



# The Bethel Lighthouse

## Season 1 - Episode 6 - August 2013

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

### **From the Pastoral Staff**

We were privileged to enjoy a rather unique worship team on Sunday August 4th. Pastor Wes and his All Guys Worship Team (*Big, Bad, Bodacious Bethel Boys Band*) did a great job in playing tunes in good old Southern Gospel style. We heard Don Herald on guitar and mandolin and also Brandon (from Ground Zero) on guitar and Wes played his ever present bass guitar. Great job, well done & way to go!

**Pastor Jake and Lynda** once again hosted an awesome church picnic on Sunday August 18th. The food and fellowship were wonderful and the surrounding nature added beauty to the day. During the picnic, Jake shared his heart and told us about God's leading him to resign from the Outreach Pastor position. It is Jake & Lynda's desire to expand their ministry to other areas around their neighborhood and beyond and also for Lynda to go on Mercy Ship missions. Jake and Lynda will be here until early January 2014. We are excited to see what God has for them and where He will take them in this new chapter of their lives. Jake and Lynda have given graciously in hospitality and have always served sacrificially in countless ways during the past eight years at Bethel. We thank God for them!

### **The Good Men of Bethel**

The Wednesday night men's group is flourishing and learning much from their study of "Walking With God" by John Eldridge.

It was wonderful to see two of our Bethel men follow the Lord in Baptism on Sunday August 11th. Congratulations to Mel Larson and Harald Olsoy for this great event in their lives following Christ. Pray that God would continue to bless our Bethel Men!

### **The Women In Our Lives**

The Peacemaking series continues - and God has richly blessed the Wednesday Night Women's Group. Putting the principles of peacemaking into practice is difficult at times but it's worth the effort.

Nola shares that before she came to know the Lord, she handled situations with confrontation and it was not good. Now she has learned to take problems to the Lord, listen carefully and focus more on using the peacemaking skills. Patty says that she has just walked away from confrontation in the past. Now, through massive prayer, there is not much confrontation any more. Peacemaking is more of an open forum where there is a chance to talk things through.

Both ladies encourage everyone to find out more about peacemaking and take the principles to heart.

On June 19th, the women opened prayer requests they had written in January. Many were excited to see their requests had been answered and how God has worked in their lives. Others were encouraged to keep seeking God for their prayer issues.

### **Children's Ministry**

A new handbook for CE safety and conduct rules has been written by Beth Lewis. All children will be studying the same subjects during Sunday School and Children's Church. The children are learning about our Converge Worldwide missionaries and about the countries they serve.

### **Outreach and Missions**

**Smokey Point Fundraiser** - \$1,018.28 was raised for missions during the I-5 Fundraiser. Thanks to Jake for collecting all the baked goods and for all those who volunteered to serve coffee and kind words to travelers along the way.

**Bronte Cox** has returned from her summer internship with Urban Promise in Toronto Canada. She enjoyed working most with the children and teaching them about the love of Jesus. Some of the kids have a very difficult life and it was good to spend some time showing them the love of Christ.

The current Adult Sunday School series is "**Irresistible Evangelism**" led by Pastor Jake.

### **Ground Zero Youth Group**

Ground Zero will be going on their annual camping trip later this month. In past years, the lives of our youth have been greatly impacted during this event. Kids have come to Christ and some have even been baptized. Please pray for this journey and for the safety of the kids.

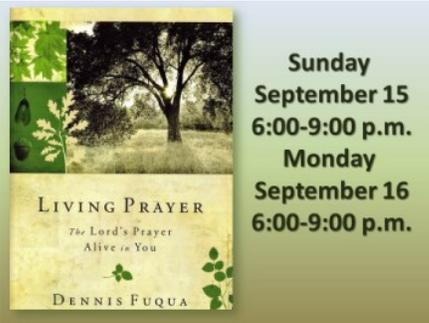
### **Wedding News!!!**

**Congratulations to Jamey & Jackie Coble** who were married on Sunday August 11th! It was fun and unique to have the wedding reception before the ceremony. We have all been able to see much growth in the Lord. Praise God for the beginning of a strong and healthy marriage. Their honeymoon was along the Oregon and Washington coastline. Now they are busy making a home together and getting the kids enrolled in school.

Also congratulations to **Chris Sullivan and Sandra Neal** who are going to be married on Saturday September 21st. Stay tuned for details!

## News from the Church Council

We were treated like royalty at our Council Retreat this month. The setting for the retreat was perfect at the home of Stan & Julia Youngs. The theme this year was "A Passion for People and the Presence of God". During our time there, we recalled events of the past year, both high points and low points. We also took a Prayer Walk around the neighborhood and thought about how we as a church can further the ministry to the city of Everett, and the world. This was a very fruitful and insightful time for us! The results of Appreciative Inquiry were re-visited and our timeline showed what parts of Adopt, Nurture, Prepare and Serve (ANPS) occurred during the year. We also talked about how extensively Jake and Lynda have served at the church during the past 8 years and what we can do to fill in the gaps when they embark on further areas of ministry. We will miss them greatly but we also know that God is directing them and will bless them richly. Please pray for the Church Council that we would have open eyes and hearts to do God's mission.



**Sunday**  
September 15  
6:00-9:00 p.m.  
**Monday**  
September 16  
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Join Dennis Fuqua and the **Awakenings Prayer Institute** for this great opportunity to study the Lord's Prayer in depth. Pick up a brochure or contact Theresa or Pastor Wes for details.

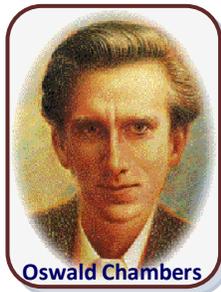
## Quotes from Oswald Chambers

From his book "My Utmost For His Highest"

"Have you been asking God what He is going to do? He will never tell you. God does not tell you what He is going to do; He reveals to you Who He is."

"At times God puts us through the discipline of darkness to teach us to heed Him. Song birds are taught to sing in the dark, and we are put into the shadow of God's hand until we learn to hear Him...Watch where God puts you into darkness, and when you are there keep your mouth shut. Are you in the dark just now in your circumstances, or in your life with God? Then remain quiet...When you are in the dark, listen, and God will give you a very precious message for someone else when you get into the light."

"True intercession involves bringing the person, or the circumstance that seems to be crashing in on you, before God, until you are changed by His attitude toward that person or circumstance. People describe intercession by saying, "It is putting yourself in someone else's place." That is not true! Intercession is putting yourself in God's place; it is having His mind and His perspective."



Oswald Chambers

## Awakenings Prayer Institute (API) & Retreats

After developing your Breath Prayer, and praying Scripture using a Name of God that addresses our deep need, the next step is **Praying your High Points**.

Consider the celebrations of your life. Events when life opened up before you—such as your salvation, a spiritual victory, a graduation, a wedding, the birth of a child, a new job or career, a time when God used you in a special way, an accomplishment that fulfilled a life long dream. Think about your best high point as a kid, as a teen and as an adult. What was God saying to you during these times? What is God saying to you now? Develop a Breath Prayer and Signature Scripture for these high points. Spend some time praying over the Scriptures and do some journaling about how they relate to your high points.

Here are seven good reasons to pray over your high points:

1. Because praying our high points tunes us in to the activity of God—John 5:19
2. Because God shows us how he brought that high point to be—Joshua 4:6-7
3. Because we see who God is in that high moment of our lives—Exodus 17:15
4. Because by praying our high points, we see that we owe everything to God—Deuteronomy 8:10-18
5. Because meditation leads to genuine gratitude—Psalm 40:1-3
6. Because we become more hopeful for the future—Jeremiah 29:11
7. Because it's good practice for praying over our low points—Psalm 42:1-5

Take a few minutes to read these scriptures & see how they can impact your life.

**Bag Ladies Plus One** Weekly Sack Lunch ministry is requesting the following items to include in the lunches packed every week. *Bread, Chips (individual size), bottled water, fresh fruit and granola bars*. Please bring these items to the church by Wednesdays. Financial donations are always welcome too. **THANKS!!!**



## Stewardship

Total General Fund Income Year To Date	\$ 131,479.00
GF Budget Needed Through June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	\$ 139,161.00
Percent <b>Over</b> / <b>Under</b> Budget	<b>-5.5%</b>
Monthly General Fund Need	\$ 18,275.00
General Fund Giving for June	\$ 11,524.21
Designated Fund Giving for June	\$ 1,477.82
Total Giving for June	\$ 12,984.03
Total Giving Year to Date	\$ 163,398.83

**Daniel McKernan** is safe with Jesus after a long battle with cancer. A memorial service was held at Bethel on August 21st. Bethel Church will miss this faithful, steady, determined, generous and kind servant of God.