



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season 1 - Episode 5 - July 2013

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

From the Pastoral Staff

Jake has been gathering coffee & pastries from several area businesses for the **Smokey Point Fundraiser** (I-5 South-bound) to be held from July 26th to the 29th. The funds raised will be used for various mission trips. Serving a fresh, hot cup of coffee & pastry to go with it is just one more way to share the love of Christ to those who stop for a bit of refreshment and a kind word. In times past, we have heard some amazing stories from those who volunteered to help.

The Good Men of Bethel

The Wednesday night group continues with intensity in their study of "Walking With God" by John Eldridge.

The Women In Our Lives

Our present Bible Study is a series on being a Peacemaker. This series enables and teaches how to resolve conflicts using Biblical principles. It deals with personal and assisted peacemaking and sets forth the Gospel as the key to making peace with each other.

One response to the course is the knowledge that we don't always have to respond or be defensive to negative comments but rather pray for that person and find PEACE in knowing that it's not worth the conflict that results in striving to have the last word. It makes a person really stop and think before responding in a negative way.

Children's Ministry

The children in our Sunday School and Children's Church have been very busy this summer on their Passport Journey. The first three weeks were spent studying Argentina, where our conference and church are served by Scott and Ruth Millar. The kids have made Argentina flags, maps, bar graphs, and learned vocabulary terms significant to Argentina. While we have been pursuing those studies, we have been reviewing the apostles. Weeks 1-3 focused on Andrew, Peter, James and John. We will also begin our focus on Brazil where our missionaries are Rick and Carol Stark. Our third major theme for the summer program is focusing on the whole armor of God. One team has begun working on our large shields, while the other team has been constructing their Belts of Truth. Our volunteers are simply great, and make our program even possible. Our children's church offerings for the year are approaching \$700.00, and from those offerings we gave 100 dollar gifts to Sharon and Bronte for their mission trips. For the rest of the summer,

our missions program will add Canada where we support the Reurichs and also Mexico, where we are supporting Jamie Strandberg. Our next field of missions will focus on the Philippines where we are supporting the Tillmans who visited with our children last summer. Finally, we are excited about adding Papua New Guinea where Justin and Mel are beginning their ministry with our support through Wycliffe.

Outreach and Missions

A "Barbeque First" Picnic was hosted at the home of Stan & Julia Youngs. The guest speaker was Dr. Neil Tibbott, an Evangelism Coach & Professor at Bakke Graduate University. Neil is part of an extensive ministry planting churches and reaching others for Christ. Visit www.cmlleaders.org for more information.

The July 4th Parade Outreach was a success once again



on Colby Avenue as the parade passed by. Bethel folks showed up in good number to pass out fliers telling people about the church and also giving out Gospel tracts. Chairs and bottled water were made available along with some cakes & cookies.

Jetty Island Prayer Walk - Several Bethel folks rode the short ferry ride to Jetty Island for a time of prayer for the city of Everett, the Navel Base and surrounding areas.



Update from Bronte - (7/4/13) So far I have loved being here in Toronto Canada! We got back from a 4 day training retreat and it was so much fun! I feel like this is where I should be in life right now and I really love Urban promise! Next week camp starts and I can't wait to start and to be able to show the kids about our wonderful God! I have also gotten to meet some amazing people here and I can't wait to meet the kids I will



Camp Hope Summer Staff

be working with! I am really looking forward to the rest of the summer! And thank you to all the prayers I appreciate them so very much! (And thanks to all the folks who helped in funding this trip.)

News from the Church Council

- ◆ The theme for the Council Retreat this year is **“Passion for People and the Presence of God”**.
- ◆ Bethel has a **Facebook** page & we are looking for people to “like” us. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethel-Baptist-Church/42481184527>
- ◆ **Pastor Jake** is considering a mission trip to Oklahoma City in November to help with tornado relief work.
- ◆ Saturday August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. is the **“Mother of All Garage Sales”**! Please begin to bring your items between 7-8 a.m. to 1507 Rucker Avenue. Volunteers are also needed to help set up / tear down, etc.

“Word Of Hope” Women’s Retreat - given by Kathy Troll. Free to API attendees. Contact Theresa Schaudies at (425) 422-0645 for details.

First Tuesday Fast & Prayer.

Converge Worldwide invites you to Fast and Pray on the first Tuesday of each month. The idea is to give up something you like just for this one day. It can be anything. Food. Coffee. Electronics. Every time you find yourself wanting that “thing”, reach for God instead. Go into your prayer, briefly or at length. “Taste and see that He is good.” Pray for the worldwide mission of Christ, your City, your Church, your Pastor, your family.

Do you have any stories that you would like to share about your First Tuesday experience? If so, we would love to hear it. There are Response forms on the back table in the Sanctuary. Please turn them in to the church office. Thanks!



Quotes from Oswald Chambers

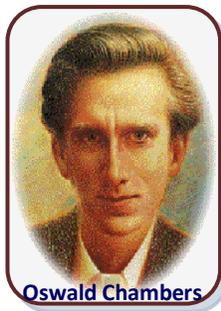
From his book “My Utmost For His Highest”

If we think of prayer as the breath of our lungs and the blood from our hearts, we think rightly. The blood flows and the breathing continues – we are not conscious of it but it is always going on.

Prayer is the vital breath of the Christian; not the thing that makes him alive, but the evidence that he is alive.

It is impossible to live the life of a disciple without definite times of secret prayer. You will find that the place to enter in is in your business, as you walk along the streets, in the ordinary ways of life, when no one dreams you are praying, and the reward comes openly, a revival here, a blessing there

The prayer of the feeblest saint who lives in the Spirit and keeps right with God is a terror to Satan. The very powers of darkness are paralyzed by prayer; no spiritualistic séance can succeed in the presence of a humble praying saint. No wonder Satan tries to keep our minds fussy in active work till we cannot think in prayer.



Oswald Chambers

Awakenings Prayer Institute (API) & Retreats

Breath Prayer (A review)- “Be still and know that I am God”. Imagine God is calling you by name. Hear God asking you, “What do you need most in your life right now?” Answer God directly with the need at the heart of your prayer. Select the Name of God that matches your soul’s deep need. Combine the Name of God with your soul’s deep need and you will have a Breath Prayer. Take your prayer with you throughout the day.

THEN, the next step is...

Praying the Scriptures that Address Our Deep Need

Finding a Signature Scripture begins with developing a Breath Prayer that reflects your need at a significant moment in your life. You can look back over your life and recall such moments or you can begin with the present moment. This moment can either be a high point or a low point. God reveals himself in Scripture through his names so that we may know him better and understand what he is offering us. An excellent study on the names of God can be found in Kay Arthur’s book & video series, “Lord I Want To Know You”. Look up the Name of God that meets your need and see which Scriptures go with the Name. Write down the Breath Prayer and the Scripture passage you have selected for the moment you have selected. As you write it down consider how it resonates with a deep need in your life. You are now ready to spend time praying this text in a Lectio session.

1. What did you gain from your Lectio time?
2. How did praying over this text influence how you experienced your breath prayer?
3. What did you learn about the character of God?
4. How do you see this passage forming your own character?

Awakenings Picnic - Saturday July 27th

12:00-4:00 p.m. At Wes & Kathryn Johnson’s home.

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. **THANKS!!!**



Stewardship	
Total General Fund Income Year To Date	\$ 113,674.00
GF Budget Needed Through June 30 th , 2013	\$ 118,076.00
Percent Over / Under Budget	-3.7%
Monthly General Fund Need	\$ 18,275.00
General Fund Giving for June	\$ 12,582.71
Designated Fund Giving for June	\$ 2,141.23
Total Giving for June	\$ 14,723.96
Total Giving Year to Date	\$ 142,591.06