

# DISCIPLE DIGEST

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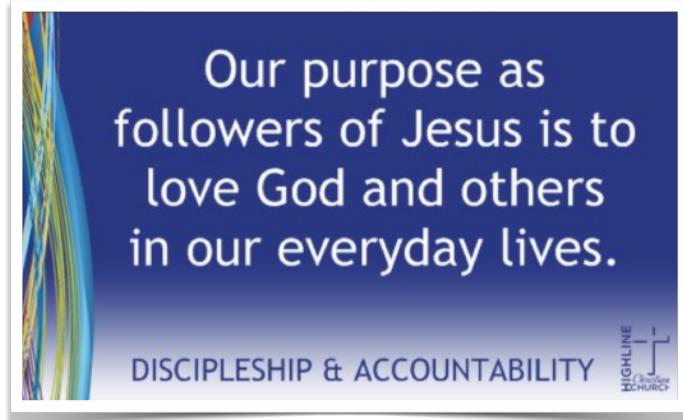
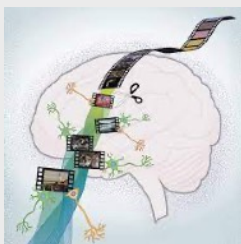
## Prayer Request?

If you have a prayer request our Prayer Team would like to pray for you. You may enter your prayer request on the APP, or by clicking [here](#).



## Let's Ponder

What we do today will create a memory for someone tomorrow. Are you consciously aware of the memories you are creating by how you live life today?



## Making All Things New

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023! As we enter into this new year filled with all kinds of possibilities, it is good time to pause and reflect on the past year to give us insight into ways we've grown and areas we need to grow. Unfortunately, our spiritual formation in Christ does not happen automatically with the passing of time, it requires intentionality on our part to partner with Holy Spirit in the transformation process.

The Apostle Paul, in Romans 12 reminds us *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

Being a living sacrifice is the ongoing process of dying to self in order to live by the life of Jesus who lives in

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## ***Making All Things New...***

you. What areas of your life did Holy Spirit invite you to die this last year where you were successful in following Him? As you reflect on the year to come, what areas of your life is Holy Spirit asking you to lay down to draw nearer to Jesus?

Our spiritual worship is a life lived loving God and loving others. As you reflect on the past year, how worshipful were your everyday moments? How did you do at following Jesus through your day instead of looking back on your day and hoping Jesus was with you? What is one main area of your life where you would like to see become regular spiritual worship, loving God and others?

Being conformed to something often happens from the outside in. The Apostle Paul warns us to not be conformed by the world. Thinking back on this year, how have you been more shaped by the world, popular opinion, social media, politics, or entertainment than by the Word of God? What is affecting you from the outside that is creating “thick spaces” between you and God? What do you gain by not letting those things go?

Instead of being conformed by the world, Paul tells us to be transformed to the mind of Christ. The Greek word for transformed is metanoia, we get the English word metamorphosis from this word. Another translation for metanoia is repent. Paul is telling us to repent of our selfish thinking, to be transformed in the way we think to the way Jesus showed

us how to think. What most influenced the way you think over the past year? What are your information feeds? How are your information feeds forming your mind and your life? What is Holy Spirit inviting you into in the new year with your thought life? What information feeds is Holy Spirit leading you to turn off? What is He leading you to spend time meditating on? In honest reflection how is your relationship with the written Word of God which points us to the living Word of God? What steps will you begin to take to allow the written Word permeate your mind?

As you reflect on 2022 and look forward to 2023, use the opportunity to invite Holy Spirit to reveal the places in your life where He is inviting you into making your life new in the new year. May it be a year of metamorphosis in your life as you seek to know Jesus more fully and to walk with Him moment by moment in your everyday life of loving God and others.

Moment by moment with Jesus,  
Bret Thorson  
Discipleship Pastor

## We Are Here For 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 you may tap [here](#), or contact the church office by [email](#) or phone, 206-243-4333.

## Young Adults

Looking back on 2022, we were a smaller group, but we experienced enormous spiritual growth in the individuals who call YA HCC home. It has been a lot of fun getting to live life, pray for, and learn together. Looking to 2023, we look forward to growing closer and spiritually stronger as we seek to have opportunities to serve the local Church, the community, and each other. We are also looking forward to the various fun events do together.

Starting in 2023, every first Thursday of the month we will do a social event to build community and strengthen that community through normal services the rest of the month. Due to camps and conferences in February our YA meeting schedule will be a little different, so be sure to check the calendar.



### **SAVE THE DATES**

Thursday, January 5th 6 - 8PM | Bowling — \$22 Meet at Family Fun Center

Thursday, February 9th 7 - 9PM | AMC Movie Theater Meet at AMC South Center

Thursday, February 2nd and 23rd NO Young Adults | Josh Gone



## Upcoming Youth Trip

### LEAVENWORTH DAY TRIP:

Register January 1st - 11th on the HCC App!

Our Youth Ministry is heading over to Leavenworth to enjoy the shops, do some snow tubing, and make memories. Students need to bring a minimum of \$20-25 for lunch and dinner, and also spending money for snacks, souvenirs, and other treats from the shops.

Space is limited to the first 45 students registered, so be sure to sign up January 1st to get your spot! Once you have officially signed up through the HCC App you will receive a confirmation email with more detailed information about scheduling, what to bring and information about the event. Transportation will be provided by HCC adult leaders and parents.



## Youth Ministry

We are on Christmas break and will begin regular Youth Services again on January 4th 2023!



Our weekly youth gatherings have been very successful, in terms of numbers and personal and spiritual growth. Our music team has been slowly growing with students getting more involved with singing or playing an instrument. We are thankful for 2022 and all of the wonderful and yet challenging things it brought for our Youth Ministry.

As we look forward toward 2023 we are expecting God to move in powerful ways in our normal everyday lives, especially at our upcoming Youth Winter Camp in February!

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing Adult Youth leaders! They are the real, behind the scenes, champions and are so supportive, helpful, encouraging, and incredible people who love God, the local Church and teenagers.

### YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Youth Ministry just celebrated Christmas with an amazing Christmas Party planned by the student leaders. We all had fun, ate a lot of snacks, played games, danced, made memories at the photo wall, wore ugly Christmas sweaters, and laughed with our friends! It was a night of hanging with new and old friends making memories for the years to come.



## Youth Ministry

### SAVE THE DATES

*Registrations and Event  
Calendars available on the  
HCC App.*

Wednesday, January 4th  
6:30-8:30 2023 | First Youth  
Group in the New Year

Saturday, January 14th  
9AM - 9PM | Leavenworth  
Day Trip — \$20/25

February 2nd  
3PM - 5th 3PM | YOUTH  
WINTER CAMP — \$120

Wednesday, March 1st  
6 - 8:30PM | "Rep Your  
School Night" — Free at  
HCC

Friday, March 24th  
4:30 - 11PM | Winter Jam —  
\$15 High School \*ONLY\*

Sunday, March 26th  
Time TBD | Defy Seattle —  
\$22-25 Jr. High \*ONLY\*

### YOUTH WINTER CAMP

Thursday, February 2nd at 3PM - Sunday, February 5th  
at 3PM — \$120

**Register on the HCC App December 1st — January  
29th**



We are so excited to host our first ever Youth Winter Camp at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp in Mineral, WA. This is a Highline Christian Church Youth Ministry, 6th - 12th grade camp sponsored by our own leadership team. If you would like to help please contact Josh Ambrose for details.

**Transportation is provided!**



**2022** was a great year! Let's celebrate some of the things that God has done!

The Early Childhood Ministry has amazing volunteers who are sharing Jesus with the youngest Highliners! We have kids who are talking about Jesus at home. The children are hearing each week that they are loved by God and they are shown that Highline is a safe place for them to be. In June, our future kindergartners moved to Elementary to be welcomed with a special Bible. Early Childhood has studied the Fruits of the Spirit, forgiveness, and they learned how Jesus loves all of us.

The Elementary Ministry started in 2022 with a tiny group during the 9:00 service and it has grown to a group that sits down and studies God's Word together each week. We have a learning focus on who Jesus is. Kids are asking great questions, and thinking about what they have learned. The 9:00 kids have a passion for serving the Lord. They planned to support Operation Christmas Child and took time to make bracelets, keychains, and encouraging notes to be added into the boxes. They ended the year bringing coins to put towards serving God by helping buy golf balls for Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. We will start 2023 with collecting more coins so we can replace all the golf balls for the mini golf area. The 10:40 class has taken a walk through the Bible studying God's chosen people. We have responded to God in many ways this year! We have prayed, sat quietly to listen, wrote notes to God, read our Bibles, and worshiped through music. The Wednesday night group became 2 groups this year! We had the blessing of adding a program for Kindergarten through 2nd grade along with

our 3rd-6th Graders. The Wednesday night crew has become this sweet community of learners. They took a deep dive into God's Word. The older kids took the opportunity to practice creating a time to meditate on God's Word and memorize it in the last 2 months of the group.

Here are some of my favorite small moments this year:

- We had some kids decide they want to follow Jesus forever at camp
- Older kids served the younger kids at our VBS week
- We have a student that has been coming for 5 years and he is just now starting to join in for worship time.
- Kids are remembering God's Word
- The Elementary has some amazingly faithful volunteers. If anyone is absent, the kids notice and ask about it. The kids are building relationships with the volunteers.
- Older kids are stepping up to help the younger kids. They are being so kind and caring to make sure the younger students are seen and heard.
- Worship time has become really special. Students are requesting their favorite songs and asking their parents to find them at home too.
- The youth group on Wednesday night has joined us for worship, and we have joined them as well.
- Volunteers are empowering Kids to learn more about Jesus.

We are starting a New Year and I am looking forward to seeing what God will be doing in the lives of the families and the children of Highline.

Katie Taylor



## Operation Christmas Child

*Every month, there will be a Focus donation item listed in the Newsletter. These items can be placed in the bin in the south building Community Room or you can use the suggestions as a guide to slowly build your own box over the course of the year. All donated items will be used to build boxes next Fall. Thank you, in advance, for your donations and prayers throughout the year and for keeping abreast of ways to help Operation Christmas Child.*

*If you missed the announcement last month, Highline contributed **688** boxes during the 2022 Collection Season.*

*Our **January Focus Item** is **Stuffed Animals**. Having a soft, cuddly item can help comfort a lonely or fearful child. Costco sells an 8 pack of Squishmallow stuffed animals for \$21.99 during the holidays. These are a perfect size for Operation Christmas Child boxes and they are not sold year-round. If you can purchase one or more boxes, that will be greatly appreciated!*

*Feel free to contact Tammie Lindblom, 253-670-2386, at any point during the year with OCC questions.*



## World Outreach

### THE WYCLIFFE MINISTRY OF Todd & Susan Smith

The Bible is one of the oldest and most popular books of all time. But is it just a book, or is it much more?

We believe that the Bible is God's Word to us — something that everyone should be able to understand in a language and format that clearly speaks to their hearts. More than 1,600 languages around the world are still waiting for a translation project to start.

When people finally get Scripture in their own language, lives often change in amazing ways. People are transformed as they discover Jesus Christ and enter into a right relationship with God.

That's why Wycliffe Bible Translators exists — to help speakers of these remaining languages get the Bible for themselves. And we won't stop until all people have God's Word in a language they understand. Working toward this end, it takes many hands to make translations happen in any area of the world.

We at Highline Christian Church partner with Todd and Susan Smith in Papua New Guinea as they work as a support team to the translators.

The Smiths knew that God specifically called their family into global missions but didn't know how a construction



worker and an administrator could become missionaries. Through Wycliffe Bible Translators they found that they could become part of a team whose collective efforts enable the work of Bible Translation all over the world.

Todd and Susan along with their three sons (Andrew, Connor & Gavin) are excited to be back serving in support roles in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea. Todd is working with Construction & Maintenance while Susan is working at the Medical Clinic which provides medical care to ex-pat and national patients. The Smiths understand that Bible Translation takes a team. When you pray for or contribute financially to the work of Bible Translation, you become part of the team.

Please keep our Todd, Susan and their family in your prayers as they work to make the Gospel accessible to all peoples in Papua New Guinea.

*Lyla Moreland*



## Sermon Discussion Study

**Wednesdays**  
**9:30AM**  
**Room S-203**



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

## Retirees Breakfast & Fellowship



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

## Third Saturday Work Party

**January 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

## Sunday, January 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

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### Contact

Don Berg

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## Be In the Know

Wondering what is happening at HCC?

**Download our app today!**



## Groups

[Join](#) a HCC group where you may GROW, LIVE, & SERVE with others toward Jesus.



## Sermons

If you missed a service or would like to rewatch a past sermon tap [here](#).



## 2022-2023 Elders



**Bruce Ernst, Elder Chair**



**David Cowan**



**Tim Knight**



**Ralph Lane**



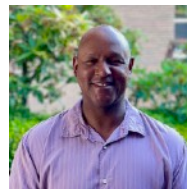
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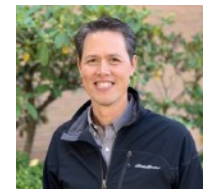
**Shawn Packard**



**Paul Smith**



**Chris Terry**



**Bret Thorson**



## Pastor Tim's Daily Podcast

Join Pastor Tim's daily podcast, [The2Greatest](#) (T2G) after the two greatest commandments to love God and others. They are only approximately 5 minutes long. We hope they will bless you. Listen in! You may access T2G by Facebook or our APP.



### 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

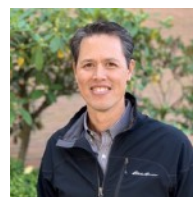
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Jan 21, 2023 all day

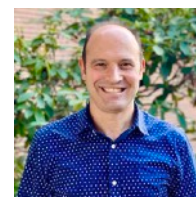
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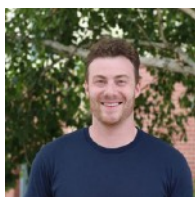
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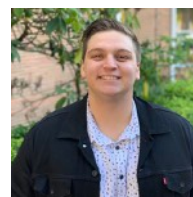
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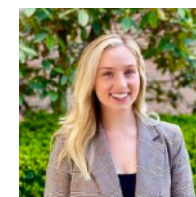
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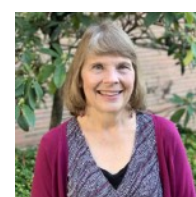
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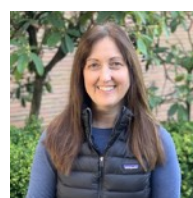
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