



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season 1 - Episode 1 - March 2013

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

Just a note...

It has come to our attention that there are some folks around here that would really like to know what is happening here at Bethel Church. We are an alive and vibrant Church with ministry in many areas of life, in the city of Everett and in many places of the world. The hope is that articles contained herein will be newsworthy, encouraging and uplifting.

If you would like to submit items of interest or stories of a relevant nature, please feel free to contact me via email at bethelsecretary@frontier.com I shall peruse your submission and quite possibly include it within the pages of this publication. And now...the rest of the story.

From the Pastoral Staff

Pastor Wes continues his sermon series in the book of Mark. If you would like to hear the sermon online, please visit www.bethelverett.org and you will find all the sermons archived in one convenient location.

Children's Corner

Volunteers are ALWAYS welcome to become involved in this challenging yet vital part of the church. Children are the future and we as followers of Jesus must do our best to see that they are raised in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord". Children's ministry is an excellent place to start!

Greg Kuper Sr. and his staff serve faithfully each Sunday with excellent Bible lessons and curriculum.

The Women In Our Lives

The first meeting of "Second Saturday Sewing" was a wonderful success. Women from area churches, Madison, Delta, Word of Truth and 2nd Baptist were invited to attend. The project was to make hospital gowns for Hospice patients. This event was well attended and positive feedback indicates that "Second Saturday" is an event worth keeping. One of the women found herself praying for the person who would receive the gown and also for the people she knew in hospice care. A great lunch was also served which provided a nice "breather" for the 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. time slot.

The next gathering of the "Second Saturday Sewing" group will be on April 13th. See you there!

The Good Men of Bethel

Every Wednesday evening, the men gather to study God's Word and learn how to be the kind of men God desires. They are presently studying "Fathered By God" by John Eldridge.

Also our **Trustees** have been making repairs on the building during monthly Work Days. There are always many tasks that need to be done and these folks are ever faithful to keep our building safe and sound.

Outreach and Missions

News Flash! Sharon Steen is going to Japan!!! Currently a student at Adelpia Bible School, Sharon was able to raise enough funds to travel to Japan at the end of her school year. She is really excited to put to good use the things she has learned this year.

Steve & Diane Mosman are presently serving in Papua, Indonesia with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Diane is teaching ESL and Steve is helping to build structures at the facility and also consulting with Wycliffe staff. They will return to the USA in mid April.

Ground Zero "Youthies"

Praise God for a solid number of adult staff to work with our Bethel youth groups. "Hang Time" is an important place for kids to come after school. Both Jr. & Senior High groups meet each week for fun & games but also life changing Bible Study. Kids are being reached for Christ during this pivotal time in their lives. Please pray for our "youthies" as they learn how to become mature and strong Christians.

Prayers and Progress

Weekly prayer meeting is on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. This is a great time to connect with God and pray for the many needs of Bethel Church. A weekly prayer list is published which helps us all to stick together.

Pray for the community of La Push, WA. Pray for the elders to hear the Gospel message. There has been good feedback indicating some new signs of prosperity in the village. A possible overnight outing to La Push has been planned but no date has been set.

Rich Toikka has a job! After completing his schooling he will be working in Woodinville beginning March 27th. God's timing is perfect and He is a great provider. Praise the Lord and we wish the best for Rich in this new adventure.

Please remember to pray for our young folks off at college. Pray that their lives would shine for Christ in all situations.

Church Council

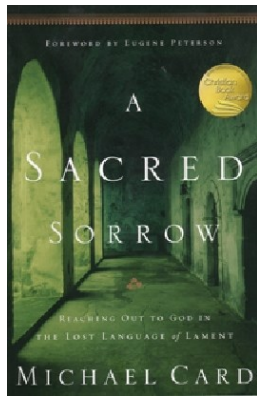
The Church Council is an integral part of operations here at Bethel. They meet once per month to discuss the "business" end of things and to figure out what to do in sometimes difficult situations. Please pray for them.

Birthday Celebration

Ben Westmoreland and Verona Hanson both are 95 years old this month. A wonderful celebration was held in the Bethel Café complete with Baked Potatoes and all the trimmings. There were many guests from out of town and special memories and stories were shared. Happy Birthday to Ben & Verona! God has really blessed us with both of you.

Adult Sunday School Class

Michael Card, well known musician and author has written the book currently being used by the Adult Sunday School Class. It's all about how to Lament. Who would have ever thought that it's okay to be mad at God? This series answers the question and provides insight on how to handle the low points of our lives. YouTube videos accompany the series and can be found by entering "Michael card worship" as a search term at www.youtube.com



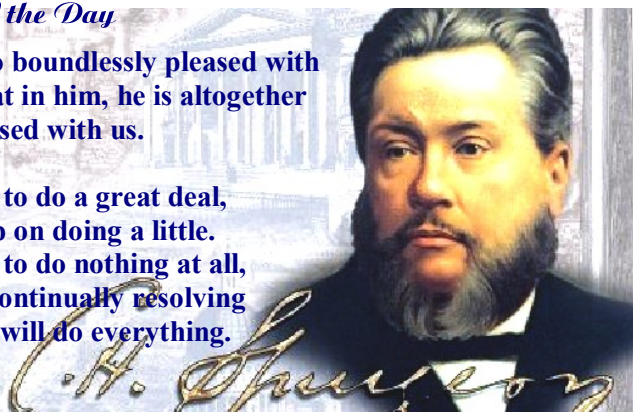
Baptism

Michael Thatcher was baptized on Sunday March 10th. Praise the Lord for His work in Michael's life!

Quote of the Day

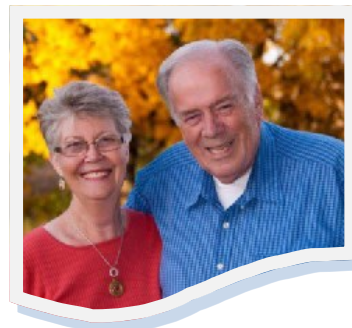
God is so boundlessly pleased with Jesus that in him, he is altogether well pleased with us.

The way to do a great deal, is to keep on doing a little. The way to do nothing at all, is to be continually resolving that you will do everything.



News Items of Interest

It was a delight to have **Dave and Linda Crites** visit us on February 27th. They are from Moreno Valley in California and have a wonderful ministry called "One Plus One Equals One". They have traveled extensively both in the USA and internationally to share their story of God's healing power in their marriage.



The Wednesday night men's & women's groups combined for a delicious dinner followed by a meaningful discussion on relationships of every kind. There has been much positive feedback as a result of their visit. They would love to come again next time they are in the area.

Awakenings Prayer Retreat

There were 16 people at the last Awakenings Prayer Retreat held at Cedar Springs, WA. Everyone in attendance found the incredible and encouraging peace of God quite unexpectedly after an intense and heart searching first night.

Who would have thought there would be so many smiling faces after talking about the low points in each others lives? God always does such amazing things for each and every one of us. Please contact Pastor Wes or Theresa Schaudies if you would like more information about Awakenings Prayer Institute.



Financials

Total General Fund Income Year To Date	\$ 43,499.00
Budget Needed Through March 3, 2013	\$ 42,170.00
Percent Over / Under Budget	+3.2%
Monthly General Fund Need	\$ 18,275.00
General Fund Giving for March	\$ 10,642.47
Designated Fund Giving for March	\$ 2,311.60
Total Giving for March	\$ 12,954.07
Total Giving Year to Date	\$ 57,384.20