

# DISCIPLE DIGEST

Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

## Third Saturday Church Work Party

December 18th  
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

Love is sacrificial and unconditional



Our purpose as followers of Jesus is to love God and others in our everyday lives.

DISCIPLESHIP & ACCOUNTABILITY

HIGHLINE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Join us for*  
*Christmas Eve Service*

*December 24th*  
**4:00 pm**  
&  
**6:00 pm**

*Saturday 25th, 6pm*  
**Service is canceled**

*Merry Christmas*

## The 12 Days of Christmas

Last month I wrote about Advent and the season of preparing for “the coming” of Immanuel, God with us, in the person of Jesus. Advent begins four Sunday’s prior to Christmas and helps us focus on the peace, hope, joy, and love Jesus would bring into the world for all.



Advent leads up to the season of Christmastide, a season of remembering and celebrating the amazing miracle of Jesus entering the world in the form of man for the purpose of expressing God’s love to the world.

Maybe you are like Chi and are sometimes bothered by the increasingly early start to the commercial side of the “Holiday Season” and the sudden, almost neck breaking stop to Christmas music on December 26th or the stop to the joyfulness of the season come January 1. This is where celebrating the Christmastide may prove to be advantageous.

Did you know the 12 Days of Christmas is more than a silly Christmas carol about birds, rings, maids, and drummers? I didn’t know this until this year. Christmastide, the Christmas Season, or the 12 Days of Christmas (not the song) has its roots dating back to 567 A.D., when the church formally began setting aside the days between Advent and Epiphany to celebrate key events in the narrative of the Incarnation of Jesus the Christ.

Christmastide begins with Christmas, and spans the 12 days until Epiphany. During the 12 days there is a lot to think about, meditate on, and celebrate including: the birth of Jesus, the pain of others as families

suffered at the hand of King Herod, the naming and circumcision of Jesus, the divinity of Jesus, and the humanity of Jesus.

Celebrating the season of Christmastide is a way to recenter our lives on Jesus and to extend the celebration of Christmas well into the new calendar year. Some ways to celebrate Christmastide include:

- praying through the prayers of Christmastide provided in *The Book of Common Prayer*
- celebrate the birth of Jesus by reading through the Christmas narratives in Matthew and Luke
- continue singing Christmas carols throughout the 12 days
- participate in church services as they are offered beginning with Christmas Eve service to usher in the season and the birth of Jesus
- keep eating all those snacks and leave up the decorations until January 6
- continue the gift giving through the 12 days by giving gifts and doing acts of service for others
- reach out to those who you know are hurting during this season

Visit <https://anglicancompass.com/the-12-days-of-christmas-guide-to-christmastide/> for more information on the Christmastide.

May you experience new found joy and peace as you extend your Christmas celebrations a few more days and remember and celebrate the amazing love of God that Jesus would enter this world to save the world through him.

Moment by moment with Jesus,  
Bret Thorson

## Mens Ministry

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## Men by God

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### MEN BY GOD – WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - UPDATED SCHEDULE

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME:** 6pm to 8pm – Upstairs in the Great Room

**December 1 and 8:** *HANDEL'S MESSIAH* - Celebrate and prepare for this Christmas by looking at how Fredrick Handel was inspired by Bible prophesy regarding the first and second Advent.

**December 15:** Potluck – in the Foyer

**January 5 to May 25:** *THE SEARCH FOR SIGNIFICANCE* - We will study how Bible truth truly sets us free by application in the most basic issues of our lives: our goals, our motives, and our sense of worth.

**We look forward to seeing you at either or all of the above!**

## Women in Touch

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### Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study



January 6, 2022 we will be starting a 12 week study by Max Lucado, “*Life Lessons from James*”. The book of James is considered the book of wisdom of the New Testament. Come join us as we learn together to walk in this troubled world in the light of God’s Wisdom.

### Key themes of the book of James:

God gives us true wisdom.

Satan tempts to break us; God tests us to strengthen us.

The words we use are powerful and influential.

Faith and good deeds go hand in hand

You are invited to join us from 10:00 to 11:30 Thursdays as we learn, laugh and pray together. Call or text Paula Jobe at 206-501-9208 to have a book ordered, or it is available on Amazon. What a wonderful way to start the New Year. If you have questions call;

Paula Jobe – 206-501-9208 or

Carol Marshall – 206-310-1536

## 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. There is no Young Adults the week of Thanksgiving, but will back for two full weeks back, December, the 2nd and the 9th. Then we will take the last three weeks of December off 16th, 23rd, and 30th.



However we are very excited to come back together January 6th 2022. We have been growing spiritually it is very clear that depth / deeper sense of grow in our group, our worship is personal and intimate, thanks so much to both Christian and Riess. They are amazing along with a great group of young adults wanting to go deeper in their walk with God. We have also been able to send out care packages and give them to college students who calls Highline home, although we haven't sent them to each person yet we have been able to get them to just about everyone. Keep praying for them as they come home for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas, and to finish their semesters off well.

## Youth

**All Jr. high and High school students are welcome and wanted to join us on Wednesday nights 6:30 - 8:30**



We do games, worship, life groups, Bible teaching and pray together. We just finished a message series called "*Safety and security*". Youth are taking Thanksgiving week off and hope you enjoy your family! We have two weeks left of 2021 and are really



excited to host a guest speaker for one of those weeks then have a Christmas music concert and together worship God. Youth will be taking the last 3 weeks of December off. See you January 5th!



Our Youth ministry had the honor of hosting Portland Bible College, for our re-named Worship and prayer night, now Youth Encounter Night, which we had the end of October. It was amazing, we had around 35 students and 15 leaders and God did some amazing things that night. A few students gave their lives to Christ, or re-dedicated. It was such blessing to have Stephen

come back to run sound. He helped and literally made it all possible. We were blessed to have the band and the different flavor of sound that we don't normally have. It truly was an amazing night of worship and prayer. A few weeks back, high school students had a lot of fun and a great night coming together for a night of bowling.



## Elementary & Early Childhood

**The Elementary Ministry** has kids who are in Kindergarten through 6th grade. We are watching amazing leaders pop up in the older grades. Students are taking time to help the younger students find verses in the Bible. We had a nervous visitor and an older student buddied up with her to help her feel comfortable. We are getting to see the 6th graders take initiative to help set up and clean up. They are learning to listen to the Remember Verses and support the other students. We are creating a great environment where everyone can serve God through helping other people.

### Can You Help!

With so many more children attending classes each week, we are in need of some more people to help! Can you please

1. Pray! Pray for our teachers and amazing volunteers each week
2. Serve! Can you come in 1 time a month or every other month in an Early Childhood Class or the Elementary Ministry to help? We need help with check in and help in classes.

Please email Katie at [Katie@highlinechristian.org](mailto:Katie@highlinechristian.org) if you are interested in helping.

### December Happenings:

We will be having a special Kids Ministry Christmas Event on Friday, December 10th from 7:00-9:00. This is for Early Childhood through 6th graders and their parents. (Parents must stay with the children for this event)



We will be making gingerbread houses and all pre registered families will get a kit to make one. While the frosting on the house is setting, we will be playing a group game of Minute to Win it! We will finish the evening with a special Christmas devotion time.

Please pre-register your family for this event to reserve a kit: <https://highlinechristian.cbcchurch.com/goto/forms/308/responses/new>

### Early Childhood News:

Early Childhood is enjoying learning through play, lessons, and crafts. We are about to open a second classroom during the 10:40 service as there are more children attending each week! Thank you for continuing to pre-register your children for class! It helps us have enough staff each week to welcome each child.

### Elementary News:

We are learning and growing on Sunday mornings. We are creating a great space as we learn to respond to what God is teaching us each week. Students are working hard on Remember Verses and have a goal to earn tokens for all of the students to get a prize. Students have been looking at how the Bible connects back to Jesus.

**The Wednesday Night group** (3rd through 6th Grades) is wrapping up our study on the Armor of God. We only have 2 more meetings in December before we take a break. We will meet December 1st and 8th, then will take time off until the new year.

# Thank you for your partnership with the Operation Christmas Child Ministry!

As a result of your help, donations, generosity, and prayer,



Highline is contributing **681** boxes to the worldwide

total that will bless children and families around the globe.

Thank you to the following individuals who helped this season:

Janie	Kathy	Lisa
Regina	Preston	Josh
Hugo	Debbie	Ryan
Cindy	Linda	Leny
Devon	Carolmarie	Jill
Bret	Paxon	Nick
Emmet	Patty	Len
Holly	Audrey	Paul
Stephanie	Micah	Paul
Chrissy	Ryder	John
Edgar	Konrad	Gail
Alison	Joseph	Yohanes
Tytan	Christopher	Tim
Deleasha	Priscilla	John
Anthony	Jordan	Matt

NextGen Elementary  
Generous Donors

### Ways that you can PRAY for the boxes:

Pray for the thousands of volunteers who handle the logistics of getting the shoebox gifts to their child recipient, including those at the processing plant November 29-December 2

Customs crossings and all forms of transportation

Local pastors around the world who help distribute the boxes and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as the Greatest Journey teachers

Pray for the shoe box recipients and that their hearts would be prepared to respond to Christ's love

### Highline's Shoe Box Total History:

2009:	101
2010:	50
2011:	152
2012:	205
2013:	262
2014:	349
2015:	418
2016:	479
2017:	457
2018:	580
2019:	712
2020:	482
(includes 20 online)	
2021:	681
(includes 28 online)	



## World Outreach

South American Christian Mission was established in 1987 by Paul and Sheri Moreland. They have served in Brazil and Colombia in various areas over the years. They currently are working in church planting/family ministry in Colombia's beautiful Coffee Capital – Pereira.



Paul and Sheri are second generation missionaries, also known as “Missionary Kids” or “Third Culture Kids”. Paul was raised in Brazil. He is one of the sons of William J. “Bill” and Janet M. Moreland. Sheri was born and raised in Colombia and is one of the daughters of Mark T. and Barbara I. Stringer.

Their ministry is based on fulfilling the “Great Commission”, with special emphasis on “teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you”, a part of the commission that is left out by too many in their rush to merely make converts. This emphasis is reflected in S.A.C.M.’s motto: “... to prepare the saints...” which is taken from Ephesians 4:12.

### **A personal note from Paul and Sheri**

Greetings from Coffee Country!

### **Back Together**

October started out with a big blessing with Sheri's return from her trip to help her parents "for a couple of days" while her dad was undergoing medical treatment. That stretched out to almost a full month as she helped them navigate the intricacies of appointments for medical exams and consultations with doctors, but she was able to keep up with her teaching via internet and greatly enjoyed a chance to spend time with her family.

### **Continuing Restrictions**

We praise God that we are allowed to continue with our in-person meetings of the church, but the state maintains restrictions on the percentage of the available space that can be occupied. So far no so called "passports" are required, so for that we are grateful.

### **Marriage Evangelism**

We were blessed to be able to participate in the "church wedding" of a couple who have been attending for some time. We've known her for a number of years and met him when they started dating. Sheri and I participated in a series of premarital counseling sessions with them and they set the date for mid-October. They rented a restaurant/meeting area for the event and invited only family and one close friend due to the restrictions on meetings that are still in effect. It was a real blessing to be able to share with the people in attendance about the beauty of marriage when it is built on a foundation of faith in God and His principles for the institution. It was the first time for most of the attendees to witness a Christian (non-Roman Catholic) wedding and they were astonished and pleased at the differences they observed. We pray that this will result in more opportunities to minister to them over time.

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## *World Outreach (Moreland continued....)*

### **On The Road Again**

A couple months ago Sheri commented on a strong smell of gasoline in the garage. It's a good thing as my power of olfactory detection of chemical substances has been sub-par for a long time now. Upon investigation it came down to the Royal Enfield's gas tank. So we drained it and there it sat, waiting for the opportunity to further address the issue. An inquiry at the dealership lead us to a shop that could solder the tank (it has sprung a leak along the seam at the rear) but with the nature of the problem I wasn't comfortable with just dealing with the immediate issue - how can one prevent future occurrences? After a bit of investigation a tank sealer kit was chosen and we actually found a company that would import it for us. After over a month of waiting for the order to go through, the product to enter the country, the customs to process the merchandise and finally for the delivery to be made, the kit arrived on a day in which no time was available to start the process. A few days later, however, we got the tank cleaned, prepped and the sealer applied according to instructions. After waiting the indicated 96+ hours after application to allow the sealer to cure, the tank was reinstalled along with new hoses and gasoline was poured in and the "Rumbler" rumbled once more. It's good to have it available again for those solo trips when the car is more than what is needed to get things done. The motorcycle is a very handy tool for ministry.

### **Reformation Day**

We finished out October on Reformation Day, taking the opportunity to call our people to continue the work that began over 500 years ago. Restoring Christ's church to His Plan is an ongoing challenge for all of us. Learning to put into practice His Gospel message while eschewing the temptation to "go with society's flow" is something we should be aware of and active in. Jesus' words in John 13 "by this will all men know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." call us to a higher standard.

Thank you.

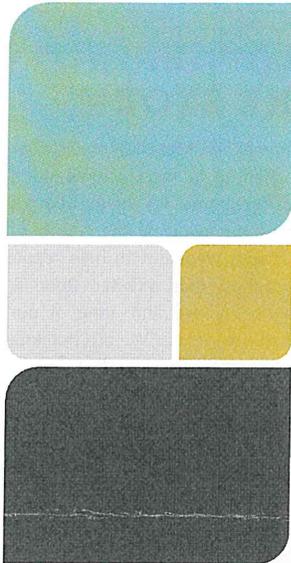
Indeed it is easy to say, but not so easy to convey the deep sense of gratitude that we feel toward each of you. As I type these words I'm reminded that this month we will not hear from one of our long time prayer warriors, he stepped into the Lord's arms this morning. Yet we rejoice that we still have each of the rest of you who also lift us up in prayer before God's Throne. And we are grateful. Thank you for being a part of our ministry. Thank you for your faithful prayers on our behalf. Thank you to all who also make it possible for us to live and work here through your generous giving.

In Christ,

*Paul and Sheri Moreland*

# World Outreach

## Roots & Wings FALL 2021



### Prayer Requests

#### PRAISE

God the new staff members that have joined our team!

#### PRAY

for our staff and children as we begin to prepare for our Christmas program.

#### PRAY

for a young couple to join our team and lead our youth ministry.

#### PRAY

for a smooth construction process of the 2nd story expansion.

#### PRAY

for one of our staff members, Angie, who suffered a stroke and is recuperating.

#### PRAISE

God for opening the doors to be able to purchase a bordering property for future growth.

## Days That Shine

Every activity at Roots & Wings is designed and carried out with the goal of seeing each family transformed by Christ. Great effort goes into making each moment of each day a step towards that transformation. Even so, we know that some days are more special than others. Some experiences have the power to make a lasting impact that will not soon be forgotten. Some moments stand out because they mark the turning point in a person's life. The following are some of Roots & Wings standout days of the season:

### STUDENT GRADUATIONS

Roots & Wings Academy concluded its first full year of school, and in July, we held our first graduation ceremony for the primary school and kindergarten graduates! As Roots & Wings children grow, so do their needs, so in order to meet them, this year we've added junior high to the education program! At a stage where many children drop out of school, our goal is to ensure they continue to prioritize their education.



### BEACH DAY AND BAPTISMS

Of all the ways in which we seek to empower families, helping them encounter Christ and grow in their relationship with Him is the most important. This summer, 4 parents and 2 children publicly declared their decision to follow Christ and live in obedience to Him through water baptism. Roots & Wings families celebrated the event with a full day of fun and fellowship together at the beach.



## Prayer Request



If you have a prayer request our Prayer Team would like to pray for you.

You may enter your prayer request through our APP, the [HUB](#), or by email at [office@highlinechristian.org](mailto:office@highlinechristian.org).

## How Are You?

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation and more.



Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

If you would like to receive a Stephen Minister or would like more information regarding Stephen Ministry please contact the church office by [email](#) or phone, 206-243-4333.

## HCC Outreach Dinner Sunday, December 26th 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

15623 Des Moines Mem Dr

Burien WA

### **Contact**

Don Berg

206-243-4333



Leann Trujillo confessed her faith and was baptized and Nov 14, 2021



If you plan on doing your holiday 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.**



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**Worship Service Times**

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

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**Office Hours**

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

**Next eNewsletter Deadline**

December 19, 2021

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# 2021-2022 Elders



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