

DISCIPLE DIGEST

Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

Prayer Request?

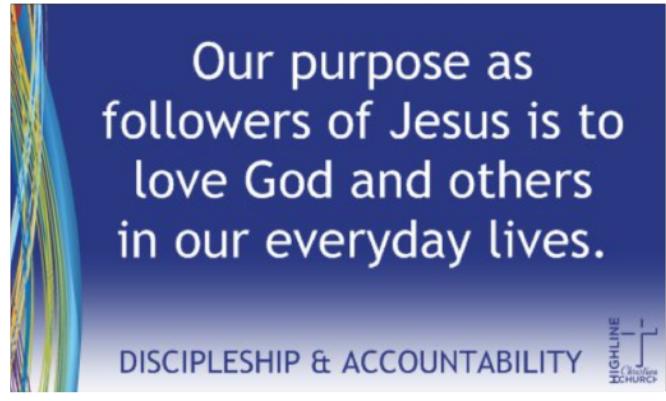


If you have a prayer request our Prayer Team would like to pray for you.

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

Food for Thought

God's subjectivity is our objectivity. Who do you let define reality, self or Father?



A Study Toward Love & Freedom in Jesus

Heart balloons, flowers, chocolates, and red and pink cards are filling store shelves in increasing measure. Many of these items will be purchased and passed along to that special valentine. For many, the exchanging of these and other items on Valentines Day is a special way of expressing love in a relationship. I have some friends who enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day with each other as a fun way to express their love for each other, however they don't do it on February 14th, they celebrate on the 15th when everything goes on super sale, this way they get to share with each other but at half or better off of the crazy holiday pricing.

Though the exchanging of gifts on Valentine's Day may be an expression of love, my guess is it is more likely the expression of an emotion of love than it is the choice of love. True love requires choice. Jesus loves us and chose us in him before the foundation of the world. (1 John 4, Ephesians 1) In response to God's love for us, we get to choose to love Him and grow in relationship with Him which

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is to have eternal life. (John 17) As Pastor Tim recently preached on, we don't fall in love; as though we were just walking along and tripped on a stone and now are totally covered in love. Loving is not an accident, it is a choice, a command, and something to be practiced.

Do you want to grow in your love for God, others, and yourself? Do you want to experience the freedom in life that can only be found by living in the abundant, never ending, ever filling, agape love of God? If so, there is a new opportunity for you to take steps walking in love and freedom beginning this month.

Small Group: Truth that Transforms – Your Identity in Christ

Leaders: Marrell & Terry Greutman

Meeting start date & time: Monday, Feb 21, 6:30PM

This Freedom in Christ course is for every Christian who has been walking with the Lord for decades to those who have just begun their journey. The 10 week discipleship course will meet weekly for video presentation & discussion. There will be an additional half day session, a Saturday, between sessions 7 & 8, to go deeper into what we have learned & to complete “The Steps to Freedom in Christ”.

Biblical truths presented in this course will help you:

- *Grasp the amazing truth of what happened when you received Christ*
- *Resolve spiritual issues that may be holding you back*
- *Learn strategies: to renew your mind, break free from negative thinking & unhelpful patterns of behavior*

- *Fellowship & grow in a safe & supportive small group*

The **cost** for the participant's book and Steps booklet is **\$15**. Space is limited. Contact the Greutman's at greutman@gmail.com with questions or to sign up.

Bulldog Denny



I knew it was coming, but it still hit me when it happened. Grief and death are like that you know.

I got the text from the family in the wee hours of the morning that my dear friend and brother, John Denny had fought the good fight, finished his race and kept the faith and entered into the joy of the Lord.

I liked to call him Bulldog Denny because when he put his mind to something HE DID IT. There was no WISHY in his WASHY. And I think John has something to teach us all about loving well and ending well. Sometimes when a person passes we speak of him or her in terms that rival the almighty. We ignore the stains and stumbles and speak as if the person reached perfection.

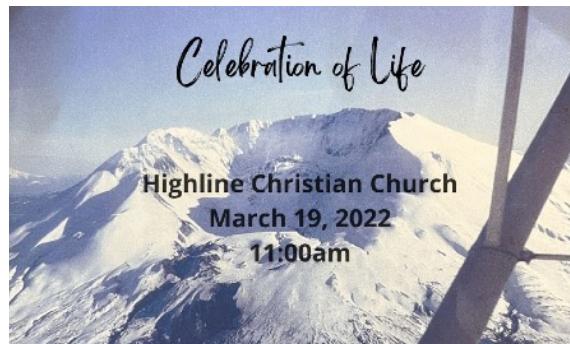
John Denny would be the FIRST to tell you that was not the case with him. He was a person in need of a Savior just like the rest of the common hoard. BUT John did some things VERY well. Let me mention a few for your consideration and imitation.

John was a friend of Jesus and walked with Him and loved Him at HCC for decades. He served as an elder, helped with the young camps, served communion, and so many other ways blessed God's people in this place.

What we can celebrate and learn from Bulldog Denny.

- FIRST, John was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. He knew it is the power of God to salvation to all who believe.

John wore his HIGHLINE HAT everywhere. He spoke of Jesus and pointed everyone he met to Him—nurses, doctors, people on the bench at the grocery store, waitresses at the Pancake Chef—everyone.



- SECOND, John used tools as conversation starters. He had the HCC HAT, as I've mentioned, but also pictures. He had a black and white picture of himself as an 18 year old holding a huge fish. He would ask people what they would tell that boy if they could speak to him? He had a picture he took when he piloted a plane over Mt. Saint Helens crater. He wanted to hear THEIR story and then He looked for ways to engage people in the BIG GOD STORY. Jesus did that all the time with a sower, a story of two sons, a good sam, a widow's mite and so on. John was living like Jesus.

- THIRD, John was aware of the brevity of life. James says our lives are like a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. He battled cancer for a few years and was painfully aware (I mean that literally) PAINFULLY aware of the limitations of our first body. So he told me he wanted to do what he could for as long as he could.

- FOURTH John wasn't afraid to tell people the messages we often leave unsaid. He took anybody and everybody to lunch or met with them to say I LOVE YOU. I APPRECIATE YOU. YOU MEAN A LOT TO ME.

I know there are other lessons Bulldog Denny has taught me and now you.

Which of the four speak to you most today: Living unashamed of the Gospel, looking for conversation starters, being aware of the

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brevity of life or saying the messages of love that need to be said while you can say them?

I like this prayer.

Lord, in my grief, help me remember the times of joy I shared with my departed loved one.

Help me remember those deep conversations, the jokes, and the times we laughed and cried together.

Help me remember the adventures we shared.

But most of all, help me remember that You are my truest friend.

You loved me so much that you gave your life so my loved one and I can be with you forever.

Thank you that weeping lasts for the night, but joy comes in the morning. Amen.

I will always be grateful for John. He was the chair of the search team that brought me from Tennessee to Seattle to the church I've served for almost 27 years.

I'm thankful for the memories and I know I'll see him again. Scripture reminds me **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.**

The last note John gave me was signed, I REMAIN IN JESUS, John.

Yes you do John, Thanks be to God!

We thank God today for **Bulldog Denny.**

In Loving Memory

Ida: Heart FOR God and OF Gold

In January we lost another dear saint of the Lord, Ida Anderson. The old T.V. show proclaimed "Everybody Loves Raymond." At HCC "Everybody Loved Ida." She had a strong yet unassuming demeanor about her. She served in various roles in our congregation over the year includes heading up the Communion/Offering serving schedule and in the financial ministry as a money counter. She was JESUS and OTHER focused. Some people are willing to serve, Ida was eager to service. She humbly didn't think she was making a difference and was always deflecting praise—but what a difference she did make.



She was an avid snow skier and she was GOOD at it. Even into her 70's she could point the skis downhill and enjoy the run out skiing all the young bucks on the slopes. As she endured the adverse weather and finished her mission, so went her life. As a faithful wife to George as well as mother and grandmother, Ida finished her race well.

We will miss her around here and we will see her again over there. That's the promise of Jesus. HE is the resurrection and the life and Ida found her life in HIM. Her body was failing, but her faith was strong. We pause and thank God for this sister in the Lord who had both a heart FOR God and a heart OF Gold.

See you on the other side Ida,

P Tim

Men by God

MEN'S RETREAT FOR MEN BY GOD
MARCH 3-5 (Thursday-Saturday)
at Lakeview Christian Retreat and
Conference Center

Speaker: Bill Perkins
"Breaking Strongholds"

Registration:

You may register through our app or [Click Here](#).

Bill Perkins has conducted business and leadership seminars across the country for companies such as Alaska Airlines and McDonald's. Bill has appeared on nationally broadcast radio and television shows, including "The O'Reilly Factor." He addresses men's groups around the world and has conducted chapels for major league baseball teams. Bill served as a senior pastor for 24 years and is the founder and CEO of Million Mighty Men, White Horse Press and White Horse Ministries. He is a graduate of the University of Texas and Dallas Theological Seminary. Bill has authored or collaborated on 22 books, including the best selling *Six Battles Every Man Must Win* and *When Good Men Are Tempted*. He also wrote *6 Rules Every Man Must Break*, *the Jesus experiment*, and *When Good Men Get Angry*. Bill coauthored the business book *Give 'Em the Pickle!*, and the *Handbook to Leadership*. He also published *The Jesus Story*, a blending of the four Gospels. Bill and his wife, Cindy, live in Wilsonville, Oregon. They have three adult sons, four grandchildren and a golden-doodle.

Ferd Proano, Men's Leader



Women In Touch



Young Adults



Our Young Adults meet every Thursday 7 - 9PM and we would love for you to help us get the word out! YA is open to 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. Last week we

had Joseph Rohland with us, a missionary from Brazil. We went to the same church and Bible College together and I got to watch him grow and see how God called him to do ministry full time. Such a blessing and a wonderful young man who is faithfully serving the Lord. We are so thankful and proud of him. Please continue to pray for him as he travels to preach the gospel. While he was here, he spoke at Young Adults and let me tell you what a blessing and what encouragement he had for us. And of course we had some fun playing some games together...

We have had the wonderful opportunity to serve Transform Burien by doing a clothing drive with our Young Adult Ministry. It went really well and on the day we delivered the clothes and food, our youth ministry helped out as well. It was an honor and amazing time to serve the community this way by giving and praying over, that the gospel will spread like a wildfire through our giving. We are so glad we could help in this way, working together as the church.



Youth Ministry



All Jr. high and High school students are welcome and wanted to join us on Wednesday nights 6:30 - 8:30PM! We do games, worship, life groups, Bible teaching and prayer together.

Our Youth Ministry is growing in so many ways it's an honor to be apart of it. Small groups have been a great way to get students to share what is going on in their lives. We have had two guest speakers and guest worship leaders in the last couple of weeks which have been such blessing. First we hosted Dryden Rachinski, a teacher and student from Portland Bible College. Second, we hosted Joseph Rohland, also from Portland Bible College and full time missionary in Brazil. Third, we hosted our own Pastor Brian Greutman. They each shared, lead and poured out their heart to our students in such a powerful way during each of those nights.



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Youth Ministry (*Continued*)

 This last Wednesday I spoke and shared our 2022 theme which is "BE THE LIGHT" in this dark world. God wants to partner with us to be the light in peoples lives to share the light of Christ everywhere we go, sharing the gospel truth of Jesus everywhere. We also just got our new journals which is a big deal because we want students to remember what He says when He speaks. Our worship has been great as well, getting new students who enjoy music and want to use their gift for Christ through worship.

Our Youth ministry and Young Adults have raised a van and truck load of clothing and food in partnership with Transform Burien as they know, need and serve the needs of our greater community within the city and area of Burien WA. We are so thankful that we got to serve a local effective organization like Transform Burien who is sharing and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ too everyone who receives help. It's encouraging that they are hearing about the love, grace and healing power of Christ through the Cross and confession of faith through the simple giving of clothes and food that we can give and bless others with our extra means. This is our second time getting to do this and we will continue to do this for years to come, thank you HCC for joining us in this wonderful outreach that is local, powerful and effective.



 Our Youth ministry was just out at Leavenworth, and what a time we had, it was amazing! We took three vehicles our two church vans and one SUV Shane Easterling drive for us, A BIG THANK YOU to him and our amazing adult leaders who came and made this trip save, fun and rememberable. We played int he snow, went to all kinds of different shops, got coffee, had lunch and dinner together, got to enjoy each others company and made great memories together. The drive there

and back was better than expected over the pass, we made great timing and students really enjoyed the ride. A well worth trip to start this year off 2022 we are excited for the up coming things we will get to do with you!



SAVE THE DATES:

Wednesday, January 26th, 6:30 - 8:30PM | Encounter Night (During Youth Group hours)

February 18th - 20th | High School Winter Camp at Lakeside Bible Camp

March 4th - 6th | Jr. High Winter Camp at Lakeside Bible Camp

Early Childhood



Thank you for continuing to register all children birth through 6th grade for service each week! It is especially important to register for the Early Childhood

Classes because rooms can fill up to capacity with registrations and we will not always be able to accommodate walk-in families.

News:

The Early Childhood Ministry is welcoming children each week and sharing a Big God Story with activities. The children are working through the Old Testament and just finished learning about David and Goliath and will continue working through the Old Testament and see how it points to Jesus.



There is still a need for more volunteers in the Early Childhood Ministry! We are in need of a few more consistent volunteers, rotating volunteers, and even people willing to sub last minute if a class gets full. Please contact Leah Ambrose to get more information.

Elementary News

During the **9:00 service**, students are doing a Bible Study matching what the adults are hearing in service. We are loving looking at what God is teaching us as we read the Word together.

During the **10:40 service**, we are splitting into 2 groups some weeks by ages. This is allowing the children the opportunity for more targeted discussions by the ages. We are learning about the Big God Story and continuing our study on God's chosen people. We have learned about Moses and the Exodus, Joshua, and how David became the king. We are learning how the Old Testament points us to Jesus.

Wednesday Night:

The Wednesday night class is for students in 3rd through 6th grades. We are doing a big study on Worship. Worship is not just singing! We are looking at how worship is music, praying, listening to God, reading the Bible, and responding to God. We are practicing different ways to respond to God each week! Students are also working on a Remember Verse passage and have made a group goal of a popcorn and laser tag party when the goal is met. Students earn tokens for memorizing their verses and the tokens will earn a group party.



Pleasant Valley Christian Winter Camp is coming February 18-21 for students in 4th through 6th grade. Follow the link on the church app to sign up! Highline families have a special promo code because of being a partner church to the camp. Students will be looking at the life of Joseph and how God uses fails to keep working in the lives of people.

Elementary Ministry is seeing the students really take time and get to know each other. We are doing ice breakers and learning things about each other each week. We are seeing kids get to know each other and help each other learn verses. The students are cheering each other on in games. We will keep finding ways to give the students opportunities to get to know each other and build friendships. Worshiping the Lord in community is an important part of church.

Shopping?

Giving With A “Smile”

For those who like to shop at Amazon, Highline Christian Church is registered as a charitable organization. The link is listed below. Here's how it works:

You shop. Amazon gives.

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Just click on this [link](#). Sign in with your regular Amazon account. Choose Highline Christian Church as your charity organization, and shop.

Thank you for supporting the ongoing ministries of Highline Christian Church!



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for keeping Operation Christmas Child on your mind all throughout the year :) Below is a focus for each month, but other than soap and batteries (those are better to be purchased closer to Collection Week), you are welcome to donate any item during any month!



This month's focus is **Toys for Girls**. Feel free to be creative! Some ideas are:

jump ropes, bouncy balls, play jewelry, sewing kits (with fabric, ribbon, etc), craft kits - all types (kid size blunt scissors are ok, glue stick ok, non-liquid paints are ok -- NO liquid glue), puzzles, Etch-a-Sketch toys, solar calculators, card games, playing cards, dolls, harmonicas or other musical instruments, mini Jenga, baby rattles, checker games, backpacks, kickball & pump, interactive toys (will need extra batteries), marbles, chalk & chalkboard, gardening kit with gloves and hand trowel (NO seeds), costume items, finger or hand puppets (Joyin Animal Friends Hand Puppets = 6 pack for \$30.99 are quality and a good size), etc. :)

January: Socks (for girls or boys that will fit children ages 2 - 14)

February: Toys for Girls (ages 2-14)

March: Toys for Boys (ages 2-14)

April: Dolls and Stuffed Animals (sized to fit in a shoebox)

May: Soccer Balls & Pumps

JUNE: Toothbrushes

JULY: Wash Cloths & Bar Soap

AUGUST: Flashlights and Batteries

September: School Supplies

October: Full Boxes

November: Full Boxes



Thank you! If you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, please contact Tammie Lindblom at 253-670-2386.



World Outreach

One of our many outreaches through Highline is an entity that works under the Team Expansion umbrella. For reasons of security, we may not list their name or location of their ministry publicly. If you wish to have more information about their ministry please contact Steve or Lyla Moreland or Dave Rogge. Their mission is alive, well and prospering even under these trying times. Please hold them up in prayer regularly. God knows His servants and where they serve!



REACHING THE UNREACHED

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Team Expansion works only among unreached (5% or less evangelical) populations.

Making Disciples – The primary long-term goal for is to make disciples who make disciples.

People – God loved people enough to send his Son for them, even though they didn't respond at first. May we walk in His steps.

Growth – God seems so set on redeeming people from every tribe, caste and kindred. And he doesn't want just a few. Read Revelation. He wants thousands. That's what we want too.

World Outreach



P.O. Box 92
Edmonds, WA 98020
253-854-8200

January 12, 2022

What a wonderful thing you've done!

Your support this past year made an eternal difference in the lives of many who began the year far from God and who now are celebrating, not just a new year, but a new life...in a new church that you've helped to plant!

2021 marked the beginning of 5 new CEA projects:

- High Plains Church (Twin Falls, ID)
- Makers Church (Portland, OR)
- Kainos Church (Portland, OR)
- EveryOne Church (Eugene, OR)
- 5|42 Church (Kent, WA)

Taken alone, every story of a life redeemed and faith renewed is testimony to the grace of God and the wonderful thing you've done this past year. The hope and healing these dear souls received through our Lord, Jesus, was made possible through your generous gifts.

Taken together, the uncountable stories of changed lives is far beyond what could have been asked or even imagined. On behalf of all our planting teams and the new churches they serve, *thank you for the wonderful thing you've done!*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George".

Dr. George Johnson
Executive Director



Erik & Laura Neilson
High Plains CC



Josh & Rachel White
Makers Church



Jake & Madison Nagy
Kainos Church



Gabe & Gina Piechowicz
EveryOne Church



Dave & Brenda Atkin
5|42 Church

Community Outreach

Hope for a Family

When Elizabeth and her husband found out they were expecting, they were so excited but nervous about becoming parents. Elizabeth is originally from Panama and was missing her mom and sisters, wishing they were here to walk through the pregnancy with her and her husband.

And, with the pandemic in full swing, Elizabeth felt isolated and alone. That's when she came to Care Net in Kenmore for childbirth education and parenting classes.

At Care Net, Elizabeth not only received baby supplies and education, but she received something even more important—a friend and mentor whom she describes as a sister.

The couple recently welcomed sweet little Saya (*pictured below*) into their family and couldn't be more excited to be parents! Elizabeth is continuing to receive support at Care Net and we're so happy she's given us permission to share her story with you all!



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Care Net of Puget Sound Center Locations

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Bellevue, WA 98007

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Hope for Healing

Zoey* came to Care Net to confirm her pregnancy. Though she planned to carry this pregnancy, when we asked her if she has ever had an abortion, she lowered her face and quietly said "one." The client advocate gently asked how she felt about it, and she began to cry. Zoey was broken and angry. She was angry at God for things that had happened in her life, and convinced God wanted nothing to do with her now that she'd had an abortion.

Our client advocate gently pointed her to our loving Heavenly Father and shared about our Healing Tide ministry where she could talk about her abortion in a safe place and find healing.

As we prepared for the ultrasound, it was obvious Zoey was nervous that the baby wouldn't be okay. This is a common fear among women who've experienced an abortion. But on the ultrasound screen we watched with joy as her 11-week-old baby wiggled, alive and well.

Before Zoey left her ultrasound appointment, we were able to pray with her. She is now enrolled in our Healing Tide program, processing her past abortion and learning more about the forgiveness she can experience through the cross of Christ and the love of our Heavenly Father.



Third Saturday Church Work Party

February 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 questions, contact Gregg at 206-391-0113

Sermon Discussion Study

Wednesdays
9:30AM
Room S-203



Come fellowship, learn and grow with us Wed's, 9:30 am as we discuss the sermon from the previous Sunday.

Sunday, February 27th 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
15623 Des Moines Mem Dr
Burien WA

Contact

Don Berg
206-243-4333

HCC New Members



Denny & Elaine Cherry
Brian and Gretchen Greutman & Family
Marrell & Terry Greutman
Dan and Heidi-Lyn Menzonides & Family



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

February 20, 2022 by Noon

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
MINISTRY

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.



2021-2022 Elders



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