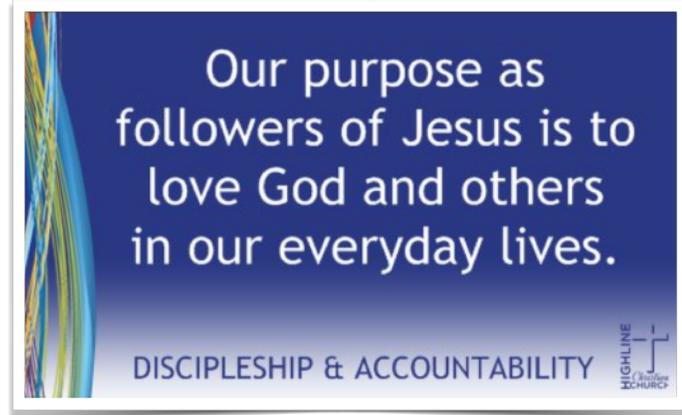
October 16th
8:30-Noon



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

You can't defend and learn at the same time



Wait, You Love Jesus Too

Have you ever heard the phrase “we will be surprised to see who is in heaven”? The general idea behind the phrase is to help us release control of who is “in” and who is “out” and to acknowledge that God is the one who will be judge. The phrase should also bring to mind and help us begin to live into the truth that not everyone who loves and follows Jesus, looks, acts, and believes exactly as you do.

As disciples of Jesus, we are learning to live our lives as Jesus would live our lives if He were us; in our situations, with our gifts, abilities, talents, and shortcomings. As followers of Jesus our lives should ever be in transformation from living as self to living as Jesus. Another way I've described this in the past is Jesus is the Good Shepherd standing in the middle of the field and His sheep are all around Him. As His sheep, there are some who are distracted and are wandering off not listening to the voice of the Shepherd. Other sheep stay within the pasture where they can see and hear the Shepherd, but they are also easily distracted by the things around them. Still other sheep are intent on following the Shepherd, staying close to Him,

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Wait, You Love Jesus Too...

rubbing against His legs wherever He goes. One Shepherd, lots of sheep, and all the sheep are in different stages of relationship with the Shepherd.

What does living like Jesus look like today? This sounds like an easy question, yet the answers are not so easy and are going to require more grace than we can imagine. Yes, I typed "answers" as in the plural, which is part of the reason grace upon grace are going to be required of us.

Simply defined, living like Jesus looks like loving God and loving other people. Jesus defined the life of loving the Father as obedience to the Father in speech and action even to the point of death on the cross. (John 12, 14, 15, 17; Philippians 2) Again, Jesus displayed a life of loving people all through the gospel writings, think of all the times the gospel writers described Jesus as having compassion on others. Living as Jesus requires the transformation of our hearts not simply a change in our behaviors as Jesus described when teaching on life in the Kingdom of God in the Sermon on the Mount; Matthew 5-7.

Just as in Jesus day, the church today is a varied and diversified grouping of people. Imagine what it was like in the early church to have Jews, Gentiles, slaves, free, Roman soldiers, tax collectors, men, women, adults, children, and people from all classes and cultures gathering together as the ecclesia. Imagine a Jewish man receiving communion from a Samaritan woman or a criminal sitting next to a Roman guard in prayer. These are clashing yet beautiful images of life in the church where people were able to gather together around Jesus, the King of kings, while not losing their identities or differences.

Today the church is full of conservatives, liberals, republicans, democrats, rich, poor, vaccinated, non-vaccinated, maskers, non-maskers, obey the governments, bring reformation to the governments, new earth, old earth, calvinist, arminians, the gamut of pre, post, and amillennials, males, females, and people from every race, culture, color, and sexual preference. The pasture the Good Shepherd stands in is vast and in it are people from every walk of life being drawn to Jesus and being transformed to His ways in small but increasing increments.

As we seek to love as Jesus loved, may we be ever growing in the grace that only flows from God and learn to find unity in the Lordship of Jesus as the Holy Spirit seeks to transform each of us to become more like Him. May we extend grace to people who see things differently than we do and stand next to each other as we worship the one, true God. May we find ways to serve side by side, to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, not because we agree on everything, rather because we love Jesus and Jesus loves all people in the world.

Living like Jesus today does not mean we will all look, think, and act alike. Rather, in our differences, we display Jesus' love in our unity to love others well as we love Jesus with all of who we are. May we find new ways to love one another in the church well so that we can learn better how to love the world the way Jesus loved the world drawing all people to Himself.

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson
Discipleship Minister

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 meet in the South building, Youth and Young Adults Worship Center, 3rd floor.



Our Young Adults went to the Washington State fair this last weekend and it was amazing, a ton of fun, we got coffee and did everything at the fair except the rides. It was a great time to get to know more YA's in our community.

Youth



All Jr. high and High school students are welcome and wanted to join us on Wednesday nights 6:30 - 8:30PM! We have started back to Youth Service's again and it is so good to be back!

We do games, worship, life groups, Bible teaching and pray for each other. We just started a new teaching series called "Focus" looking at what we put our time and effort into...we Focus on a lot of things in life, good, bad, wise, stupid, hurtful and beneficial.



We also have a guys bible study every Tuesday afternoon and are in the process of getting a girls bible study going. We are doing our best to get students into the Word of God.



In September we had a guys Night that went into being an overnighter and our ladies did a girls get away. They both were amazing and a ton of fun for the young men and woman.



Fall Programming is up and Running!

The **Early Childhood Ministry** has started a new lesson series matching the Elementary kids from the 10:40 Service. The Early Childhood Ministry will have identical lessons for both services. Thank you to all of the amazing parents and volunteers that are stepping in classrooms each week!

9:00 Service: The Elementary students are learning lessons that match the adult Worship Service. The students are studying Matthew right along side of the adults!

10:40 Service: The Elementary students are starting a new lesson series for this hour on God's Covenants and Chosen People. We are studying the Bible in 1 big group Kindergarten through 6th grade then dividing into smaller groups by grade for focused activities.

Wednesday Nights: Students in 3rd through 6th grades are coming Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00 for a deep dive into the Armor of God. We started last week learning about how God gives us strength. We will continue to study Paul's words and how we can apply them in 2021.



Early Childhood & Early Elementary

Big Questions!

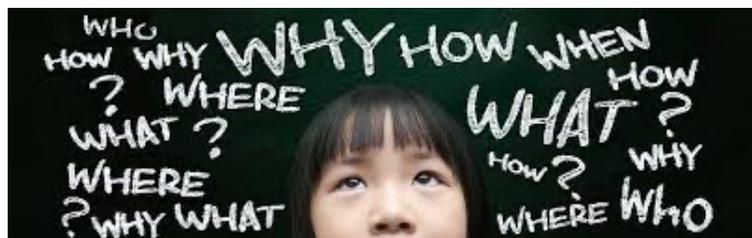
We are giving the students the time to write down any questions they have about God on a paper then we read them and discuss them together. Some of the questions have asked things like "Is God kind?" and we discussed examples in the Bible where we see how God treats his people! Some of the other questions asked have been things like "Is satan evil, or just misunderstood?" This led to a lively discussion! Some children thought that satan was not a bad guy at all. Other children were quick to think differently.



One big question asked recently was "Where did God come from" and some of the answers given show that children are receiving information that does not align with God's truth. One child was sure that God came to be when the big bang happened because school taught him the big bang created all things.

Another child was quick to talk about Creation and how God made everything from nothing. Romans 12:2 says "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." It is a good reminder to be on guard and help our children see God's truth as it aligns with Scripture. In the Old Testament, parents were called to share about God with their children everywhere they went. Our children are getting narratives from movies, school, teachers, social media, and even friends that may be in conflict with parents, God, or the Bible.

We will be looking in the next few months about ways we can help point our children to God's truth in different ways! One way is to give your children time to ask their own big questions about God to you! Let them ask, then sit down as a family and discover the answer using your Bibles. Do not be scared if they ask a hard question! Model how to discover answers in God's Word. I am excited to hear about the journeys you will take as a family as you study his word together!





Operation Christmas Child

This is a ministry, which began in 1993, and has sent about 165 million shoebox gifts to children all over the world who might otherwise not receive any gift. The boxes, also, include a Bible Storybook in the language of the recipient. While we try to give each child as full of a box as possible, the primary benefit of these filled shoeboxes is that they are door openers to individuals hearing about and receiving the **Gospel of Jesus Christ!** Each box exposes 7-10 people to hearing the Gospel because of how it is shared within families and communities.

Important Dates:

Empty boxes available beginning **October 23**
Filled boxes need to be returned by **November 14**

Ways To Help:

Continue to donate items (an immediate need for new stuffed animals/small dolls)
Donate money for Tammie to shop for you
Donate money for shipping
Build-A-Box Online (see insert)
Purchase The Greatest Journey Discipleship Program online for shoebox recipients
Let Tammie know that you can help as needs arise for box folding, pencil sharpening, attending to the Atrium table, . . .
Sign up to help "Load Out" on Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 pm.

Steps to Filling a Shoebox:

1. Get a Box
2. Fill A Box (see ideas below)
3. Label a Box (choose M/F & age 2-4, 5-9, 10-14)
4. Pay for a Box (see insert)
5. Return the Box
6. Pray for Your Box

Individual Items Being Collected:

Toothbrushes, Socks, Toys such as balls, playdoh, toy instruments, playing cards, craft supplies (short blunt scissors and glue sticks are acceptable), jump ropes, toy cars, solar calculators, play jewelry, yo-yo, Etch-a-Sketch, **Wow items** such as soccer balls & pumps, battery radio, shoes, **Stuffed Animals and small dolls, Flashlights with batteries, Wash Cloths, Bar Soap** (in ziplock bag), **School Supplies** such as notebook paper, notebooks, pencils, pink erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, colored pencils

Build-A-Box-Online

Go to Highline's Goal Page at <https://sampur.se/3hMv9Wq> and follow the steps to have Samaritan's Purse build your box for you for \$25. The benefit of this option is that all items are already approved for shipment to "Hard-To-Reach-Areas" (those more resistant to the Gospel).

Items That Can't Be Included in Boxes:

Candy (or anything edible), toothpaste, gum, used items, damaged items, scary items, war-related items, liquids, lotions, liquid glue, shampoo, medications or vitamins, bubbles, breakable items, glass containers, aerosol cans

Payment Options

It costs **\$9** to ship each shoebox. That shipping cost can be paid in any of the following ways, however online is preferred:

** Place a check, payable to Samaritan's Purse (with OCC on the memo line) IN your box on TOP of the items. One check for multiple boxes CAN be put inside one box. Cash is allowed, but is the least preferred choice.

** Go to www.samaritanspurse.org/label to either print a label or to enter the 9 digit code from a provided adhesive label. This option also allows you to **track your box** and be notified of which country the box went to!

** Mail your shipping donation to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone NC, 28607-9956

Contact Information: Please contact Tammie Lindblom, Highline's OCC Coordinator, with any OCC question ksralindblom@comcast.net or 253-670-2386

World Outreach

Our missionaries in Chile

Gustavo & Paty Valdes pastor of EL Encuentro Church & San Luis Church. They have an elementary school in the San Luis neighborhood from Kindergarten to 8th grade (over 300 students) The San Luis neighborhood is one of the most dangerous areas in the suburbs of Santiago (the capitol). Gang crime and drugs are the main activities in the neighborhood. The church and school are a beacon of light to the neighbors.



Hello all,

We want to give you an update about what has happened in our lives. Highline Christian church has supported our ministry for years and know about Paty and me. We started our ministry more than 30 years ago. We had 3 small children and a baby girl at that time. They were always by our side and we advanced this ministry together as a family. Our ministry started from the love we discovered when our children were born. We experienced the anguish not having food and clothing for our children. We discovered the infinite need for love that they had. However, we had the promise of Jesus and faith in His provision. We knew he would provide everything for our home and kids.

From that point we understood that there were many children and families who did not have the same chances. Many did not have a glass of milk in the morning, and more importantly, children who did not know of the infinite love of God and did not have hope of eternal life. That was the engine to begin our ministry and has led us in this beautiful story for more than 30 years!

Today our family of 6 has become a family of 17, can you believe it? We are blessed to have 7 grandchildren and one more is on the way! After 30 years, our children have formed their own families. They love and serve the Lord just as we have done for so many years. There is no greater satisfaction for us than seeing that. We are enjoying our grandchildren and looking forward to the next generation. Waiting to see how they will also serve our Lord. this is what gives us the strength to continue working in the ministry.

COVID AND THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

2020 and 2021 have been difficult years. The pandemic hit our country hard and there were changes that we never thought to happen in lives. Important things such as a hug were no longer possible and we were not able to meet as a church. It has been hard! As a church we needed our church meetings. Fear and anguish seized many of our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially to those who were losing their jobs, getting sick and in some cases losing their relatives due to COVID.

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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”, HCC website, through the [HUB](#), or by email at office@highlinechristian.org.

Ministry Opportunities



HCC Ministry Teams are looking for people interested in connecting and volunteering in various ways. This is a great opportunity to reach out and meet people, whether behind the scenes such as the Third Saturday Work Party or greeting at the doors.

For more information or to sign-up you may go through the App (tap on “Connect” then “Connect With Us”), through the [HUB](#), or contact Kim at the office, 206-243-4333 or office@highlinechristian.org

Our Missions in Chile (continued)....

Growing despite of pandemic

It was then that we took refuge in the Lord and began to use the technology that we had available. We started online services. It was good to see each other again, through a digital platform. We were able to praise the Lord and learn from his word. Technology has been a great tool during these times when it has been necessary to share as a church. We have some virtual activities like Bible studies and prayer meetings in addition to online Sunday services.

SAN LUIS SCHOOL

It has been a difficult time for the 300 children we serve in San Luis School. The periods in which they have been able to attend classes in person have been brief. We keep being close to them, loving and giving the spiritual support they need. Most of the time their classes are online and in addition they maintain a daily devotional and prayer time. We believe the seed must be planted, so it grows in them and allows them to be adults who serve our God in the future.

As a church we support the parents of the school. We have provided boxes of non-perishable food to show them with actions that God is there for them in difficult times. Their faces and especially the faces of the children when receiving food is an image that we treasure in our hearts. Jesus is a man of action and is always concerned in meeting our needs. We feel tremendously blessed to be instruments that help our community in this situation in which many of them have lost their jobs.



Article sent in by Lyla Moreland

World Outreach



The Kramers

September, 2021

*Dan & Tawny
Lola Grace, Elliott, Jed,
Tobias & Clementine*

Serving with **Jesus Film Project**

“The crematoriums cannot handle all the bodies,” Jeremy said. With severe food shortages, lack of available oxygen and medicine, as well as the ongoing chaos of the military coup, the people of Myanmar are facing what Jeremy described as hell on earth.

Jeremy is a pastor and ministry leader in Myanmar. I (Dan) have been working with him to provide tablets and projectors so he and his team can show the *JESUS* film. Because of the military coup in Myanmar, medical care is reserved for those aligned with the current government, meaning that most people are left to suffer at home without even basic medical supplies and food. Going house-to-house, Jeremy and his team are risking their own lives in order to care for Covid patients and share the hope of Christ. Like Christians of old who ministered to those suffering from the Plague during the Middle Ages, Jeremy and his team are “running into the fire” of sickness, disease, and suffering. “Buddhist monks ask us why would we risk our lives? And we answer, ‘We are not afraid. Our loving God wants us to do it.’ But could you please send more equipment? God’s kingdom is expanding here.”

Along with additional equipment to show the *JESUS* film door-to-door, our family is also hoping to raise funds to help Jeremy provide food for needy families. We are also purchasing oxygen concentrators here in Thailand and shipping them to Jeremy. These machines can make use of oxygen in the air and concentrate it to levels that can help those suffering from Covid. We believe that these practical helps will be powerful additions to the spiritual help that he is already able to provide.

Our kids have been raising money to help with Covid relief by making and selling dill pickles (a hard to find treat here) and we wanted to invite you to also be a part of helping with this practical need. Jeremy has said that they have a goal to help provide food for 500 families, at about \$40 per family per month. Also, we are hoping to buy at least 4 oxygen concentrators at about \$300 each.

Friends at Highline Christian Church, your gift of \$800 will help feed twenty families for a month. Would you consider giving to help with this need? You can give using the enclosed envelope to send a gift that will help Jeremy and others like him with their Covid relief as they also share the gospel in Myanmar right now. If you want to give online, you can scan the code to the right, then click in the “Special Handling Instructions for Processing This Gift” section and type “Myanmar Covid Relief.”

We are aware that there is so much heartache and suffering all over the world right now. As we do our small part to push back against the darkness around us, we are so very grateful for you, your prayers and your gifts to our ministry. And, on behalf of Jeremy and those to whom he is ministering, thank you!



Jeremy's teammates distribute food to needy families

For the sake of security, please do not post this publicly or distribute online.

SCAN HERE TO GIVE



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Fellowship & Growth

Sermon Discussion



Join us Wednesday's at 9:30am in room S-203 for fellowship and to delve deeper into Pastor Tim's sermon from Sunday.

Pastor Tim's Daily Podcast

Join Pastor Tim's daily podcast, [The2Greatest](#) (T2G), after the two greatest commandments to love God and others. They are about 5 minutes long and a great tool to start your morning, feed you in the afternoon, or as you wind your day down. We hope they will bless you. Listen in! You may access T2G via our [website](#), App, or Facebook.





Michael Snell passed away September 13, 2021. We would like to offer our condolences to Cheryl and her family. Please keep them in your prayers.



Celebration of Life open-house will be held for longtime member, Beverly Cord on October 16th, 11:30am - 1pm in the Atrium.

Worship Service Times

Saturdays - **6:00**pm
Sundays - **9:00**am & **10:40**am

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Office Hours

Sunday - Wednesday 8:30-2:30
(Out for lunch 12pm - 1pm)
Thursday 8:30-Noon

Next eNewsletter Deadline

October 17, 2021

Sunday, October 24th HCC Outreach Dinner Transform Burien



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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