



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Four - Episode Four - April 2016

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

From the Church Council –The prayer of the Council is this: *Master Planner, Sovereign Lord, Grant your eternal vision. Lord Sabaoth, Commander of armies, compel us to action.*

The Deacons and Deaconesses spent some time in prayer for all the people in the church directory. This was a very effective way of concentration on the needs of all our Bethel folk in a very specific way.

Much thanks goes out to Gary Johnson who did a beautiful job painted the sanctuary. Thanks also to Elaine Dow and team for selecting “lambskin” and “simply white” for the colors.

A Word from Pastor Abe & Ground Zero - There were 13 teens who attended Battlefield Live during Spring break this month. There are between 8-15 teens that come to Ground Zero every Friday night. **We're having a Car Wash!!!** - Come on out on Saturday April 30th and get your car washed! Contact Abe for details. Proceeds will go towards the annual Ground Zero summer campout. Please continue to pray for Abe and his leadership team as they impact the lives of these young people.

The Wednesday Night Men's group is studying “Faith That Works” from the Book of James. Join us!

Women's Ministry is studying from the book “Your Best Life in Jesus' Easy Yoke” by Bill Gaultiere. Eventually our well runs dry. Perhaps we dug into the arid ground of perfectionism, anxiety, overwork, or self-promotion. Here's a map to show us where to dig deeply into the well-spring of God's sustaining grace.

Every second Saturday is Church Work Day and 2nd Saturday Sewing Circle. Come on out and help us do the Lord's chores and serve those in hospice care.

The Women's Retreat at Warm Beach is just around the



corner. The dates are April 29th to May 1st This is a great time when the women of God come

together for discipleship, fellowship and worship. It is a particularly good opportunity to invite newcomers, fami-

ly members, neighbors, and friends from other churches. Be thinking of someone you can invite to come along and enjoy the weekend with you. The cost is whatever you can pay – the deaconess fund will cover the difference. Check it out: <http://www.warmbeach.com/programs/adult-programs/womens-events>

June 24th & 25th - Priscilla Shirer Live (She starred in the War Room movie) At Overlake Christian Church in Redmond. Cost approx. \$100.00 (includes overnight accommodations.) Scholarships are available for both events. Just ask!



Missions - A new Cross Cultural Talk Time meets every Thursday night here at Bethel. Thanks to Mary Nichols, Steve & Diane Mosman, Binh Nguyen, Stewart & Elaine Dow, Liz Godwin and other tutors from Bethel and various churches for working as a team with a vision for starting this ministry. The evening begins with a dinner followed by fun and games and discussion in English about various topics of interest. There have been approximately eight countries represented so far. We all enjoy getting to know about cultures of many countries. This is a great opportunity to make our internationals feel at home in the United States and to give them opportunity to practice speaking English. Please pray for God's leading and that he would work in the lives of us all.

Ian Smith - Japan - Please pray for the people affected by the recent earthquakes in Kumamoto. Chiba City where Ian lives is located 14 hours away by car from where the earthquakes occurred. Also, pray for the response of the church to help those in need and that people would seek Christ in the midst of this disaster. It will soon be decided as to what Ian's assignment in Japan will be after the conclusion of language study. Pray for God's direction and timing as to location and transition.

Jami Stranberg - Mexico - This from Jami—Our church partnered again with Joni & Friends ministry with a team of 14 from the US to fit and distribute 152 wheelchairs in 3 days. They also gave out 50 walkers. I mainly translated in the sewing room where we custom made cushions, bags, pummels, etc. depending on need. I was also able to translate for some interviews and for a prayer of blessing with one girl.



2015-2016 sessions.
 API #1 & API #2
 Saturday May 7th
 API Graduation Brunch
 Saturday May 21st 10 a.m.

Interested in getting a taste? Come enjoy the API Graduation Brunch.!

The API "Soul Friendship" Retreat was held this month at Westminster Abbey in Mission B. C. Canada. The surroundings there are beautiful and lend themselves nicely to time with God in the company of a Spirit led listening friend. Here are some comments:

- ◆ The best thing about the retreat was time alone with the Lord. There was an awesome sense of peace and I knew where it was coming from I am able to carry that peace throughout my days. I was blessed by my conversation with Father Placidus.
- ◆ "This morning's Soul Friendship experience was crystalizing. The Lord did spiritual surgery and has opened me to a fresh understanding of His love for me." -Paul.
- ◆ This retreat was all about listening. We listen to learn (like one being taught), and we learn to listen -- to God first, to our own noisy selves, to each other. I came away knowing God a little better, and knowing I have been heard."
- ◆ "I love the hushed intensity of Westminster Abbey, our retreat site in Mission, BC. I rose early one morning to take in the quiet power of men's voices chanting the psalms. There is a timelessness in the Abbey - these chants have been sung in this way for hundreds of years.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **April 29-May 1** - Women's Retreat at Warm Beach
- ◆ **May 5th** - National Day of Prayer
- ◆ **May 7th** - API #1 - 9am-1pm. API #2 12noon-3pm
Also World Concern "Free Them" 5K Walk/Run to end human trafficking. Shoreline, WA.
- ◆ **Sunday May 8th** - Mother's Day
- ◆ **Saturday May 14th** - 9am - Church Work Day & 10am - Second Saturday Sewing Circle.
- ◆ **Sunday May 15th** - 11:30 a.m. Church Annual Meeting
- ◆ **Saturday May 21st** - 10am-1pm - API Graduation Brunch
- ◆ **Sunday May 22nd** - Birthday Celebration
Also, Worship Board Meeting
- ◆ **Monday May 30th** - 9am-3pm - Clear the Clutter Rummage Sale & Colby Car Show

The 65th annual National Day of Prayer, **May 5, 2016**, will have profound significance for our country. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne.



Our theme for 2016 is **Wake Up America**, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to return to the God of our Fathers in reverence for His Holy Name.

Quotes on Faith

- ◆ "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." ~ C. S. Lewis
- ◆ "The Bible recognizes no faith that does not lead to obedience, nor does it recognize any obedience that does not spring from faith. The two are at opposite sides of the same coin." ~ A. W. Tozer
- ◆ "Faith obliterates time, annihilates distance, and brings future things at once into its possession." ~ Charles Spurgeon



Congratulations to Dr. Theresa Schaudies upon completion of her degree in Transformational Leadership from Bakke Graduate University. Theresa defended her dissertation "*The Organization and Reflective Prayer—A Qualitative Study*" on Friday April 22nd. The dissertation is based upon the reflective prayer methods used in API and implementing them in organizations whether it be in a church or corporate setting. One of the principles is that of disengagement (fasting and prayer), followed by reengagement with meditation and pondering Scripture in management of an organization. She will be attending her graduation ceremony in Dallas Texas on Saturday June 4th, 2016.



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 Available Titles include: Church Dynamics Leadership Training, The God Questions, Sprint Through the Bible, Military Ministry Basic Training, Small Group Leadership Training, Building the Church Through Strengthening Families. These are just a few of the titles. Check with Becky in the Church Office to see more.



Dr. Mary Hoppa is available for personal or family counseling on Sunday, Mondays & Tuesdays.. You may sign up for an appointment on your blue registration card, or contact Dr. Mary personally at 425.879.5283 or by email at lighthousecounseling@frontier.com