



# The Bethel Lighthouse

## Season 1 - Episode 2 - April 2013

*Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.*

### From the Pastoral Staff

Pastor Jake is faithful and makes quite a few visits to those who don't get out much. He spends time reading Scripture and praying with them. Please pray for our dear Bethel folks; Alan & Delores Dow, Gordon & Jean Correll, Ben Westmoreland, Lovia Stolz, Billie Koch, Wes Summerville and Bill Hawkins

### Good Friday and Easter Sunday

On Good Friday, Bethel folks gathered for a very meaningful service, followed by an all night prayer vigil. It was good to sing and pray, all the while, remembering what price was paid for our salvation many years ago. Deen Hawkins says it was a time of refreshment in the Lord and it made her stop and think. The prayer walk was also meaningful.



There was quite a celebration here on Easter as once again the congregation participated in the "Flowering Of The Cross". This has become a beautiful tradition in the last few years. The Bethel Choir sang "In The Shadow Of The Cross" and the Worship Team led us in some wonderful music. There was a record attendance of 138 people on Easter Sunday. Praise God and congratulations to Brian White who was baptized on this day. Brian said that when he accepted Christ as his Savior, "a burden was lifted and the world was not such a horrible place any more". He adds, "my life is different now." Pastor Wes always asks "Who is next?"

### Children's Corner

Children learn from what they see. Recently, I had the opportunity to "drop by" the Children's Church in the Annex. The idea of Children's Church is to make it as much like the adult experience as possible but also to make it age appropriate and keep the kids interested. All the elements of worship are present; music, offering and even a short "sermon". The kids learn about missionaries and also what country they are from. There is also an emphasis on memorizing Scripture verses. A "points" system in place (encouraging good vs. bad behavior) for kids to earn prizes and sometimes even money. They can choose to put their money in the offering or use it for something special. The careful attention to detail is truly



impressive. If you ever get the chance, go see what really happens in Children's Church. And of course, volunteers are always welcome!

### The Women In Our Lives

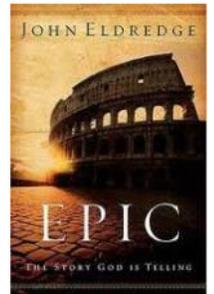
Bethel Women's Ministry as an undercurrent that flows throughout the church. Many times, folks are unaware of what the women do but things get done just the same.



A recent project was to do some gardening around the church building. The women spent a Saturday morning weeding and pruning bushes, etc. After working for a few hours, a great lunch was served. Thanks to everyone who came and participated. There is also a second "Garden Party" planned for Saturday May 18th. Enjoy Spring and the nice yard work. And don't forget "Second Saturday Sewing Circle" on May 11th. Also, the Delta Neighborhood Project is happening on Saturday April 27th. Contact Kim @ (425) 918-1022 or check out the bulletin insert.

### The Good Men of Bethel

The Wednesday night Men's group (meeting at 5:30 p.m.) is currently studying the book & video by John Eldredge called "EPIC - The Story God Is Telling". Here is a brief introduction to the book.



*Life, for most of us, feels like a movie we've arrived to forty minutes late.*

*Sure, good things happen, sometimes beautiful things. But tragic things happen too. What does it mean? We find ourselves in the middle of a story that is sometimes wonderful, sometimes awful, usually a confusing mixture of both, and we haven't a clue how to make sense of it all. No wonder we keep losing heart. We need to know the rest of the story.*

*For when we were born, we were born into the midst of a great story begun before the dawn of time. A story of adventure, of risk and loss, heroism . . . and betrayal. A story where good is warring against evil, danger lurks around every corner, and glorious deeds wait to be done. Think of all those stories you've ever loved—there's a reason they stirred your heart. They've been trying to tell you about the true Epic ever since you were young.*

*There is a larger story And you have a crucial role to play.*



## Awakenings Prayer Institute (API) & Retreats

Some may ask “what is “Awakenings Prayer” all about”? The seminars held each first Saturday of the month offer curriculum on Contemplative Prayer. The retreats present an epic opportunity to get away and really connect with God, concentrating on a manner of prayer that is truly life changing. *More to come in the next issue.*

**Theresa Schaudies** - API Administrator - “The reason that I continue to be involved is because I had a profound connection with God on the first retreat I attended.”

## Outreach and Missions

Steve & Diane Mosman continue to serve in Papua, Indonesia until April 24th. Despite some illness at the beginning of their time there, Steve has been building furniture and painting walls. Diane’s English classes have been very successful and she is “inspired” as she plans and teaches. They appreciate very much the prayers of Bethel folks. It was really fun to talk with Steve & Diane via Skype during a recent worship service. They will have plenty of stories to tell when they get home.

## News from the Church Council

- There are between 12-14 kids who come to Sunday School and Children’s Church each week.
- Mary Hoppa has begun a Sunday School class for 5th grade students.
- Did you know that Bethel is providing housing for our National Guard men once each month?
- Thanks to everyone who participated in the Ground Zero Pancake Feed. There was \$432.00 raised for the annual summer camping trip.

## Quote of the Day

**“The Lord frequently appears to save his heaviest blows for his best loved ones,..The Gardener prunes his best roses with utmost care.”** *Charles Haddon Spurgeon in Skoglund, Wounded Heroes, page 89*

**“When our prayers are lowly... by reason of despondency, the Lord will bow down to them, the infinitely exalted Jehovah will have respect unto them.”** *Charles Haddon Spurgeon in Skoglund, Wounded Heroes, page 96*



- Abe & Leslie are now living in their new house! Praise God for his provision.
- Don Ringman has begun hanging new doors for our Pastoral staff offices. We truly appreciate him!
- Please don’t forget the Church Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Sunday May 19th during the Sunday School hour. We will hear reports from Ministry Teams. Please begin writing them now.
- Praise the Lord for good church financials and God’s provision in increased giving.
- **“Bag Ladies Plus One”** Group spends Thursday mornings packing sack lunches for the people who come by who need something to eat. Thanks to those who have contributed the necessary supplies!



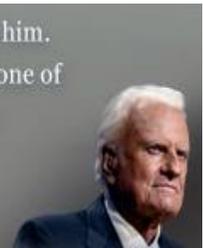
## From the Worship Team

*Worship Ministry Month* was celebrated in April. Each Sunday was filled with worship styles and atmosphere of past decades. Many folks even dressed the part! Music was selected from the 1950’s (hymns & choruses), the 1970’s (Jesus people tunes & “Lovesong”), and the 1990’s, led by Ground Zero (our own children of the 90’s)

You may have noticed a slight absence of technology as the times have truly changed in that regard. We still worship the same God who has been there for us through out the ages. Pictures are posted on the Bethel Facebook page.



“I’m deeply grateful to him. ... I count Bev Shea as one of my closest friends and confidantes.”  
– Billy Graham



**George Beverly Shea**, a long time associate of Rev. Billy Graham passed away on April 16th, 2013. He was 104 years old. He is known for his singing of “How Great Thou Art”, the signature song for Billy Graham’s crusades and composed “I’d Rather Have Jesus” .

Church Financials	
Total General Fund Income Year To Date	\$ 62,211.00
GF Budget Needed Through April 14th, 2013	\$ 63,255.00
Percent Over / Under Budget	1.65%
<b>Monthly General Fund Need</b>	\$ 18,275.00
General Fund Giving for April	\$ 9,402.27
Designated Fund Giving for April	\$ 1,012.09
Total Giving for April	\$ 10,414.36
Total Giving Year to Date	\$ 77,231.05