

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 on the APP, the [HUB](#), or by email at office@highlinechristian.org



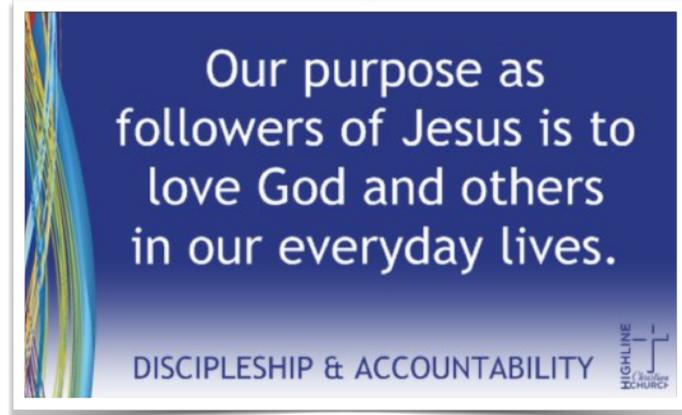
Food for Thought

Who are you feeding today, Saul or Paul, your old man or the new? What do you immerse your self into? Is it bring you life or death?

What you do today will effect your tomorrow.



Suggested Reading:
Colossians 3



Who Belongs and Why?

This past year I've had the honor of facilitating a small group through *The Good and Beautiful God Discipleship Series*. Presently we are working our way through the third book in the study, *The Good and Beautiful Community*. Although this is our third book, the concept of community has been present from the very beginning. In the introduction of each book Dr. James Bryan Smith discusses the importance of community in the process of our spiritual formation. Community "helps us learn how to live as apprentices of Jesus in our ordinary, everyday lives." Faith formation, discipleship to Jesus, happens best in life on life interactions, but who gets to belong to or be a part of those interactions or community?

Who is allowed to attend church services at Highline? Take a moment and think about it, maybe start a list of who, what kind of people, would be "welcomed" by you at service on a Saturday night or a Sunday morning. Who, what kind of people, might be on your "not so welcome" list? Be honest with this exercise. We are living in a very divided world right now, how would you respond if someone very different than you came and sat next to you in worship?

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Unfortunately, sometimes for people to be able to belong to a community, we first want them to believe the way we believe and behave the way we behave. This type of community tends to begin to look a lot like each other as well as becoming very legalistic. Think the Pharisees of Jesus' day.

In contrast, Jesus didn't enter community this way rather Jesus was quite at home with people who were very different than He was. It's almost as if Jesus looked at people as belonging to His community before they even knew who He was. How many times did Jesus approach people, speak with people, eat with people, or heal people before they even knew Him? Often. Jesus looked at and saw everyone as a brother or sister, or to use different language, He understood them to be sheep in His fold as He is the Good Shepherd. John 10:14-16 "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." Other examples of Jesus welcoming or including very different people than He was include: His conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well; the woman who washed His feet; Matthew and his tax collector friends and sinners; Simon the Zealot; and Judas who was a thief and his betrayer. Jesus welcomed a great many different people into His community, who will we welcome?

The apostle Paul also invites us to include all kinds of people in Galatians 3 where he says "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female". And again in Colossians 3

Paul states "Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free". These are not exhaustive lists, but they are definitely good examples of all kinds of opposites being included. But how can this be? Paul gives us clear direction for this varied kind of community in two words "in Christ." Those who are in Christ, no matter how different they are than each other belong to the same community, the body of Christ.

Jesus welcomed all who came to Him, all who sought him out. More than that, Jesus went out of His way to include all different kinds of people, anyone willing to follow Him. Paul said anyone who was in Christ, a follower of Jesus, was included.

How does your list measure up to the way Jesus or the apostle Paul would make the list of who would be welcome in faith community? We tend to make a lot of boundary lines today when what we should be doing is removing the lines and inviting anyone and everyone to follow and fall in love with Jesus.

When our communities become diverse with all kinds of people following Jesus, our own faith is stretched as we learn to worship side by side with people very different than we are. As we continue to grow at Highline, may we continue to be a community who is quick to welcome anyone who is seeking to follow Jesus and slow to put up boundary lines of separation and judgement in our minds, hearts, and actions.

May our prayer be more of you Jesus and less of me.

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson

Family Camp



Family Camp is a special camp for families to unplug and get away in God's beautiful nature! Camp is July 24-29. Pleasant Valley Christian Camp is located in Mineral. There are groups for all ages and families have plenty of free time to hang out together. Families can sleep in their own tents, RV's, or in the camp cabins! [Click here to register!](#)



Young Adult

Our Young Adults meet every Thursday 7 - 9PM. We invite all 18 - 28 year olds to come join us 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 are now meeting in the Atrium in the North building. We have been studying the book of Galatians and so many good things have come from it. A lot of great questions, spiritual growth and a desire to read scripture in a deeper way. Young Adults recently spent time together at an indoor mini golf course. We all had a lot of fun, and it was a great time of building community, making memories, and learning more about each other. We recently have gotten involved in hospitality Sunday morning's.



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!



Youth



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

couple of weeks we've had some topical teachings on various things. Our invite night was a total success, it was an honor to host 50+ students, sharing the gospel, worshiping together, and growing in our faith. We also did something we've never done before this last week, we joined a local youth ministry at their church for their youth group. It was a blast, a lot of fun, a different environment, but really healthy for growing students perspectives on the local church and the universal church.



Our attendance has been incredibly consistent and very encouraging to see. Before Easter we had youth help and serve at the work party getting HCC ready for Easter along with the photo background for that weekend. We are also excited to announce that we will be assisting in the kitchen weekly for coffee and tea beginning May 1st. We also plan to do Pleasant Valley Christian Camp to enjoy a day doing outdoorsy things as a youth ministry. Every week there is a new opportunity to serve each other, worship, pray, play games develop friendships, and grow in our walk with God within our Youth ministry.



SAVE THE DATES:

- Saturday April 30th — AWAYDAY 9AM - 9PM | \$20 Per-Student AT PVCC Register on the HCC App
- Friday May 27th — Youth Encounter Night 6PM - 9PM | Free at HCC
- Friday June 10th — Grad's Bonfire 5PM - 9PM | FREE

YOUTH CAMP DATES:

- JR. High Summer Camp June 26th - July 1st
- High School Summer Camp August 7th - 12th

Next Gen Kids

Spotlight on a teacher:



Mr. Tim has been serving in the Kids Ministry since 2013. He started out helping in the Early Childhood Ministry and is now a volunteer each week in the Elementary Ministry on Sundays as well as Wednesday night with the 3rd through 6th graders. Tim says "I enjoy being around the kids and helping them learn more about Jesus Christ and enjoy serving with Katie, Richie, my brother, and everyone else!" Tim is an amazing volunteer and we are thankful for volunteers like him, who serve each week!

We are about to launch an exciting spring/summer season! There will be many events for kids of all ages, as well as serving opportunities too!

May 15: Game night for students in 3rd through 6th grades from 2:30-5:30 (Registration will be coming soon on the app)

June 5: Promotion Sunday will be during the 10:40 service, and we will be having a special celebration! We will Remember and Celebrate what the students have learned this year. We will be saying good bye to the 6th graders as we pray for them and honor them as they are heading to Youth Group. We will be welcoming the new Kindergarten students.

July 6-8: First Chance Camp at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. This camp is for students going into 1st through 3rd grade. 1st Graders must have a parent attend camp with them to participate. Register at [HERE!](#) (contact Katie for the church partner code that will give Highline members a discount)

July 18-22: VBS is back at Highline with a new format! Children age 3 (and fully potty trained) through kids going into 2nd grade will attend VBS in the mornings from 9:15-11:45 , and students in 3rd and up can have an opportunity to serve. In the afternoons, students in 3rd through 6th grade will have their own special event at the church building from 1:30-5:30. (Registration is coming soon on the church app and the application for the kids 3rd grade and up who want to serve will be available soon as well!)

July 31-August 5: Jr Camp at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. This camp is for students going into 4th through 6th grade. Register at [HERE!](#) (contact Katie for the church partner code that will give Highline members a discount)

August 21: During the 10:40 service, we are having a parent meeting to go over what will be happening in fall.

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

Retirees Breakfast & Fellowship



Seniors, join us at the Pancake Chef for breakfast & fellowship Thursday, **May 12th, 8:30am**

Third Saturday Work Party

May 21st
8:30-Noon



All are invited to join us for the Third Saturday Work Party. We will be doing general grounds maintenance & fix-its and could use your help. Meet us here in the HCC Parking lot. For questions, contact Gregg at 206-391-0113

HCC 2022 ~ All Church Campout

The Highline Christian Church 2022 All Church Campout is scheduled for the weekend of Friday, June 17, 2022 to Sunday, June 19, 2022.

We will be camping out at **Camp Lakeview** located at 32919 Benbow Drive. Graham, WA 98338

This will be a casual get together. A time to get to know others from Highline Christian Church surround by the beauty and abundance of creation. This will not be a highly scheduled, jam-packed agenda event. We are considering a camp fire sing along on Friday evening and having a group "dinner" on Saturday evening. We have a chapel service planned for Sunday morning prior to check out.

This is a bring your own food, beverages, snacks, etc. event. There are plenty of activities to enjoy at the camp. It is located on Lake Tanwax so bring your paddle boards, kayaks, canoes, or bring your camp chair and sit back and relax. There are also several hiking trails at the camp.

Some important details:

Check IN begins after 12:00 noon on Friday. Check OUT is by 11:00 am on Sunday.

You can Sign Up Now on the HUB or the APP or stop by the table in the Atrium for more information.

This will be a GREAT TIME to GET OUT and HANG OUT at the CAMP OUT.

Alan Thompson



Operation Christmas Child



This month's focused donation for Operation Christmas Child is

SOCCER BALLS AND PUMPS.

Soccer balls are a blessing not only to the children who receive them in their shoebox, but also a blessing to the entire community. **Soccer balls** bring the community together. **Pumps** are needed as soccer balls, obviously, must be sent deflated. If you are interested in donating soccer balls, but shopping is an issue, I am willing to pool donation money and purchase a larger number of balls. Contact Tammie Lindblom, ktsralindblom@comcast.net or 253-670-2386 with any Operation Christmas Child questions.



Women in Touch

Tickets now available for purchase through the App

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, GRANDMAS,
BEST FRIENDS, AND AUNTS

LADIES TEA

May 7, 2022 | 11:00-1:00
Worship Center

Bring your ladies in your life for a special Ladies Tea. We will be celebrating what it means to be a daughter, mother, grandmother, and friend to each other. We will serve light snacks and tea/hot drinks.

Cost: \$10 per adult
\$5 per child

Register soon on the church app

Ladies
Quilting & Fellowship
Friday, May 27th at 6pm
S - 101
Iron, ironing board, cutting mats & rulers
will be provided

World Outreach



GRAY CREW 2022

WHAT: A mission trip to work on the campus of Boise Bible College.

WHO: YOU- anyone with a desire to share your energy and talents to help the facility at Boise Bible.

WHY: When people live and work in buildings they need maintenance! The "Gray Crew" for over twenty-five years have saved Boise Bible thousands of dollars each year helping with cleaning, painting, landscaping, and construction projects.

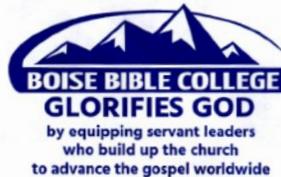
TIME: We start Monday after Spring Conference May 16.

HOUSING: We have plenty of RV hookups for those that want to bring your "home" with you and can provide dorm rooms as needed

COST: Boise Bible will provide meals starting Monday for all prepared by Chef Steve.

SIGNUP: We need to make plans for the meals and the projects. Please use the registration slip to let us know when you will arrive, the type of housing you need and how long you plan to stay.

SPECIAL THIS YEAR: Thursday evening May 19 a special dinner to meet and hear from the new Vice President of Advancement, Scott Lerwick



LIST OF JOBS FOR 2022:

The Boise Bible College campus consists of six buildings that include ten classrooms, a large chapel, library, numerous offices, cafeteria, shop, gymnasium, a student center, 120 plus beds, 50 some showers, and over 60 toilets on 16 acres of mostly groomed grounds. When the students leave for summer, we have a lot of cleaning and painting to do. The Gray Crew has been helping for many years. Some of the tasks this year will include:

Jobs requiring PASSION & DESIRE:

- Deep cleaning the dorm rooms
- Touch up painting as needed
- Grooming the campus grounds
- Deep cleaning in the kitchen
- Sort through small shop tools

Jobs requiring SOME SKILL/TRAINING:

- Flushing Hot water tanks in dorms
- Maintenance in bathrooms in the dorm, (fan lubrication, filter replacement, sink drains, etc.)
- Painting hallways & rooms as needed

Jobs NEEDING COMPETENT FOREMAN:

- Renew the entrance signage
- Build a screen for the "mail" room
- Build a carport structure
- Building shelves
- Painting classrooms

The "Gray Crew" share skills and talents learned over a lifetime from cooking, painting, plumbing, and electrical... Mixed with some passion and desire to help God's Kingdom grow... They accomplish a whole bunch!

If you would like to be a part of this amazing ministry please call our advancement team at 208-376-7731 or email advancement@boisebible.edu.

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boisebible.edu

Dear Highline Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your gift to Jesus Christ through Team Expansion for the sake of unreached peoples! As I pondered your gift, I was reflecting on the potential impact it now has in changing eternal destinies. Ever hear of Steve Jobs? He once traveled to New York to recruit the then-CEO of Pepsi by asking, "Do you really want to stay here and make sugar water - or would you rather come to Apple and change the world?" I'm not suggesting that we should all be like Steve Jobs. But the CEO of Pepsi decided to join him -- and together, they went on to create the iPod, iPhone, and the iPad (among other things).



Of course, Bible callings are much higher. Paul wrote, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength (Phil. 4:13)." Jesus Himself said, "Nothing is impossible for God (Luke 1:37, CEB)." Your gift has helped empower adventurous people to change the destinies of countless people who, otherwise, would have headed out into eternal darkness for a Christ-less eternity. But today, you've changed that. Thank you for your gift - and for your shared vision and partnership!

Doug Lucas
President



New Life through a New Church!

In recent weeks, High Plains Christian Church (Twin Falls, ID) helped several people begin their journey of new life in Christ!



The young man pictured here was the first baptism in this steadily growing congregation. (96 people attended worship this past Sunday - a new high point!)

Since High Plains (like most church plants) meets in a rented facility, another local church graciously made their baptistry available. It was a great moment of celebration as the church welcomed a new brother into God's family!

What happened next was tremendously exciting. Planter Erik Neilson felt prodded by the Holy Spirit to preach a sermon exclusively focused on the importance of baptism. Even more, he took a practical step of faith: **he had no idea if anyone would respond to his invitation, but he wanted to be ready.** So he brought his swimsuit and towel to church, and during his sermon he told the church he was ready to head out to the nearby lake and start baptizing!



Six people responded, and that very day Erik helped them experience the reality of being raised into new life with Jesus.

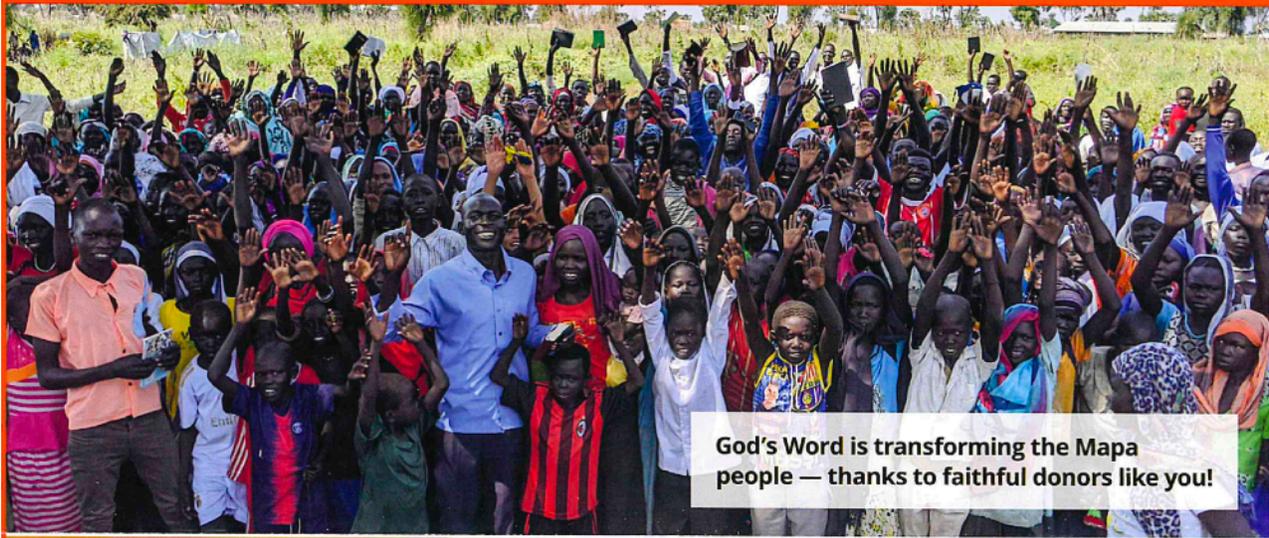
(Pastor Erik is at the back of the photo on the left-hand side).

What an exciting season for High Plains, as they experience the reality of Acts 2:47: "...the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

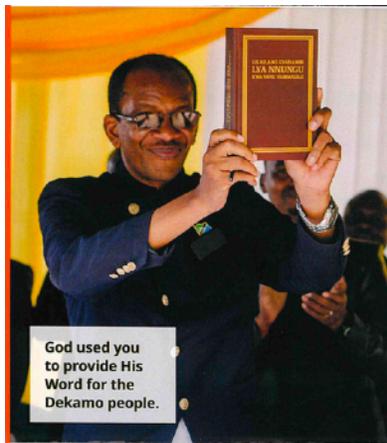
Let's pray that this spiritual harvest continues!

THANK YOU!

God is using you to transform lives through His Word.



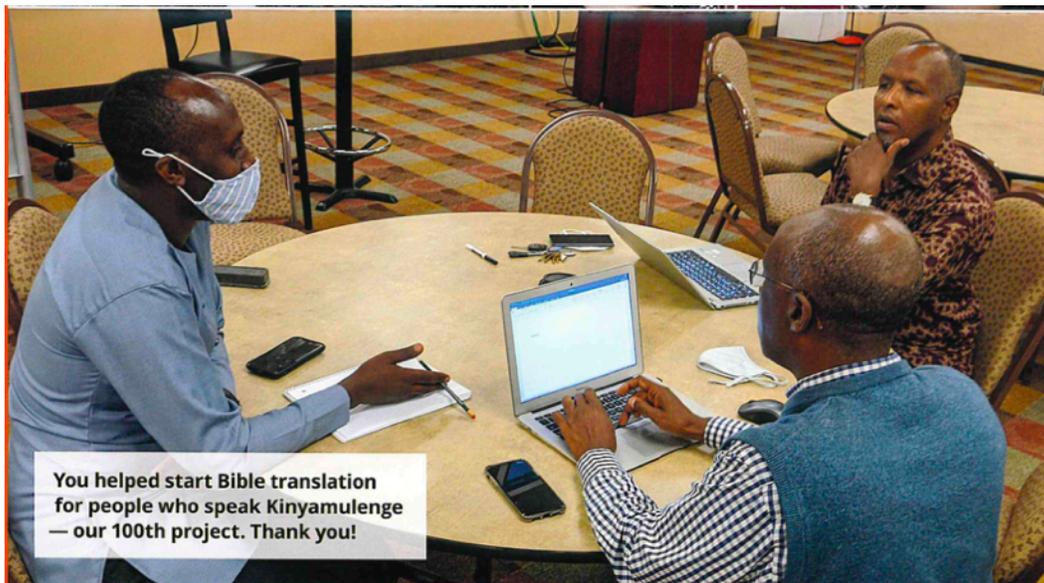
God's Word is transforming the Mapa people — thanks to faithful donors like you!



God used you to provide His Word for the Dekamo people.



Your faithful generosity made it possible to begin translating God's Word for the Crimean Roma people.



You helped start Bible translation for people who speak Kinyamulenge — our 100th project. Thank you!

Pastor Tim's Daily Podcast

Join Pastor Tim's daily podcast, The2Greatest (T2G)



after the two greatest commandments to love God and others. They will only be about 5 minutes long. We hope they will bless you. Listen in! You may access T2G by Facebook or our APP.

Life Can Be Hard

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.

Sunday, May 22nd 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



Our condolences to Al Biery. His wife Lynn, and the Lord's "Silent Witness" moved from our presence into our Lord's in March.

Our condolences to Pat Sloan. Dave moved from our presence into our Lord's 4/11/22.

Our condolences to Bill and Janice Ingle. Their daughter Kim moved from our presence into our Lord's 4/25/22.

Please keep these families in your prayers at this time.

2021-2022 Elders



Bruce Ernst, Elder Chair



David Cowan



Tim Knight



Konrad Lindblom



Gregg Louvier



Dave Rogge



Paul Smith



Bret Thorson

Worship Service Times

Saturdays - **6:00pm**

Sundays - **9:00am & 10:40am**

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(Out for lunch 12pm - 1pm)

Thursday 8:30-Noon

Next eNewsletter Deadline

May 22, 2022 by 11pm

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