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Welcome Back



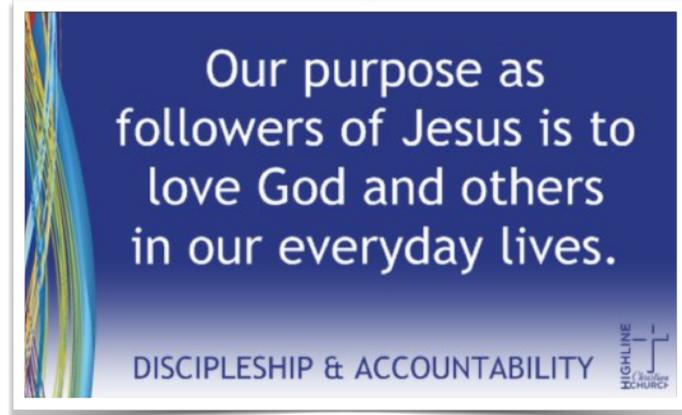
We are excited to welcome back Marques Smith to the staff at Highline. Marques has been away at

Boise Bible College and is now returning to fill our position of Tech Director. Marques has self produced various music projects and is looking forward to joining the Tech Team to help us with audio, video, lighting, social media and more. Marques will begin on April 1, 2022 after fulfilling his duties at his current church. Be sure to extend Marques a warm welcome when you next see him.

Food for Thought



Everybody builds a house on something, consciously or unconsciously, by design or by default, by God's kingdom or mans fallen system(s). What are you building your house on, the rock or the sand?



Following the Shepherd

What attracts you to things? What draws your attention? What is it about certain people that you would be drawn to them, to want to get to know them? I often pray for people to be drawn deeper into Jesus, but what is it about Jesus that would draw them to Him?

Recently, I was meditating on Luke 15:1-7, the parable of the lost sheep, and was struck by both the attractive nature of Jesus as well as the description of the intent of the shepherd to seek out the one that was lost. What was it about Jesus that tax collectors and sinners were being drawn to him?

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were often disliked among the people and were thought of as being thieves and cheats because of their habit of extracting more taxes than they were required to do so and keeping the extra for themselves. More than being disliked for being thieves and cheats, tax collectors were also thought of as traitors stealing from their own people and giving to the oppressive, governing authorities. Again, what was it about Jesus that would draw the disliked, thieving, cheating, traitor tax

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Following the Shepherd....

collectors and sinners to him? There must have been something about Jesus that those who are the disliked and hated in the community felt welcome into the presence of Jesus. It wasn't how he looked, so it must have been something in how he lived, what he was teaching, how he spoke, the way he healed and provided for the people he came into contact with. Jesus lived and spoke in a way that everyone was drawn to him and anyone was welcomed into his presence, but Jesus also described the intentionality of the Father and of His purpose.

In the telling of the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus is giving us an image of what things are really like in the Kingdom of God. In God's Kingdom the shepherd is willing to leave the 99 in the open country and go and search for the one lost sheep. This concept would have shocked those who listened; it's not safe to leave the 99 sheep out in the open country in the kingdom of the world. In God's Kingdom things are vastly different. In the Kingdom of God, the 99 are already safe, it is the one that is lost who truly needs the shepherd and the shepherd drops what he is doing to go and search for the one until he finds it and then brings it home rejoicing.

The shepherd, Jesus, is the one intently seeking for the lost, Lk. 19:10, but Jesus is also drawing all people to himself, Jn. 12:32. Jesus has this dual way of bringing sheep into the fold, he draws them and he searches for them. In thinking of both drawing and searching, I also think about another related teaching of Jesus as the good shepherd in John 10. Jesus knows his sheep, his sheep know his voice and they

follow, are drawn to Him. Could it be that the tax collectors and sinners are drawn to Jesus because they know his voice? Jesus went on to say in Jn. 10:16 that there are other sheep and eventually there would will be one flock and one shepherd. This is not to say that everyone will be saved, however it is to say there are more to draw and more to seek out.

Jesus is inviting us, as we live in his kingdom to live lives that would draw people to Him. Are you becoming like Jesus so that you are drawing people to Jesus in your family, neighborhood, or at work? Jesus is also searching for lost sheep and is inviting you to join him in the searching. Are you eyes open for those who need Jesus? Are you watching for opportunities to join Holy Spirit in sharing God's love with those who are lost and in need of the Savior, our Good Shepherd? Pray for Holy Spirit to convict you and transform you to reflect Jesus. Pray for your eyes to be open to the work Jesus is accomplishing around you and for courage to join Him. May you be blessed as you draw others to Jesus through your life and seize the opportunities to partner with Holy Spirit in seeking the one.

Moment by Moment,
Bret Thorson
Discipleship Pastor

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 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.



We have shifted our model to more in-depth study for the first two weeks of the month going through the book of Galatians. So far so good, love getting deeper into God's word together. The third week of each month we have been doing an event/activity. In March we had a movie night at HCC. It was fun! We enjoyed each others company, built community and laughed together. The fourth week of the month we are doing a Young Adults service with music and preaching a great way to build faith, grow in knowledge and live in community. God is moving in our Young Adult ministry. So many of them are facing difficult situations, praying that God will show up right on time and reveal that He is good and faithful in every circumstance.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, March 20th | Day trip to Centralia, WA 1 - 8PM

Youth



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.

Next Generation Youth Ministry:

The last couple of weeks we have been talking about our “Core Values” as a teaching series. Going over what does it mean to have Values as Christian believers and how to hold onto them no matter the social pressures of culture. The last few weeks have been incredible with an average of 30 to 40 students in attendance on any given Wednesday night. God has been blessing



and revealing Himself through many different ways such as His Word, small groups, worship, message and even the games. There has been such a fun, safe and spiritual growth environment that our leaders have been able to set, we are beyond grateful for all the people who have supported, supporting and will continue to support our youth ministry.



HS Winter Camp:

High school students just returned back from HS Winter Camp at Lakeside Bible Camp. What an incredible time away from the busyness of life to disconnect from culture and reconnect with God. We hosted Portland Bible College worship pastors to lead worship along with some of our now HCC musicians. We had 26 HCC students attend high school winter camp along with 8 adults leaders.

We worshiped our hearts out, did small groups, had awesome games, dance battles, coffee, cabin talks, and we ran hard, laughed often, grew together as a youth ministry and most important, students encountered the Lord in a personal way this weekend. A big thank you to our leaders who took the time to go to camp, to love on, support/mentor and lead this weekend. I am beyond excited for junior high camp coming up next weekend. We already have several signed up and looking forward to what God will do that weekend.



SAVE THE DATES:

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

Saturday, March 26th — Snow Tubing trip 9AM - 9PM | \$20 Per-Student

Friday, April 22nd — Youth Game Night | 6 - 10PM | AT HCC | \$5

Saturday, April 30th — Adventure Day | 9AM - 9PM | \$20 Per-Student AT PVCC

Are You Struggling?

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.

Would You Like prayer?

If you would like prayer, HCC Prayer Team would like to pray for you. You may enter your prayer request through the APP, HCC website, through the [HUB](#), or by email at office@highlinechristian.org.



Early Childhood & Elementary

Early Childhood Ministry is so blessed to welcome many children each week! We are able to welcome so many children because of our amazing volunteers. One of our amazing staff, Miss Phoebe has been serving in Early Childhood since third grade. She started off helping with her dad, Shane. Phoebe's favorite part of serving in Early Childhood is that "the kids are so cute. When the kids know the Bible story and are starting to make connections. It is so sweet when they remember things they have learned. Serving in the Early Childhood area has helped me get to know the families of Highline."

We are so thankful for amazing volunteers each week, like Phoebe who welcome the children, teach them about Jesus, and show them that church is a safe place.

Elementary Updates:

On Wednesday nights the 3rd through 6th graders are continuing their study on worship. In the last month, we have looked at different songs, poetry, sacrificing, and hymns. We will continue looking at how people respond to God in the Bible and how we can respond too.

Kindergarten through 2nd Graders are going to be having some game nights soon! Keep an eye out for the flyers.

Over President's Day Weekend, the 4th through 6th graders spent the weekend at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp learning about Epic Fails and how God still works through it all. We looked at the life of Joseph in the book of Genesis. We studied how God kept working through Joseph's life through the hard times and redeemed it all. God does the same in our life and we can have redemption.

Shopping?



Operation Christmas Child

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!



Thank you, again, for staying on the lookout all year for items that will bless a child who receives one of our Operation Christmas Child boxes. This month's focus is on collecting Toys for Boys (ages 2-14).

Just as with girls, please feel free to be creative, making sure to note what cannot be included in the boxes. However, some good ideas are: balls (any type or size that can fit in a shoebox or that be deflated to fit), soccer balls and pumps, trucks, hot wheel cars, baby "cars", yo-yos, puzzles, playdoh, action figures, musical instruments, calculators, Etch-a-Sketch toys, card games, playing cards, construction kits (hammers and nails are ok), mini Jenga, Rubix cubes, checker games, travel games, art kits, backpacks, marbles, interactive toys (with extra batteries), battery-operated radios, toy binoculars, jump ropes, . . .

The following CANNOT be sent in an Operation Christmas Child box: war-related items, army figures, knives. Brightly colored squirt guns are the only "guns" allowed, but aren't necessarily preferred.

January: Socks (for girls or boys 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



Women in Touch



northwest christian
women's conference



April 22-24,
2022
Black Lake Bible
Camp, Olympia,
WA

Who: *All women, 18 years and older*

What: *Main Speaker (Ann McMurray), Break-out Workshops (choose 4 out of 11 offered), all meals prepared and cleaned up for you, free time, worship, structured and unstructured time with women from Highline, "Princess" themed Saturday dinner (optional), new Jigsaw Puzzle Swap (optional), Dignity for Divas Service Project (optional)*

Cost: *\$180 if registered by March 21
(one night and Saturday only options available)
A limited number of partial scholarships are available – see Patty Snell*

Why: *To learn and worship with women from a variety of Western Washington congregations, while being housed with/spending time with/getting to know women from just Highline Christian*

Theme/Verse: *BREATHE "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4: 6-7*

Contact Patty Snell, pattysnell3@hotmail.com or
206-650-0149 for information or registration before March 21.



World Outreach ~ Pinehaven



How We Got Started

By the grace and power of God, since 1976, **Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch and School** has been helping youth in need find answers for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Pinehaven is an 1,120 acre "kid and cattle" ranch located in Western Montana, about an hour's drive north of Missoula. Our school has been in operation since 1984. We take kids from all over the United States and even from other countries.

Pinehaven is a residential, year-round, adjunct ministry of the First Christian Church of Saint Ignatius, Montana. Our structured and controlled environment allows us to help young people more effectively since they are not distracted and hindered by many of the things — whether actual, physical items or social situations and people — that contribute to their difficulties.

Money is never a factor in determining which young people get to come to Pinehaven. While we do want the families of our kids to be financially involved in the support of their own children during their stay at Pinehaven, our ministry is funded almost entirely through the generous contributions of individuals and churches across the country.

Pinehaven Christian School

To meet the needs of our young people even better, Pinehaven Christian School was started in 1984. What started in a basement with 12 students is now a dedicated facility capable of handling 100, preparing graduates for their future.

One of the problems common too many of our kids is difficulty in school. This difficulty can be academic, social (running with the wrong crowd), behavioral, or (typically) all of these in combination. Furthermore, many of the specific "trouble" items like alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are readily available in the public school system. In response to these problems, in 1984 we began our own school. Our school has grown from a single classroom in a small basement to a three-level building with a capacity of up to seven classrooms and 100 students.

The classes range from the basic core subjects right up through Accounting and Computer Science. Of course, Bible classes are strongly emphasized, and the students go to chapel three times a week. P.E. is held in the gymnasium, the swimming pool, the archery range, and the softball field. Shop classes are taught in our Wood and Metal shop.

Many of our graduates are accepted at colleges, universities, and bible colleges all across the country. One of our students was even awarded a full-ride scholarship at a state university.

The most important fact about the school is that it provides consistency for the kids. What is taught in the home is reinforced at school. Without the conflicting signals that often exist between the home and the school, young people can respond more quickly to God's leading in their lives.



World Outreach, *Pinehaven Continued...*

Youth Camp Opportunity

On a very limited basis, we are offering the opportunity for 2 groups of up to 10 high school students each (entering grades 10–12) to come for a week of Christian service at Pinehaven, and also attend a week of church camp at Kootenai Christian Camp. Two of these groups would be scheduled to work a week at Pinehaven before the week of camp and the other two would be scheduled to work the week after the week of camp.

Kootenai Christian Camp is serious about helping young people sharpen their spiritual focus and challenging them to make a life-long commitment to ministry and Christian service.

Qualified teachers — usually Bible College professors — lead in-depth classes on a variety of subjects, including Bible study classes as well as topical studies. There is plenty of fun to be had also, including swimming, boating, sports, singing, and some GREAT food!



We believe that church camp should be more than just a “mountain-top” experience. Instead, it should be a time that helps set a pattern of spiritual emphasis and service that will last a lifetime. This is the approach taken by Kootenai Christian Camp. Serious instruction, solid spiritual values, and good, clean fun make a week spent there more than just a diversion — it can be a life-changing experience.

GAP Ministry



Through our new GAP Ministry program we want to help high school graduates through the age of 20 discover their talents and prepare them to step into the world in order to confidently live out their own lives.

It is the mission of the Pinehaven GAP Ministry to provide a Christ centered, discipleship rich environment, for exploring who Christ has made us and how He wishes us to use the talents and

abilities He has placed within us.

By utilizing the Pinehaven Christian Children’s Ranch facilities and the multiple servants we have come to know and love, we seek to give students a hands-on experience, learning and utilizing life skills lost in today’s urban lifestyle — all the while exploring the talents and abilities placed within each one of us by our Lord and Savior, with the intention of learning how to best use these talents and abilities to serve the Kingdom.

This 10-week course is meant for young men and women, preferably high school graduates 17 years of age and older, who would like the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and expand the talents that many don’t even realize they have.



Congratulations New Member by Baptism

James McGibbon

Retirees Breakfast & Fellowship



Seniors, join us at Burien Pancake Chef for breakfast & fellowship.
Thursday, March 10th, 8:30am

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

March 27, 2022 by Noon

Third Saturday Church Work Party

March 19th
8:30-Noon



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

HCC Outreach Dinner Transform Burien, March 27th



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

2021-2022 Elders



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