



# The Bethel Lighthouse

## Season 1 - Episode 8 - October 2013

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

### From the Pastoral Staff

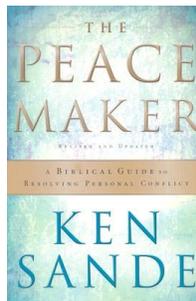


Thank you so much to 61 people who submitted interview sheets for Building Our Strengths **Take 2**. The comments made are very valuable and will help greatly in determining what God desires next for Bethel Church.

Letters were sent out to the Bethel family with a summary of the interviews. During Gold Star Sunday we will have the opportunity to post gold stars on what is most important to us. Lunch will also be served. **Gold Star Sunday is October 27th.**

### The Good Men of Bethel

The Wednesday Night Men's Group is currently studying Ken Sande's book "The Peacemaker". This material is excellent in helping resolve conflict and encouraging reconciliation; two things that are often overlooked when dealing with our relationships



### The Women In Our Lives

Second Saturday Sewing Circle has begun making Advent calendars that tell the story of God's wonderful Plan. They will have tree ornaments in the date pockets. Part of the calendar will be decorated with Egyptian festival cloth. These will be given to the missionary families that Bethel supports and who have young children and also some of our own families.

Work on the next 50 hospice gowns continues.

We also are planning a "Bazaar Bazaar" on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving (November 30th from 10a.m. - 2 p.m.) The event will include a Brunch and silent auction featuring handcrafted items and baked goods. Come along and join the fun!

It's time again for the Annual Christmas Basket project in partnership with Delta Church. Items needed are: *Pop Tarts, Ham, Sliced Cheese, Instant Oatmeal, Spaghetti Sauce, Jelly, Hot Chocolate, Syrup, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Socks, Hats & Gloves.* Please place your donations in the tubs that are placed around the church. And thanks so much. This ministry means so much to those who have

fallen on hard times. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:35.

### Outreach and Missions

We had a great time with Justin & Melissa Foltz during their recent visit. They are appointees to Wycliffe Bible Translators. They were able to spend time both in the Adult and Children's Sunday programs. They are planning to travel to Orlando, Florida very soon for the first session of training. The target date for arriving in Papua New Guinea is January 2014. Please continue to pray for this young family with such a heart for missions.



Pastor Jake and his team are planning a mission trip to Shawnee, Oklahoma from November 9th - 16th. During their stay they plan to do construction alongside several contractors and help those who were affected by the recent tornadoes in the area. Chaplain John Blake will also be traveling with the group. Pray for safe travel, great fellowship and profitable work to be done.

### Children's Ministry

Thanks go Greg Kuper Sr. and the staff for their faithful help and also for the wonderful presentations during the month of September otherwise known as "Children's Ministry Month". It was great to see the artwork in the sanctuary and the colorful visors worn by each child. It is especially meaningful to see them singing the hymns and other worship tunes during the services on Sunday mornings and actually know the words to all of them. The training they are receiving is invaluable and eternally impactful.

### Ground Zero Youth Group

The Bethel Family Forum/Spaghetti Feed held the Sunday before the youth left on their annual camping trip raised additional monies for the youth.

There were 10 kids and 5 leaders who went on the camping trip in August. Two members of the group were baptized. PTL.

The month of October would not be complete without the Annual Nightmare Night! Youthies, invite your friends now! It's gonna be a great night!

**News from the Church Council**

- ◆ We are pleased to welcome Harald & Ginger Olsoy as new members of Bethel.
- ◆ The Council has approved funds from Dan McKernan's memorial be used for new carpeting in the Fireside Room. (Additional dollars may be needed).
- ◆ The Budget for 2014-2015 will be out soon. Be sure and pick up a copy and attend the Congregational Meeting on Sunday November 10th at 9:45 a.m. The budget will be voted on during a second Congregational Meeting on Sunday November 24th during the Sunday School hour.
- ◆ Change for Change - Please bring your spare change for the back porch project on the first Sunday of each month.



The end of Daylight Savings Time is **Sunday November 3rd**.  
Be sure and turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

**Elohim - Creator & Judge**



From the book "Lord, I Want To Know You" by Kay Arthur.

One of the names of God in the Old Testament is ELOHIM. This name designates God as God. Deuteronomy 10:17 says "The Lord your God (Elohim) is the God of gods..." "El" means "mighty" or "strong" and is used for any reference to God, including Almighty God. Elohim is the primary Hebrew word translated "God" in the Old Testament.

Does the construction of the Hebrew word mean that there is more than one God? NO! "The Lord (Jehovah) is our God (Elohim), the Lord is one." (Deut. 6:4). God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit created the heavens and the earth. One in essence, in character, yet three persons united as one.

As you read various Scriptures, you can see references to the different persons of the Godhead participating in the work of creation. (Genesis 1:2-3, Hebrews 11:13, Colossians 1:16). Thus we see that each person of the triune Godhead had a part in creation. Even in the creation of man we see the Godhead working. In Genesis 1:26, we read, "Then God (Elohim) said, 'Let Us make man in Our image'". The *Us* refers to more than one!

But what practical significance is this name to us? How can the name Elohim serve as a strong tower for us? (pg 9,10).

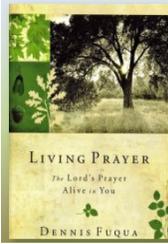
God is the creator of all things and He has given us life. And why were we created? For Him! (Psalm 139:13-14). Have you ever thought of yourself as being fearfully and wonderfully made? Or do you look at yourself and despise what Elohim has made? (pg. 10). We were made in the image of God to bring Him glory.

If you are unhappy with yourself, with your child or with a loved one, run into the strong tower of the name of your Elohim. (Proverbs 18:10) You may not understand how your situation could ever bring Him glory, but you can trust in the name of your Lord. (Isaiah 50:10). "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever, Amen

(Romans 11:36)

**Awakenings Prayer Institute**

(API Seminars and Retreats)

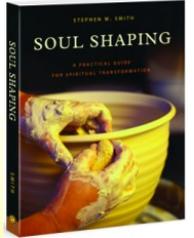


Many thanks to Dennis Fuqua for spending time with the Bethel family and also with API. The Adult Sunday School class continues in the study of his book.

The month of November promises to be exciting with the Awakenings Prayer Institute #1 & #2 meeting on Saturday November 2nd and the first of three retreats

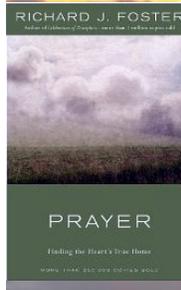
planned for November 15th - 17th.

One of the books being used in API TWO is "**Soul Shaping**" written by Steven W. Smith. Soul Shaping is a guide to the amazing journey of spiritual transformation. These pages contain the challenge to look backward and forward, inward and outward, remember the past and dream for the future.



The second book being used is by Richard Foster entitled "**Prayer - Finding the Heart's True Home..**" Richard

Foster takes us into the huge forest of prayer and names each tree, points out what is distinctive in each bush and flower. After a few hours in his company, the profusion of detail that at first overwhelmed and bewildered us now delights us, pulling us deeper into the forest. He is an expert and most courteous guide in all manner and kinds of prayer."



**Weekly Sack Lunch Ministry continues to THRIVE!**

If you would like to help, please contact Jim & Sally Cox at (425) 337-1719. As the days get colder we are asking for donations of NEW socks, (all sizes), new or gently used warm hats and gloves. Please bring any donated items to the basement kitchen. Thanks very much.



Stewardship	
Total General Fund Income Year To Date	\$ 159,400.00
GF Budget Needed Through October 13, 2013	\$ 172,897.00
Percent <b>Over</b> / <b>Under</b> Budget	<b>- % 7.8</b>
Monthly General Fund Need	\$ 18,275.00
General Fund Giving for October	\$ 8,545.95
Designated Fund Giving for October	\$ 1,251.27
Total Giving for October	\$ 9,797.22
Total Giving Year to Date	\$ 195,265.31