

# DISCIPLE DIGEST

Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

## HCC Offsite Parking How Can you Help?

- If you are able, please park at the Burien Park & Ride lot (a short walk west of the church lot), the strip between 150th & big 5 parking lot (east side of the strip only), or the Toyota Service lot just across the street.
- If you drive a vehicle and park in the main lot, please center your vehicle in the space or you may effectively take up two spots.
- If you drive a compact car, it would be helpful to park in a compact spot.
- If you have a disability and arrive early, it would be helpful if you parked in a regular spot because we almost always run out of handicap spaces.

Thank you for your willingness to help with our limited parking space!



## A Growing Love for Jesus Through His Cross

In preparation for Easter this year I have enjoyed slowly reading and meditating on the stations of the cross in the book *Unforsaken* by Bill Gaultiere. As I write this, I'm actually only about half way through the short little book, yet already I've been so moved by the story, the scriptures, the artwork, and the centrality on Jesus' life and mission.

Having grown up in a nonliturgical environment I was not really exposed to things like the stations of the cross and when I encountered images of the stations I often noticed them for their beauty but disregarded them as something I might find life from.

About five years ago, while staying at a retreat center I had the opportunity to sit with and take in a beautiful depiction of the stations. Though I still did not know anything about it, I slowly and prayerfully walked the path, pausing to reflect on each of the images in this A Growing Love for Jesus Through His Cross... (Continued)

rendition of the stations. I didn't understand what was happening in every station, however the love and passion of Jesus stood out in each one.

With each of the stations, Bill continues to draw me closer to Jesus in new and deepening ways. At the eighth station, Jesus comforts the weeping woman. Here I see the image of Jesus, already having been beaten and partway along the road to Golgotha. Though he is weak and knows what is still yet to come, somehow His amazing love and

mission continue to motivate Him to see and meet the needs of others. (Luke 23:27-28) Bill writes:

"When we see the terrible suffering of Jesus in his Passion probably we feel sad for him like these mothers did. The brutality is so gruesome and his pain is so overwhelming! We may start to feel depressed.

But there is another, deeper reality and Jesus redirects our vision to it. In effect, he says to the weeping women and to us: 'Look. I'm doing fine. My Father is sustaining me. I'm choosing to go to the cross for you. So don't cry for me - cry to me. Cry for yourselves and the people you know to be delivered of sin and to receive God's mercy.'"

I tend to identify with the sense of being overwhelmed at the passion of Jesus, and in self preservation I often find myself skipping to the end, skipping to the victory in the resurrection. In skipping ahead I cheat myself of the depth of life and love Jesus was displaying throughout every step on His way to His death. I love the way Bill paraphrased Jesus' words from Luke 23, "don't cry for me - cry to me." As much as my heart cries "for" Jesus and all He endured in the passion, He did endure extreme amounts of pain and anguish

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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](#).

## Food for Thought

The message we have and the lives we lead ought to permeate society and be a beacon of light in the approaching darkness.

Erwin W Lutzer



## A Growing Love for Jesus Through His Cross (*Continued*)

even to the point of death, Jesus invites us to cry out “to” Him. This is why He came, to display the amazing love of the Father and to be the one we can cry to in our hour of need in the depths of our sin and death to receive forever forgiveness and abundant life.

As we continue to move to Easter, to the celebration of the resurrection of our Savior and King, don’t be tempted to skip ahead. Instead, may you find space to meditate on Jesus’ long journey from the throne of Heaven to earth, from the manger to the temple, and from the temple to the cross. In each step of the way He is inviting us into loving, trinitarian relationship and reality. Will you enter in? May your heart cry out to Jesus this lenten season and Easter celebration to better know the man of sorrows who willingly endured all for you.

Happy Easter!

Bret Thorson

Discipleship Pastor



## 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.



## Sermons

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



## Groups

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



## 2023 All Church Campout



The Highline Christian Church 2023 All Church Campout is scheduled for the weekend of Friday, July 14, 2023 to Sunday, July 16, 2023.

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

We will begin accepting registrations for RV Sites, Tent Sites, and Cabins on April 1st. You can sign up on the Highline Christian Church app.

If you would like to be added to the All Church Campout Group to receive updates and other information about the campout please send me an email at [alanthompson@q.com](mailto:alanthompson@q.com) and I will add you to the group.

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

*Alan Thompson*

## Men by God

### THE DISCIPLES PRAYER

In last week's (March 15<sup>th</sup>) Men's Bible Study, we explored chapter 11 of Doctor Luke's gospel. It starts with an unidentified disciple (g3101. μαθητής mathētēs; from 3129; a learner, i.e. pupil) issues a simple request to his Rabbi: **"Lord, teach us to pray"**.



Jesus gives no introduction. No handouts. No PowerPoint presentation. He did not start with an illustrative parable. There was no beating around the bush. He was direct and used PLAIN GREEK (fortunately we have ESV) to SHOW US WHAT TO DO. He gave all his disciples within hearing distance, TO WHOM, HOW, AND WHAT TO SAY. Jesus had many prayers. This was one of them. Tradition tells us to call it the Lord's Prayer. Given the text, context (no pretext here) THE DISCIPLE'S PRAYER is a good alternative title.

**TO WHOM:** OUR FATHER. The true Father of Jesus. The person of God who sent his Son to die for our sins. By virtue of being a disciple of Jesus, one has the privilege (opportunity) to be a child of the Father. Jesus is giving an invitation to BE BORN AGAIN.

**HOW:** WITH REVERENCE. With knowledge by intellect and heart, that GOD IS HOLY.

**WHAT:** And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

*"Father, hallowed be your name.*

*Your kingdom come.*

*Give us each day our daily bread,*

*and forgive us our sins,*

*for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.*

*And lead us not into temptation."*

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Men's Ministry Leader





## Women in Touch

WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
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# Ladies Communittea

THIS IS A SPECIAL TEA FOR LADIES,  
DAUGHTERS, AND FRIENDS.  
REGISTER ON THE CHURCH APP

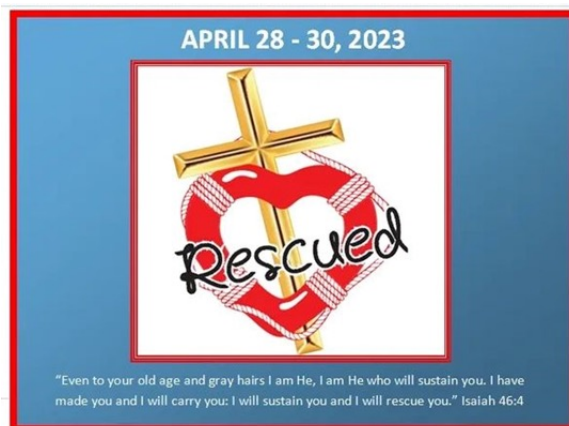
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11:00-1:00  
ADULTS: \$10  
CHILDREN: \$5



*Tea, hot drinks, finger sandwiches,  
salads, and desserts will be served*

## Women in Touch



- Held at Black Lake Bible Camp
- For all women 18 & above
- April 28-30, 2023
- Early Bird registration due to Patty Snell by March 28
- \$185 for all weekend
- One Night and Saturday registrations available
- Partial Scholarships available, see Patty Snell

The annual Northwest Christian Women's Conference is just around the corner and registration is in process. This is great opportunity to get to know and bond with women from Highline Christian Church, while also learning and worshipping with women from Christian churches throughout Western Washington. The Conference schedule includes four main sessions with worship and our featured speaker, break-out workshops of which participants choose four out of thirteen options, all meals beginning with Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, 2 ½ hours of free time with options offered by the camp, structured fun events on Friday and time with just women from our congregation on Saturday night.



STEPHANIE FREED

Our Featured Speaker is the co-founder and CEO of Rapha International, which is also our optional Service Project for the weekend.



Camp is in Olympia, WA. Carpooling is available.

Contact **Patty Snell at 206-650-0149** or see a Women's Ministry representative at the Atrium table to receive a brochure, turn in registration forms and Conference Wear forms, or ask questions. Do not mail forms directly. Turn in forms to Patty so that you will be housed with Highline.



## We Are Looking For You!



Welcome others to our community by joining a Team today.

From greeting people at the doors to the Welcome Center, ushering people to their seats, serving communion, or volunteering in the Parking lot ministry, HCC Ministry Teams need you.

For more information or to sign-up you may go through the App (tap on "More, "Connect" then "Connect With Us"), or contact Kim at the office at 206-243-4333.

## Young Adults

**Thursdays 7 - 9PM, N-201**

Every Thursday night from 7 - 9PM young adults ages 18-28 gather at the Church to worship, pray, have Biblical teaching, play games, and learn more about God. Our Young Adults program is slowly growing in numbers but the best part is the relationship building that we get to do every week. We encourage our young adults to serve every weekend as well. We have them serving with kids ministry, coffee ministry, worship, prayer teams, and tech ministry. Our teaching series has been very successful the last couple weeks. We have been talking through some essential things in life that most of us overlook like absolute truths, building character and consistency in the small things. This teaching series is called "Bigger Than You Think". We had an arcade night to start off the month of March which was such a fun time of laughing and enjoying each other. In April we plan to go roller skating together. Something else that I am excited about is we will be sending out care packages sometime soon to the college students who are part of our young adults group who call Highline home!



### SAVE THE DATES:

**Thursday April 6th, 8 - 9:30PM | Roller Skating — Meet at HCC 7:45PM for ride to and from 9:45PM Southgate Roller Ring | \$15**

**Thursday May 4th, 7 - 9PM | Mini Golf — Meet at HCC 6:30PM for ride to and from 9:30PM Tower lines in Tacoma | \$12**

**Thursday June 1st, 7 - 9PM | Axe Throwing — Meet at HCC 7PM for ride to and from 9:15PM Axe Kickers in White Center | \$20**



## Youth Ministry

We have been experiencing some incredible things in our Youth Ministry every Wednesday, 6:30PM - 8:30PM. If you know 7th - 12th graders invite them! We gather to worship God, learn about Jesus, grow in the knowledge of Christ, and build healthy community! About a year ago, one of our student leaders suggested we pray more every week. We are so thankful for her! Every week we have different students lead in prayer with the other students for things like local churches and hard topics. We started with Washington State counties and have since moved to each state in the US.



### Rep Your School Night:

On March 1st, Next Generation Youth hosted four local church youth ministries in the surrounding area at an event put on by our student leadership team called "REP YOUR SCHOOL NIGHT." The students who attended the event encountered God throughout the night. Students could connect with the Lord through the games, activities, and connect time. Boulevard Park Church provided great snack options and Hope Presbyterian Church provided the water, juice, and Capri Suns! Our creative highlight of the night was the 20ft. x 10ft. photo wall designed by our own student leaders. This photo wall was an innovative and a clever way for students to capture fun moments with friends and school classmates from different youth groups and REP their SCHOOL IN STYLE.



The visiting youth ministries joined us in the fun atmosphere planned out by our students leadership team. We started the evening out with games, snacks and conversation. We then transitioned to the service part of the evening which consisted of prayer for others, local schools, and each other. We also worshipped, heard a word from Pastor Josh, and spent time in personal reflection time.

The Next Generation youth student band led their classmates, friends and other local youth ministries in worship by encouraging others to join in praise to Jesus! The surrounding youth pastors led the students in a time of prayer over all the students' schools. We also had a designated time for high schoolers to pray over the middle schoolers and the middle schoolers to pray for the high schoolers school students.

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## Youth Ministry

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

### SAVE THE DATES:

**Saturday, April 29th, 9AM - 9PM | Girls Purpose Day — Cost \$10 \*ONLY GIRLS\* More Information / Registration Required via HCC App.**

**Sunday, April 30th, 12:30PM - 4PM | Game Day Guys — Cost \$10 \*ONLY Jr. High GUYS\* More Information / Registration Required via HCC App.**

## Operation Christmas Child

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).



Please feel free to be creative, making sure to note what cannot be included in the boxes. However, some good ideas **for boys** 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 (check the Dollar Store or IKEA), marbles, interactive toys (with extra batteries), gardening tools & gloves, 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.



## Early Childhood:

I want to introduce Chrissy Patton. Chrissy is stepping into the role of supporting the Early Childhood Ministry. She will be welcoming the youngest children into the EC area on Sunday mornings. If you are one of our amazing volunteers, she will be helping to schedule the volunteers. Chrissy attends Highline with her husband Ryan, and her 3 boys. Please take time to introduce yourself to her! She is excited to share Jesus with the children.



If you walk by the windows in the parking lot and see the Early Childhood classes in action, you will notice a lot of playing. Kids experience the world through play and relationships. The Early Childhood ministry may look like they are playing, but are engaging in God's word. A few Sundays ago, they learned that Jesus called Peter to be a fisher of men. The kids played with fishing poles and went on a fish hunt as play to connect to the story. Thank you to the amazing volunteers that are helping the children engage in God's Word in such an active way! Kids are hearing about God's love through music, art, lessons, and play.

## Elementary:

The Elementary Ministry is welcoming so many new families! I am seeing kids greeting each other and getting to know each other. As you check in your Elementary students, please take a walk through the Lodge and the check in area. We have posted some of the students



Worship Response art. We have been engaging with God through creativity. Many kids have been writing beautiful prayers and praises. We give kids a chance to hear from God, then respond to Him.



On Wednesday nights, the Elementary students can earn stamps for showing up, bringing their Bible, and learning their Remember Verses.

One of the big prizes kids can purchase with their stamp cards are Bible covers. We have had 8 students earn their Bible covers and more are saving up to buy theirs soon. The students are so excited to bring in their Bibles each week. We are using them as we look at what God's word is teaching us. Kids are so excited to share their Bibles. This is adding a rich discussion as we take the time to listen to each other. Many of the kids have different versions of their Bibles and we read and compare their different texts. It is creating a rich learning environment.



**Easter Sunday** will be an exciting weekend! We will have regular classes for the Early Childhood ministry and Elementary students both services.



A t-rex showed up for 3rd through 6th graders as they learned about dinosaurs and how God is our creator.







## Counter Culture in Portland



Portland is an eclectic collection of mavericks, misfits, pioneers & trailblazers. Its 2 million+ population accounts for half of Oregon, ranking it as the 2nd largest Northwest city.

Distinguished by its natural beauty and quirky, innovative culture, Portlandia is decidedly *not* a community with spiritual roots or significant connections to any church, especially Christ's Church. That doesn't reflect a lack of effort by existing churches. And it doesn't account for the numerous earnest attempts to start new ones.

It does confirm that young, secular, post-modern cities leading at the edge of cultural change are indifferent and even antagonistic toward spiritual values. Not surprisingly, The Huffington Post calls Portland "the most irreligious city in America".

Clearly, any plan to advance the Kingdom here must demonstrate the life and love of Jesus through teaching and actions counter to the city's secular culture. It must warmly appeal to those who have yet to hear a compelling case for faith in Christ.

That is precisely the strategy Jesse & Bekah Lusko will pursue. Through neighborhood outreaches, family dinners, and one-on-ones with neighbors, they are building toward the public launch of [Counterculture Church](#) this fall.

The CEA is partnering with the Orchard Group in supporting the Lusko's as they work faithfully to reach those yet to respond to the gospel here in the PNW. This represents our 10th Portland area planting partnership since 2000.

CEA has a new director! The former director, George Johnson, has decided to retire after many years serving with the Christian Evangelistic Association. We wish him well as he enters this new season of life. We look forward to working with CEA's new director, Toney Salva and his wife Stacie.



## World Outreach

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On June 22<sup>nd</sup> of this year Highline Christian Church will have a short term mission team going to Zimbabwe Africa. They will be working with Hippo Valley Christian Mission and are asking that Highline keep them in prayer as they serve the Lord abroad. When serving on a mission trip it is customary to share gifts with the mission group you are visiting. Highline's team is asking that you consider donating supplies to be given to the Dine clinic, children's schools and for the VBS in which they will participate.

Donna Stroop, the coordinator, has set up a registry through Amazon to make it easy to select donations.

When you click on an item, add it to your cart like usual. When you check out, it will give you the option in the addresses to send it c/o the Morelands. Their address is hidden for privacy reasons, but Amazon has it listed as the mailing address where the purchase will be sent.

### [Donate by Clicking Here](#)

I would like to thank Highline for their generous support of missions throughout the years.

In His Service,

Lyla Moreland



## Community Outreach

Thank you HCC families for your continual support to Transform. At this time we have an abundance of women's clothes and ask that you donate men clothes and food only until further notice. Thank you!

*Transform's* clothing bank serves some of our most vulnerable neighbors in need. We provide clothes and other essential supplies to those who are experiencing homelessness and poverty.

Will you help us refill our shelves? **We are in need of men's clothing!**

We need donations of men's jeans size 36 and under, all sizes of underwear, sweats, undershirts, men's belts, back packs, rolling suitcases, complete tent sets, and sleeping bags.

These items in particular are in low supply but in high demand among our guests. Although we are overstocked on most women's clothing at this time, we are also looking for women's leggings and sweat pants.

Donations can be brought to our facility at the old Sunnydale school (**15623 Des Moines Memorial Drive, Burien**) during the following times:

**Sundays** 2:00pm - 5:00pm

**Wednesdays** 11:00am - 3:00pm

**Fridays** 11:00am - 3:00pm

Please bring donations up the NORTH ramp and ring the doorbell. Do NOT drop off donations outside the facility at any other time. Our volunteers are available to receive your donations during the hours above!

Thank you so much for your generosity and support! Learn more about Transform's ministry at [transformoutreach.org](https://transformoutreach.org).



## Community Outreach



**Thursday, June 15, 2023**  
**Meridian Valley Country Club | Kent, WA | 11 a.m.**

Hey Highline Christian Church,

Registration is now open for our 9th Annual **Swing for Life Golf Tournament** held on June 15. This event is a great opportunity to enjoy a day on the green and partner with Care Net of Puget Sound in raising funds to provide care and hope to women and families in need!



Located at Meridian Valley Country Club, this Ted Robinson-designed course is an interesting mix of hills and flat tracts with the added challenge of over 50 sand bunkers and nine water hazards. This event is a great experience for every level of golfer.

**Scramble Format** | \$250 per player | \$1000 per foursome

Lunch and dinner are included in the registration cost.

Please contact us at 253-720-6386 or [email us](#) if you have any questions!

We look forward to seeing you on the green!

Ben Edwards  
Vice President of Church and Donors Relations  
Care Net of Puget Sound

P.S. We are currently looking for event sponsors. This is a great opportunity to invest in this life-affirming work. To learn more about our sponsorship opportunities, email us at [development@carenetps.org](mailto:development@carenetps.org).

[Register today!](#)



## 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

## Third Saturday Work Party

**April 15th**  
**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

## Encore (Seniors)

The March 14<sup>th</sup> potluck was the first of many opportunities to "hang out" and create new ways to serve the Lord. There was great food and sharing time, we will be having our next potluck on April the 11<sup>th</sup> in the Atrium. Please sign up on the APP or via email. Seniors who have not gotten their names on the roster please send in your name, telephone and email. The planning committee will be meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> for new events for the Encore Senior Group. Feel free to submit your ideas for events via the "Suggestions Form" on the APP under "Ministries" then "Encore Seniors".



Mark and Carol

## Retirees Breakfast & Fellowship



Seniors, join us at Pancake Chef for breakfast & fellowship Thursday, **April 13th, 8:30am**

## Women in Touch





## 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.

## Sunday, April 23 HCC Outreach Dinner Transform



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



## Be In the Know

Wondering what is happening at HCC?

**Download our app today!**



Scan to get our app today!

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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

April 22, 2023 all day

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## 2022-2023 Elders



**Bruce Ernst, Elder Chair**



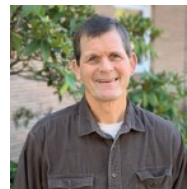
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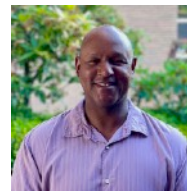
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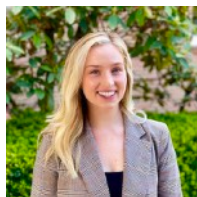
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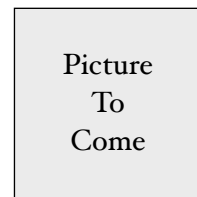
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