



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Four - Episode One - January 2016

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

From the Church Council

Anglican Church Plant.

A meeting was held this month with Bishop Kevin

Allan & Bishop Todd Hunter, Barry Crane from Northsound Church and Fr. Ryan Brotherton from Holy Trinity Church in Edmonds. It was amazing to hear the stories of these men from such different backgrounds and to sense the passion of their love of Christ. Many people have found it necessary to leave their traditional churches due to the shift to liberal beliefs and the acceptance of non-biblical principles. There are many Anglican believers in our local area who do not have a home church because of this. The mission and vision for the Anglican church plant is to connect and blend people from all backgrounds in the liturgy, the truth of the Scriptures, the work of the Holy Spirit, spiritual growth, discipleship, real relationships with Christ and further spreading of the Gospel of Christ. This is an exciting time for Bethel Church and our Anglican brothers as we seek to work together. Please pray as we move forward.

The Wednesday Night Men's group is studying "Joyful Effectiveness," reading the Book of Philipians.

Women's Ministry has begun their study of the book "Anonymous, Jesus's Hidden Years. Led by Judith Mayer.

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

Also women, save these dates for upcoming events -



April 29th to May 1st (Friday evening to Sunday morning) - Women's Retreat at Warm Beach Camp. Cost approx.. \$200.00

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!

From Pastor Abe & Ground Zero - The New Year's Eve All-Nighter was a great success this year. We thank God for the faithful staff that serves each week. Please continue to pray for the kids who come each week that they would get to know God in a real way and his impact on their lives will be eternal.

Children's Ministry - Children's Mentoring Orientation was held on Sunday December 17th. We have several



children who have recently graduated from the Sunday School/Children's Church program. Profiles of the graduating children were reviewed with their interests and aspirations. People were asked to pray about how they might engage with these children one on one within their ministries. This is a crucial time in the life of these kids.

The goal is to help them find out how valuable they are as they become involved in the life of the church. The influence of being mentored by an adult who loves the Lord is eternally profitable.

Jami Strandberg - Mexico

She is presently teaching two classes at Emmanuel Baptist Theological Seminary: Personal Evangelism and Theology of the Old Testament.



She writes; "I have been challenged and stretched as I learn more of the depth of the Old Testament theology and how it carries over into the New Testament and today.. I enjoy watching my students grow in their love for His Word and how to apply it in their lives." Pray for Jami that she would have wisdom in all ministry decisions. Also for good health, energy and safety. Praise for healing after a couple surgeries.



Prayer Warriors: You are invited to expand your scope of prayer from the Bethel family to Converge Northwest, joining our brothers and sisters in prayer for

regional church strengthening and church planting. Sign up on the blue registration card.

7-11 Prayer night was held on Friday January 15th. The theme for the evening was Spiritual Renewal. It was the best attended evening of prayer so far. Just a reminder that the blue cards are available to write prayer requests on each week. This is a very effective way to pray for the needs of Bethel folks and those we care about. A prayer list is produced nearly every week and is either emailed or sent via snail mail. So, please feel free to write on those blue cards. Prayer makes a difference! **Colossians 3:9 & 10** - "...you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of the creator."

The Schwarzen Family - With the grace of God, we were able to return to Nepal last year and help 100 families put a roof over their heads after the earthquakes when we only expected to help about 25. God showed us that when you offer a few loaves and fishes, He'll turn it into a meal!

This year, we've been blessed again with an incredible grant through Childcare International. Many of you have sent financial support as well!

We're excited to say that this funding will allow us to help another 60 to 70 families in need as well as rebuild at least three churches severely damaged during last year's earthquakes. We plan to begin the work in February as part of a two-week trip Christopher will make to the country.

Bruce Ingram - He had only five days to re-book last year's canceled flights to Ethiopia. He shared this prayer request with John Blake whose response was that he would like to join Bruce in training pastors in Ethiopia and has contacts there! Three days later, they met with missionary to Ethiopia. He shared how training pastor was a real desire of his heart for 8 years. The Ethiopian trip is planned for August. Please pray also for preparations and provisions for February 26 - March 13th Pastor Training in Myanmar. Bruce and Paul Ehrhard will be in three different locations with three people groups. Also Carol plans to visit her 97-year-old mother in Chicago February 26 - March 1.

Congratulations to Samuel Olsoy who followed the Lord in baptism on Sunday January 17th. May God's blessings be with you Sam, as you live your life for Him!



Easter comes early this year; March 27th to be exact. Those who are interested are welcome to join us in the choir loft after worship on Sunday February 7th to begin rehearsal. See Donna Kuper for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Tuesday February 2nd - First Tuesday Fast & Pray
- ◆ Saturday February 6th - API #1 9am-1pm API #2 12 noon-2pm.
- ◆ Sunday February 7th - Superbowl Sunday
- ◆ Saturday February 13th - Church Work Day 9am & Second Saturday Sewing Circle. 10am
- ◆ Friday February 19th to 21st - API Retreat #2
- ◆ Sunday February 21st - Worship Service with Jason Chollar



2015-2016 sessions.

API #1 & API #2

Seminar #5 Saturday February 6th

First Year - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Second Year - 12:00 Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Find out how to take your deep need to God - Develop Breath Prayers, Pray through the Highs and Lows of your Timeline and grow in the skills of Soul Friendship

Contact Pastor Wes or Theresa Schaudies.

API Retreat #2 - "Praying Our Triumphs & Challenges"

Date: February 19-21, 2016

Cedar Springs Christian Retreat Center (Sumas, WA)

Register with Theresa Schaudies



R. C. Sproul

Quotes from R.C. Sproul

"The idea of holiness is so central to biblical teaching that it is said of God, "Holy is his name" (Luke 1:49). His name is holy because He is holy. He is not always treated with holy reverence. His name is tramped through the dirt of this world. It functions as a curse word, a platform for the obscene. That the world has little respect for God is vividly seen by the way the world regards His name. No honor. No reverence. No awe before Him." From the book *The Holiness of God*.

"Prayer is one of the most important means of grace that we have to strengthen our faith. Prayer is not for God's benefit. We don't pray to give Him information that otherwise He would not have. We don't pray to give God our counsel so as to improve His administration of the universe. Rather, prayer is for our benefit. It is a God-given way for us to spend time with Him, to praise and thank Him, and to make our requests known to Him. Afterward, when we get up from our knees, we watch the providence of God work in our lives." From the Book *What Is Faith?*



at 425.879.5283 or by email at lighthousecounseling@frontier.com

Dr. Mary Hoppa is available for personal or family counseling on Sunday and Monday afternoons and into the evenings on Mondays. You may sign up for an appointment on your blue registration card, or contact Dr. Mary personally



WANTED:
Items for
Charlie's
Closet

Non-perishable items are needed for Charlie's Closet. We are in need of canned goods, pasta dinners, prepackaged snacks, cereal, rice & beans, Top Ramen (or similar) noodle soups, peanut butter & jam and anything else that will not spoil. Thanks!