



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season 1 - Episode 7 - September 2013

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

From the Pastoral Staff

You should have all received your Appreciative Inquiry packet that went out by mail to our whole Bethel family. The Appreciative Inquiry interview process will be taking place at Bethel over the next few weeks. Are you willing to help? (We thought you might be...) If you are on a ministry team or serve on a committee, perhaps you could initiate interviews with those folks. Additionally, one on one opportunities present themselves at every gathering. Our goal is to have everyone at Bethel interviewed by September 29. That's just around the corner.

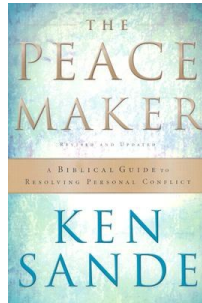


Also displayed around the building were some of the awards given for Scripture Memory (Ten Commandments, 23rd Psalm and the Lord's Prayer) and various art pieces about the Whole Armor of God. The children are taught about tithing and they have raised \$525.35 this year.



The Good Men of Bethel

The men will conclude their study of "Walking With God" by John Eldridge. Their next area of study will be "The Peacemaker" by Ken Sande. Men are invited to come for dinner at 5:30 on Wednesdays followed by the Bible Study.



They presented a check to Pastor Wes on Sunday the 15th. Thanks to the many volunteers that come each Sunday to help out and also to the staff who are faithful each week.

Outreach and Missions

\$1,100 was raised during the Smokey Point Fundraiser. Pastor Jake plans to lead a trip to Oklahoma City in the fall (November) in partnership with John Blake.

Justin & Melissa Foltz are working towards serving in Papua New Guinea as Wycliffe missionaries and Regional Center managers. They will assist Bible translators by coordinating logistical needs of basic supplies, or delivering personal transportation to and from surrounding villages. The Regional Center Managers typically will do anything that gets in the way of translators doing their job. PNG has 800 living languages and many of them have not even begun to be translated. Justin and Melissa plan to travel to Orland FL. for the first session of training at Wycliffe headquarters from October 12th to 25th. During their time there, they will be getting better acquainted with the Wycliffe organization and learning how to build their partnership team. They will be taking their children with them too!



Please pray for Justin & Melissa on this trip that God would prepare and strengthen them for ministry.



The Women In Our Lives

We are continuing our Bible Study on the Peacemaker series. It is so good! We also help serve the Salvation Army Dinner each month. The Second Saturday Sewing Circle has begun sewing the next 50 hospice gowns and plans to begin making Advent calendars next month with ornaments in the date pockets. A joint fundraiser for missions and Women's Ministries is being planned for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It will be a brunch with a silent auction and live auction on craft items and gifts from around the world.

Children's Ministry
September is Children's Ministry Month!!! Each Sunday our children were present in the morning worship service. They took part in the congregational singing and learned about what it will be like when they are old enough to join in the "big people's" worship service.





Bruce Ingram has also been traveling again to India during the month of September. (Sept. 15-28) During his time there, he has been training Pastors from Bhutan, Nepal and Orissa. Many of these Pastors are persecuted for their faith.

Upcoming Mission Events

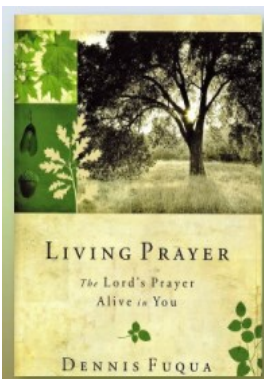
- ◆ Wycliffe Banquet on Thursday October 17th http://www.wycliffeassociates.org/ministries/banquet_sched.asp?State=WA
- ◆ Mission Fest Seattle October 18th & 19th. <http://missionsfestseattle.org/>

Ground Zero Youth Group

The Youth Group is thriving with steady attendance and a great leadership crew. They hosted the Spaghetti Feed last month to raise funds for the camping trip. Many thanks to all who contributed.



Awakenings Prayer Institute was privileged to present Author Dennis Fuqua and "The Lord's Prayer Alive In You" for the first session of this year's Institute during a six hour seminar on September 15th & 16th. There were 46 people for the Sunday session and 35 for the Monday session. Dennis also spoke during the Sunday School and Church services. The first monthly API seminar is Saturday October 5th at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served. The Adult Sunday School class will be continuing to study this material beginning on Sunday October 6th.



Quotes on Evangelism - John Wesley

- ◆ You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work. And go not only to those that need you, but to those that need you most. It is not your business to preach so many times, and to take care of this or that society; but to save as many souls as you can; to bring as many sinners as you possibly can to repentance.
- ◆ I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field.
- ◆ Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can



John Wesley

Awakenings Prayer Institute (API) & Retreats

After developing your Breath Prayer, using a Name of God that addresses your deep need, and praying Scripture and praying your high points, the next step is to **Pray Your Low Points**. Here it is that we learn to persevere through the challenges of life. Consider when you experienced a time of grief or loss, when you were impacted by your own sins or the sins of another person, when a time of personal failure led you deeper into the grace of God, or when you were humbled by sickness or sorrow. Ask the following questions:

1. What was your worst low point in childhood?
2. What do you think God was saying to you then?
3. What was your worst low point as an adolescent or young adult?
4. Where was God in that event?
5. Think of two low points as an adult.

Now, develop a breath prayer and search out a signature scripture for the low points in your life.

In our suffering, the Holy Spirit prays with groans too deep for words. And he transforms our suffering into the sweetest communion. We gain Christ. We are included in the Triune fellowship of the Spirit who grieves within us, the Son who intercedes for us, and the Father who searches our hearts. *Romans 8:26-39*

News from the Church Council

- ◆ We are pleased to welcome Gerald & Susan Dionne and Nola Campbell as new members of Bethel.
- ◆ The 124th Annual Gathering of Converge Northwest will be October 24th-26th at Cascade Community Church 14377 Fryelands Blvd. SE. Marysville, WA. 98272 For more information please visit <http://www.convergenw.org/>



Bag Ladies Plus One

Weekly Sack Lunch Ministry has been serving the Everett community for six months now. This last Thursday more than 50 lunches were given out. If you would like to help, please contact Jim & Sally Cox at (425) 337-1719. Please bring any donated items to the church by Wednesday. Thanks very much.

Stewardship

Total General Fund Income Year To Date	\$ 145,089.00
GF Budget Needed Through June 30 th , 2013	\$ 156,029.00
Percent Over / Under Budget	- % 7.0
Monthly General Fund Need	\$ 18,275.00
General Fund Giving for June	\$ 11,267.58
Designated Fund Giving for June	\$ 1,564.42
Total Giving for June	\$ 12,832.40
Total Giving Year to Date	\$ 179,391.15