# DISCIPLE DIGEST

Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

### Congregational Meeting & Vote

HCC yearly congregational meeting will be held May 7 immediately following 2nd service.

Congregational Vote for HCC Members 15 years and older will be held May 20 & 21, before and after each service.

#### **Prayer Request?**

lf you have a prayer request our Prayer Team



would like to pray for you. You may enter your prayer request via HCC APP, <u>website</u>, or by clicking <u>here</u>. Our purpose as followers of Jesus is to love God and others in our everyday lives.

DISCIPLESHIP & ACCOUNTABILITY

# **Life-changing Relationships**

What was the last time someone had a major impact on your life? Maybe a better question might be: what was the last time you were paying attention to what was happening or being said through a relationship that had an impact on your life?



We are all privileged to have many different kinds of relationships, from the person you will only meet once, to the person who knows the worst parts of you and still loves you. What is amazing is the impact these people can have on our lives, especially when we are open to the working of Holy Spirit through the interactions.

It may seem surprising to you, but I am rather introverted and tend to struggle relationally, especially in crowds. I've been like this since I was a young child. Over the years I've grown in my abilities to be able to

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# Life-changing Relationships...

interact with others and to get more involved but this has required intentional prayer and practice.

A little over a year and a half ago I found myself at a gathering of people with whom I felt I did not belong. Pastor Tim and I had been at a conference and we were invited to a post conference gathering. When we arrived, I looked around the room and realized the place was full of the main speakers and workshop presenters from the conference. Talk about wishing I could become invisible. We were greeted very warmly and made to feel very at home, though inside I was very not at home. I made some small talk with some of the presenters I had met from the conference, soon I found myself standing in the kitchen by the food and looking for ways to help so I wouldn't have to talk to anyone. Then it happened.

A voice from across the room called out and invited me to join them in watching a football game. I don't really know anything about football and wasn't really interested in exposing my ignorance of the game, so I politely made an excuse and stayed in the kitchen. Not long after, the gentleman who had called out to me came into the kitchen, stood next to me, and started talking. Now, by talking with me I don't mean small talk. This man, of whom I did not even know his name, approached me and in a matter of moments dug deep into my soul.

After a year of meeting with this Godsent mentor, my identity in Christ had

drastically changed, and the proof was in the pudding. At the same conference the following year, Pastor Tim and I found ourselves back at the same post conference party. This time however, I was much more secure in who I was in Christ and I had no issue making my way around the room engaging in conversation with whoever was there. I was so at home and engaged in conversations that I didn't even make it to the food table this time.

It is impossible to live as a disciple of Jesus by yourself. Being a disciple implies more than one; I think that is partly why I have come to prefer the phrase "disciple of Jesus" over "Christian." The life of the disciple is lived following the life of our Master, Jesus. There are times in our lives where we live this life in somewhat solitary ways, but the reality is that when Jesus calls us to follow Him, He is not inviting us into an isolated life, rather He is inviting us into the life of His body, our faith-family. We live, learn, worship, and grow in the context of the body of Christ as brothers and sisters following our King. We are not perfect, but as we follow the example of Jesus and listen for the leading of Holy Spirit, we get to help each other grow in our identities as children of God who are hidden with Christ in God.

Jesus modeled lots of different kinds of relationships for us in the scriptures. There were those who encountered Jesus in passing and went away having experienced little change like the rich

young ruler or the host of the wedding banquet when Jesus changed water to

## 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 <u>here</u>, or contact the church office by <u>email</u> or phone, 206-243-4333.

# Groups

Join a HCC group where you may GROW, LIVE, & SERVE with others toward Jesus.



## Life-changing Relationships...(Continued)

wine. There are also those who met Jesus and had their lives turned upside-down such as the man possessed with the legion of demons who were sent into the pigs, or the Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well. These two are examples of people who met Jesus in passing and went away totally changed praising God and telling others all Jesus had said and done for them.

Then, there are the groups of people who gathered around Jesus and followed Him faithfully as He went about His life in the Kingdom as His Father intended. Lazarus, Mary, Martha, Zacchaeus, and many others followed Jesus and as they did, they also began to understand what life in the Kingdom of God looked and felt like.

Finally, there are those who were closest to Jesus, His immediate disciples, who followed Jesus closely for three years leaving everything behind to take on the easy yoke of Rabbi Jesus. These men were drastically changed and helped others come to follow Jesus' life His Kingdom by the way they came to live their own lives in submission to their King.

God is constantly at work in our lives forming and transforming us to the image of His Son, and He does this largely through our relationships with others. Who do you have in your life who is helping you to grow in your identity as a child of God? Who are you walking with and helping to grow in their identity as a child of God? How can you build and foster life-changing relationships in your life as a disciple of Jesus?

May you find ways to connect with others and grow with Jesus each day.

Moment by moment with Jesus, Bret Thorson Discipleship Pastor

## 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.

# 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 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

## Pastor Tim's Daily Podcast

Join Pastor Tim's daily podcast, <u>The2Greatest</u> (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 <u>here</u>.



# **Be In the Know**

Wondering what is happening at HCC?

#### Download our app today!



# **Young Adults**

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 slowing 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 things like absolute truths, building character and consistency in the small things.

We had a unique experience at our last YA event, to say the least. We had planned to go roller skating and instead we ended up bowling. The reason why is the night we had planned to go was 21+ and we had serval Young Adults who



aren't 21 yet and thankfully we found a local bowling place and had a fantastic time bowling, laughing and making memories together.

#### SAVE THE DATES:

Thursday May 4th, 7 - 9PM | Mini Golf – Meet at HCC 6:30PM for ride to and from 9:30PM Tower lines in Tacoma | \$15

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



Our Youth Ministry meets every Wednesday 6:30PM -8:30PM. If you know any 7th - 12th graders invite them out. We gather to worship God, learn about Jesus, grow in the knowledge of

Christ, and build healthy community! Every week we have different student leaders lead in prayer for things like local churches and hard topics within the Wednesday night worship service. It has been such a blessing to see them grow in their abilities to pray in front others teens. We also have had several guest speakers within the last couple weeks. It has been great to see and hear from different perspectives. We are excited to get back int the SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS June 7th - August 30th from 6 -9PM this is our normal Youth Services but with an extra hour and more games!

#### WINTER JAM:

High School Students had a great time going to Winter Jam 2023, at the Tacoma Dome. Winter Jam is a Christian Concert where multiple bands



perform and there are a few keynote speakers. It was a ton of fun getting to go together. We ended up taking 22 students total. We enjoyed the music of Jeremy Camp, Cain, Andy Mineo, New Song, Ann Wilson and a few others, we had a great time together building friendships, experiencing a great concert and having fun the whole time!

#### **DEFY SEATTLE:**



Jr. High students got to go to Defy Seattle in Tukwila, WA. It was super fun, a great place to jump, laugh and get all the energy out in one place. We had lunch at Highline Christian Church before we left to the location. Once we got there it was a great time jumping, playing basketball, running up walks, going down slides, and of course the foam pits. We had about 25 students in total and it was an awesome time getting to spend a bit more time with theses Jr. High students.

# **Operation Christmas Child**



This month's focus is **Toys for Girls**. Toys need to be appropriate

for girls **ages 2-14**. Feel free to **be creative**!

#### Some ideas are:

jump ropes, balls, play jewelry, sewing kits (with fabric, ribbon, etc), craft kits - all types (kid size blunt tip scissors are ok, glue stick ok, non-liquid paints are ok -- NO liquid glue, paint in the miniature containers such as come in paint-by-number cannot be sent; only watercolor paint trays), puzzles, Etch-a-Sketch toys, solar calculators, card games, playing cards, dolls - all types (must be able to fit in a shoe box with other items, harmonicas or other musical instruments, mini Jenga, baby rattles, checker games, playdoh, travel 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, play or real cameras, battery operated radio, stickers.

Bring donated items to the Operation Christmas Child bin in the south building community room.

Please contact Tammie Lindblom, <u>ktsralindblom@comcast.net</u> or 253-670-2386 with any

Operation Christmas Child question.

# Youth - Save the Dates

Saturday, April 29th, 8AM - 11PM | High School Guys Danger Day — Cost \$20 \*ONLY HS GUYS\* More Information at Registration Required via HCC App.

Saturday, April 29th, 9AM - 9PM | Girls Purpose Day — Cost \$10 \*ONLY GIRLS\* More Information at 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.

Sunday, May 21st, 5 - 7PM | Roller Skating – Cost \$10 – This is a <u>"FAMILY EVENT"</u> – Please meet us at Southgate Roller Rink in White Center! No registration required for families planning on attending - just meet us there it will be \$10 per person at the door.

We are providing transportation for those whose parents aren't able to attend this event. Drop off at HCC 4:30PM - Pick up at HCC 7:30PM.

Sunday, June 11th 10 - 12PM | High School Graduation Sunday — We will be highlighting our graduation seniors. Please join us with cards, prayers & gifts.

Friday, June 23rd 5 - 10:30PM | House Party Cost is Free — More Information at Registration Required via HCC App.

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Over Easter, we were sharing about what Jesus did on the cross. We talked about how he took our place and we are now free from sin! One sweet boy said "That was so nice of Jesus!" I love his heart to recognize Jesus. Jesus died on the cross because of his love for all of us! Let's look for ways that Jesus is showing up in our lives all the time and recognize his character. His love for us comes through in many ways.

#### **Upcoming Dates!**

Friday, May 26th: 3rd through 6th **Grade Game night!** 5:00-9:00. Celebrate the 6th graders' promotion by having dinner and playing games together.

Wednesday, May 31 Last Wednesday Night group of the school year!

Sunday June 4th at 10:40. This will be **Promotion Sunday.** Parents of 6th graders are invited to stay for the service. We will be celebrating the 6th Graders last Sunday in the Children's Ministry. We will be praying for each 6th grader. After church, each 6th grader and their parents are invited to stay for lunch and get to know Pastor Josh and the Middle School youth group.

Wednesday June 28-Friday June 30: First Chance Camp at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. First Chance Camp is for students aoina into 1st through 3rd grade. All 1st graders



must have a parent attend camp. Register HERE! (Email Katie for the promo code to get a discount for being a Highline member)



#### Sunday July 16-Friday July 21: Jr

**Camp** at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. This camp is for students entering into 4th through 6th grade. Transportation will be available from church. Register HERE! (Email Katie for the promo code to get a discount for being a Highline member)

#### Monday July 31-Thursday August 3rd:

**VBS.** Our Vacation Bible School will be for children age 3 (and fully potty trained) through entering into 2nd grade. Registration will be coming soon!

# Women's in Touch





# **Encore (Senior's)**

**The April 11<sup>th</sup> potluck** we had guest speakers from the Burien Police Department. Community Service Officers: Michiko Wilson and Harjot Singh. Topics were being aware of your surroundings and not to be a victim. The other topic was addressing spam calls and emails.

#### GET YOUR GAME ON!!

For those who love competitions or just good old fun make sure to come to our May 9<sup>th</sup> game day. It will be held in the Atrium from 2 PM to 4PM. Bring your favorite snacks or desserts to share. RSVP on the APP.

Mark and Carol Maxwell



GriefShare

A few days after a memorial service, most of our family and friends return to their daily routines. Out of necessity or because they do not understand the deep, prolonged impact on our lives caused by the death of our loved one. This is where the GriefShare recovery support group steps in to help. With topics like "Is This Normal?", "Why?", "Guilt and Anger", "Complicating Factors", and "Heaven", you will begin to heal through the 13 weekly sessions.

Our next cycle begins on May 3rd continues through August 2nd, having the week of the July 4th off. Each session is self-contained so you can begin at any time, picking up the missed topic at any cycle. However, the sessions do build on each other as do our relationships with others in the class. Often, what begins with a room of grieveing strangers may result in great healing with the connection of our Lord, who is our Hope, and others walking the similar journey from mourning to joy.

We meet in the Great Room of the North Building on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. The only fee is \$20 for the workbook, and will be used for your first and any continuing cycles you may wish to attend. For more information visit the web site at griefshare.org.

Kris Turner and I co-lead the class. You may contact me directly or the church office.

In His Grace, Mary Lathan 206-694-3112

# World Outreach

#### **FOCUS ON MISSIONS**

Highline Christian Church has for many years supported many missionary works. There are so many more throughout the world that need support. HCC's World Outreach would love to support them all but that is just not possible. Because of this we will periodically highlight mission groups that our congregation may be interested in privately supporting. This month's mission is North India Christian Mission.

NICM - North India Christian Mission serves in the Northwest of India. The NICM Compound is located in Barwala near Chandigarh which is the capital of the two states, Haryana and Punjab.

North India Christian Mission (NICM) was established in 1997. The mission functions under the leadership of a US Board of Directors operating out of Indiana along with a Board of Directors in India. Simmi Dhingra is the Mission Director.

Evangelism & Church Planting

#### Disciple Makers – Winning the lost at any cost



Evangelism and church-planting are the number one priorities of NICM. India has a population of over 1.27 billion and only 2.3% are Christians. The Pastors and staff of NICM are dedicated to bring the Gospel to those people who have not yet heard, and they are on fire to bring lost souls to Christ.

#### SCHOOLS

The Barwala Christian School, under the sponsorship of North India Christian Mission and located in Barwala, India, is a co-educational day boarding school for orphans, semi- orphans, and socially and financially deprived children from the northwest region of India. Our first school was started in 1997 with just eleven students and one



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teacher. In 2004 the school was recognized by the Government of Haryana State and follows the State Syllabus. Children can start in Kindergarten and study through High School. Today there are 250 students plus teachers and ground staff at the main campus in Barwala.

In India's slums children and adults are being educated through NICM basic education classes. Our Pastors, along with church volunteers, are teaching students through the 4th grade level. After passing their 4th grade the students are eligible to enter government schools where they can study to receive a high school degree. While in the NICM schools they are introduced to Christ. This has brought wonderful changes into their lives and often they become Christians. Some of them have brought their entire families to know the Lord.

NICM reaches out in many other areas such as: Leper colony outreach, sewing centers for women, medical clinics, feeding the hungry & disaster relief. If you want to get involved and help create a better tomorrow for the people of northern India, go to their website below for more information.

North India Christian Mission PO Box 1823 Martinsville, IN 46151 Email: <u>nicm.mission@gmail.com</u> Website: https://nicmission.org

# Sermon Discussion Study

Wednesdays 9:30AM Room N-106



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, **May 11th, 8:30am** 

# Third Saturday Work Party

#### May 20th 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, May 28th 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





Welcome New Members

Paulo & Hannah Asi





Bruce Ernst, Elder Chair



David Cowan



Tim Knight



**Ralph Lane** 



**Gregg Louvier** 



Shawn Packard

#### Worship Service Times

Saturdays - **6:00**pm Sundays - **9:00**am & **10:40**am

**Contact Us** 

<u>Phone:</u> 206.243.4333

<u>Website:</u> highlinechristian.org

Email: office@highlinechristian.org

#### **Office Hours**

Sunday - Wednesday 8:30-2:30 (*Out for lunch 12pm - 1pm*) Thursday 8:30-Noon

**Next eNewsletter Deadline** May 20th, all day



Paul Smith



Chris Terry



**Bret Thorson** 

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