# 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 via HCC APP, website, or here.

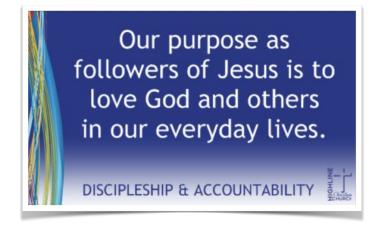
#### Let's Ponder



Pressure reveals where you are at. If you are struggling in something it may be God is wanting you to intentionally work that something out.

Ask Father for wisdom.

2 Peter 1-15



# **Loving God Loving Others**

# Why are small groups so important to a person's spiritual health?

Last month I wrote about the idea of "one-anothering," the idea that Jesus wants us to do life together in relationship with him and with others. One-anothering is all about meeting the needs of others, we do this in small groups of two or more.

In John chapter 13 Jesus says, "<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

A basic definition of love, Agape love, is to put the needs of someone else ahead of your own. We see this in Jesus' love for us to endure the cross for our benefit.

At the end of Matthew 12, Jesus is in a home and has been teaching for many hours without rest or eating.

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# **Loving God Loving Others** (Continued)

His family, mother Mary and his brothers, arrive outside concerned for his wellbeing. They want him to come out to rest and get food. Someone tells him they are there and here is how he responds:

<sup>48</sup>But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup>And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>50</sup>For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

In this brief teaching, I love how Jesus is saying, by doing the will of my father, you are bound together in a very relational group, a family.

These two teachings are answers to each other, How do I do the will of the father? Love one another. How do I love one another? Do the will of the father. They are bound together.

I think it is helpful to look how this plays out in small groups. As an example, let's apply this to a Serve group, greeters. How do greeters show love for one another, what need to fulfill? Making people feel welcome when they arrive at church, helping those who need assistance and direction for those who need to know where to go. It is the will of the father that we show hospitality and make disciples.

How about a Growth group? Let's look at the marriage group I led last year. The need we met was helping couples see God's purpose and design for marriage and how to maintain

that marriage. We also talked through struggles that come up in marriage and we prayed for each other's marriage. It is the will of the father that we honor the covenant of marriage, by enriching marriage we elevate it for us and others.

Now let's look at a Life group. A life group has many examples of how we meet needs, just a couple are praying for each other, helping with needs identified, walking with each other through hard times, and we help each other see how God might be working in each situation. It is the will of our father that we love each other and grow in our faith.

Our groups are different from the groups you are part of outside the church. While they have purpose and are necessary, they are not anchored in loving one another and doing the will of the father as their primary forming purpose. The purpose of those groups will be shaped by the company, club, or activity sponsoring it. At Highline we are seeking to create environments for life-changing relationships encouraging each other in our walks to Christlikeness.

So why is this important? For me, this is important when I prioritize my days. I want to make sure I am serving others in a serve group, growing my faith and knowledge in a growth group, and doing life with others in a life group.

What groups are you a part of? How are you going about loving others and doing the will of the Father in community? This August and September you will have an opportunity to begin getting connected in relationships to help you grow with Jesus. See you there!

Mike Hobby

# Tom Barnes Ben Kirkham Annual Golf Classic

We are pleased to announce that the annual Highline Christian Church Tom Barnes Ben Kirkham Golf Classic is back and scheduled for August 12 at North Shore Golf Course. The event is sure to be a great day for church members and guests to come together. The purpose of the tournament is to promote golf, fellowship, and good sportsmanship.



Please find the details and benefits of participating and register as soon as possible and prior to August 5.

#### Fun, Food, Fellowship and Golf

August 12, 2023

8:00 AM TEE Time

North Shore Golf Course Tacoma/Federal Way map

- Affordably priced at \$82.50 per golfer
- Range tokens included (7:00-7:40 AM)
  - All players meet at 7:50 AM
    - Buffet after the round
- · Hospitality tent for friends and family
  - Opportunities for sponsors
- Opportunities for non-golfing helpers (food, photographers, slide show "producer," other)

Tournament Sign Up Here

For more information contact Gary Macon 425-941-8677, or Ferd Proano 206-294-4197



# **Young Adults**

Young Adults has completed their 6 week study on John Mark Comer's 'Ruthless Elimination of Hurry', which focuses on creating a rhythm of life centered around spending time with Jesus. Through our book study we are encouraging each other to put into practice the art of a Sabbath, to rest, worship and abide in Christ and make HOLY a day, or a piece of a day in the midst of our week that rushes by.



The month of July was full of summer activities! Including a joint church BBQ, lake day in partnership with four local Young Adult church groups. Highline Young Adult group attended a Friday night Mariners fireworks game, hiked Rattlesnake Ridge and spent a Thursday night group on Angle Lake for some more water time. Some members learned how to paddle board, use a peddle boat or kayak for the first time. One highlight was having Thursday night worship on the beach while watching the sunset and having dockside small groups.



A few individuals and leaders participated in a "Ragnar Race", which is a running relay course over 200 miles from the Canada Peace Park Arch to Whidbey Island. Challenging, team-building, cardio-building and full of encouragement. We praise the LORD for bodies that can run. August events include bowling, end of summer college send off and berry picking!

YA will continue to meet Thursday nights with dinner starting at 6:30 pm. For more information, reach out to Chanel or Tyler at <a href="tyler@highlinechristian.org">tyler@highlinechristian.org</a>.

### **Next Gen Youth**

#### **SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY:**

We are excited to host our "SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS" June 7th - August 30th from 6 - 9 PM. This is our SUMMER Youth Service gathering, with more games, more time to hang out, build friendships, and to grow in our walk with Christ. We have fun, worship, teach from the Bible, small groups, and much more every week. We love worshiping, praying, and small groups.





#### **FRUIT NIGHT:**

We had a tremendous themed night with another local youth group called FRUIT NIGHT! We had fruit to serve, we smashed expired fruit, we dressed up as fruit, and we had a message on the fruit of the Spirit and what it looks like to live a Christian life that produces fruit that lasts. It was a GREAT Summer Night, a ton of fun, friendship, laughter, games, and worship! It was indeed a night to remember.

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH, 4:30PM - 11PM — YOUTH CRAWL | FREE

This event is progressively moving, meaning we will travel to the greater Burien area for the evening. Registrations are required and will be available July 15th - August 18th via HCC App. Once you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email on what you need to bring and the schedule for the day. We are joining other local youth ministries for this event 4:30 PM - 11 PM. HCC will provide transportation between locations. We will have to drop off at "Arbor Heights Community Church" — Pick up at "Olympic View Swim and Tennis Club" Games at "Arbor Heights Community Church" and then we will drive over to "Boulevard Park Church" for dinner, then to "Highline Christian Church" for worship, then to "Hillside Christian Church for Dessert," then off to the Pool until 11 PM. We did this event last August, which was a total blast; we are excited to do this again!

#### Wednesday, September 6th — NO YOUTH SERVICE

Josh and Leah want students to get to school and have an open day to get back into to a healthy rhythm.

Wednesday, September 13TH, 6:30-8:30PM — WE ARE BACK

Our school year time is back, 6:30-8:30 PM we are glad to be back after summer.



### **Next Gen Kids**



# What is the measure of a "good camp"?

When I was a teen, the biggest question after camp was "how many baptisms were there?" The more baptisms, the more successful the camp was. In July,

Highline took 34 campers and 9 amazing volunteers to spend the week at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp with other campers from churches around the Northwest. The students spent the week diving into God's Word as we looked at how God is different. We looked at examples in the Bible of people who

lived their lives for God and how it went against the culture. We looked at people that took risks to share their faith. We spent our evenings hearing from speakers and then responding to what God is calling us to do. Our camp was measured not in the number of kids



going or the number of kids who were baptize, but in the ways Jesus showed up in the lives of the campers.

During the week we saw a camper come on the first day hating worship and trying to walk out the door and by the last day, he stayed in for the whole song time and joined in singing. We had a few bee stings and watched a camper who was stung, calm herself down and bring comfort to another child who got a sting. The boys at camp had a special lesson on what it means to be a man who follows God. There were 2 boys in line at the Canteen store and they let

every girl go in front of

them and by the time they got to the front of the line, the snack they wanted was sold out. They were not upset and they picked something else and felt like it was worth the sacrifice. We played a game called Bible

Smugglers where kids got to pretend they were missionaries and bringing Bibles into a new land to share about Jesus with the townspeople (the counselors all had different roles in the game. Some were open to hearing about Jesus and others were not open to hearing about Jesus.) One camper gave a Bible to the missionary in the town and then said "I am going to go get arrested, so I can share Jesus with the jail guard." We had kids ask hard questions about God and who he is. We have kids ready to come back to church and take a baptism class together too.

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### **Next Gen Kids**

Camp is a unique ministry! We get to play hard, worship hard, and wrestle through hard things together. Kids build community and get to meet new friends from other churches. Kids get to hear from many different speakers. What makes camp be a "good camp" is that we get to all learn about how good God is!



#### Our camp statements for the week were:

God is different

I am a child of God, completely loved by God
God is who he says he is, and he will do what he says he will do
I am being transformed by God into the image of his Son
I am living my life, undignified, for the glory of God
Get used to different!

# Summer is half over, and fall will be here soon!

Our Wednesday Night Program for kids who are in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will return on September 27<sup>th</sup>. September is such a big transition for our students. We are delaying our meetings until later in the month to allow everyone to get used to the back-to-school routines. When we get back to the midweek group, we will meet from 6:30-8:00pm. We play group games from 8:00-8:30 if you would like your student to stay a little later.

# **Operation Christmas Child**

We are quickly approaching the Packing Season for Operation Christmas Child, an opportunity to fill shoe boxes with needed and desired tangible items that show and accompany the message that children across the world are loved and cared for by not only God Almighty, but another human as well.



We have been collecting items all year long: Stuffed Animals, Socks, Toothbrushes, Toys for Boys, Toys for Girls, Soccer Balls & Pumps, Wash cloths and Soap, and now this month: **Flashlights & Batteries.** I will, also, highlight next month's Focus Item: **School Supplies** because you will all come across Back-To-School sales at a different time.

**Flashlights & Batteries** give children a tangible "light in the darkness". Many live in physical or emotional darkness and the light of a flashlight can penetrate their life and environment in a way that can bring comfort. Flashlights don't need to be large. Wal-Mart sells a 10-pack of flashlights for \$10. They are often sold from a locked glass case, so be sure to ask an employee if you want to provide these and can't find them. Batteries are sold in bulk at Costco and can provide what is needed for multiple flashlights.

Next month, we will focus on **School Supplies**, but in case you come across some great sales before then, the items most needed are 1) "Things to Write On" such as spiral bound notebooks. Journals, notepads, and notebook paper are also good options. For the 2-4 year olds, coloring books are a good option. 2) "Things To Write With" is the other important category. If choosing between pens and pencils, please provide pencils. Not only do kids like to erase, but in many cases they have to erase to make their paper last longer. All pencils should be sharpened and should be accompanied by a large pink or white eraser and a pencil sharpener. Other writing materials, in addition to pencils, are crayons, colored pencils, and markers. If you are including glue, it must be a glue stick and not liquid glue. If you are providing scissors, they can be included but must have short blades and be blunt-tipped. Additional helpful supplies are pencil pouches or backpacks. Dollar Tree has backpacks that are thin and easy to fit into a shoe box. IKEA, also, has some that can be rolled small and have been on an extremely great sale in the past. Look for these types of treasures as you choose what to put into your own box or what you can donate for boxes packed with church-wide donations.

In many countries, students can't attend school unless they provide their own school supplies and school opens up even more opportunities for them.

Thank you for your contributions toward the Operation Christmas Child ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Tammie Lindblom at 253-670-2386 or ktsralindblom@comcast.net.



# 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 <u>here</u>.



# **Third Saturday Work Party**

### August 18th 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



# What is happening at HCC?

Be in the know

Download our app today!



# **Encore (Seniors)**



# **Retirees Breakfast & Fellowship**

Seniors, join us at Pancake Chef for breakfast & fellowship Thursday, Aug 10, 8:30am





# We Are Looking For You!



Welcome others to our community by joining a Team today.

From greeting people at the doors to the Information Counter, 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 HCC App or contact Kim at the office at 206-243-4333.

# Women's in Touch

Come join us on Saturday, August 5,
1:30-6:00 for Photographic Memories.
This is an opportunity to scrapbook
together or even just organize your
photos in a social setting. Please RSVP
and bring your own consumable
supplies and scissors. Tools will be
available to share. We will meet in the
south classroom of the north building.
Please call Tammie Lindblom at
253-670-2386 to RSVP and for entrance
to the building on August 5.



# 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.

# **Groups**

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



# Grieving the Loss of a Love One?



# Join us at GriefShare to begin your journey of healing!

GriefShare is a support group featuring hope and healing after the death of a loved one.

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you are alone. Few people understand how painful and isolating your grief can be. But that doesn't mean you have to grieve by yourself. At GriefShare, you will find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your walk. You will find support, direction, and guidance on how to make it through your journey of mourning to joy.

At each of the thirteen weekly meetings, you will hear insights from experts via video, meet and help others who understand what you're going through, receive comfort and support and learn practical tips for navigating your grief.

Our next cycle featuring the new GriefShare 4.0 will begin on September 6th and end on December 6th. We will have sign-up tables in the atrium during the weekend of August 26th and 27th and September 2nd and 3rd. You may also attend any meeting and sign up at that time.

Questions? Phone Mary Lathan 206-694-3112 or Kris Turner 206-687-0987

### World Outreach

Around the globe there are daily disasters and emergencies that plague the nations of the world.

Some natural - tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes

Others the result of man – war and hence famine and people displacement. Through all of these events...



#### INTERNATIONAL DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICE is there to provide Help & Hope

IDES exists to meet physical and spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world in the name of Jesus Christ

#### **EVANGELISM**

Our primary goal is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in everything we do.



#### **DISASTER RESPONSE**

IDES works in partnership with Christ's servants around the globe to care for victims of natural disasters.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

IDES' mission partners help people create a better future for themselves and their children by providing them with a "hand-up" instead of just a "hand-out".





#### **HUNGER RELIEF**

We fund both long and short term hunger relief efforts, providing nutritious meals for those in need.

#### **MEDICAL CARE**

We provide medical supplies, equipment, prescription medications, vitamins, and other materials requested by mission partners worldwide.





### World Outreach



Thandy, the driving force of Prevention Time in South Africa reported last week, that her mother's house near Ladysmith burned down. It is suspected that it was from an unattended candle they were using because of the extended power outages due to the electrical grid failing. Thankfully everyone got out alive. Home insurance is nonexistent there so everything is just a total loss. Thandy's mother had a stroke about 5 years ago and also has dementia, so she isn't able to take care of herself and isn't fully aware of what's going on. She has a paid caretaker who lives in the home with her. There are cultural expectations in South Africa and, if the home can't be repaired, Thandy should take her into her own home, which is only a small apartment and already very cramped. They are also gone most of the day, plus many weekends because of the Prevention Time Ministry. The best option is to make the house livable again. After the fire, Thandy & Emmanuel were able to survey the site. She got a quote to repair the house, and it is around 18 Rand per dollar. That makes it about \$5,442 US. It is hoped that an offering will be collected to help with these expenses. Since this is a personal issue outside the ministry of Prevention Time, Highlines' World Outreach is asking that Highline members might contribute anything to offset expenses. If God places this on your heart, donations (checks) can be sent to:

Prevention Time 30020 2<sup>nd</sup> Ct. S. Federal Way, WA 98003 ("House fire" on memo line) OR online: <a href="https://preventiontime.org/donate/">https://preventiontime.org/donate/</a>

Phone- Lorna Packard: 253-946-5953 for questions about online giving









# **Community Outreach**



Greetings Church Family,

It is with great happiness that I invite all of you, especially young people to come celebrate a Godly story-time that I am hosting Saturday, August 5th at noon.

It is called, "See You At The Library".

"See You At The Library" is a free nationwide story-time designed to promote Godly principles of love, faith, forgiveness, teamwork, etc.

This event begins at noon in the multipurpose room of the Burien Library, 400 SW Street, Burien WA 98166

Here is a website to learn more about this nationwide event sponsored by Brave Books.

https://youtu.be/K43zsw2FYKI

#### **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Please feel free to call me at 206 824-6973 (Landline) if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing YOU at the library!

Janette Nuss

If you would like more information regarding Brave Books Book Club, click here.

# **Community Outreach**



# 2023 Pleasant Valley Christian Camp Mattress Replacement Fundraiser

Take up thy bed and walk!

John 5:8 - Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."



Pleasant Valley Christian Camp would like to replace all of the lower bunk mattresses in our Cedars & Pines cabins, the Lodge, and the A-Frame. We want to do this in time for our 2023 summer and fall camps and retreats and we need your help.

Along with our incredible programs for children and adults to learn more about Jesus and to grow their relationship with Him, PVCC offers a beautiful natural setting, fun activities, and great food. We would also like to ensure that campers of all ages have a restful night's sleep! The current mattresses need to be replaced so that every one of our campers can drift off to sleep in comfort each night.

Our goal is to raise **\$8,700** over the next month. Will you and your church partner with us in this fundraiser? To contribute to this fundraiser, please mail a check (with "Mattress Fundraiser" in the memo) to:

Pleasant Valley Christian Camp PO Box 175 Mineral, WA 98355

You can also donate online at <a href="https://www.pleasantvalleycamp.org/support/">https://www.pleasantvalleycamp.org/support/</a> (add a note of "Mattress Fundraiser" before submitting your donation).

Please share this with your church leaders and anyone you know who loves camp and loves a comfortable, restful night's sleep!

For more information, contact us at <a href="mailto:office@pleasantvalleycamp.org">office@pleasantvalleycamp.org</a> or call us at (360) 492-3451

# Welcome New Members

Stacy Parris
Deleasha Vincent
Jacoby Jones

#### **Worship Service Times**

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

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#### **Office Hours**

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

#### **Next eNewsletter Deadline**

August 19, All Day

# Sunday, August 27th 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

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