



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Two - Episode One - January 2014

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

From the Pastoral Staff

We bid farewell to **Jake and Lynda** in Grand Style.

Although it was hard to say "goodbye", the Krestinskis were given a fond farewell with a wonderful celebration during the morning worship service followed by a great time of fellowship over lunch. We will miss seeing them every week but it's great to know that they are still close by, at least for the present time. It will be wonderful to see what God has planned for Jake and Lynda in the coming months. Please continue to pray for Jake's good health and blessings for Lynda as well.



And now, a word about Missions -

Justin & Melissa Foltz, Appointed to Papua with Wycliffe- We would greatly appreciate prayer for our continued Partnership Development; that those we come into contact with can prayerfully consider how they may partner with us, whether prayerfully or financially.



Justin, Melissa, Anelie & Asher Foltz



Please visit our new website: www.thefoltzfamily.org to stay connected more regularly through our blog and the information we provide there! We are hoping it is a resource that will help us all stay better connected. Blessings to you during this winter, and may the love of Christ shine in your hearts!

Christopher Schwarzen & family - The Church Council has approved support for Christopher & family to **Nepal**. Christopher will be working "hands on" with Pastors in discipleship and church planting. The population of Nepal is an unchurched people group with a wide range of Hindu, Islam, and Buddhism prevalent in the country. Christopher helped plant a church in Sultan, WA, a daughter church of Cascade Church in Monroe, WA.

Christopher's wife Heather will be homeschooling 7 (out of 8) children and also learning the Nepali language. The Schwarzens hope to be in Nepal by September of 2014. Please pray for safety in travel and smooth adjustment to living in Nepal.

Ian Smith is our new missionary to Japan with Converge Worldwide. Ian is called to the nation of Japan to help establish 'multiplying transformational churches.' Ian is originally from Olympia, Washington and has lived in Seattle, Tokyo, Chicago and Chuncheon, South Korea.



Ian came to faith in Jesus as a teenager and is passionate about proclaiming the Gospel. As a Converge missionary he hopes to work in partnership with the local church in Japan to help plant multiplying transformational churches among Japanese young people.

Sharon Steen will be furthering her study of Midwifery in the Philippines. She will leave on January 31st and will return on March 1st.

Stewart Dow and Bruce Ingram are both traveling this month. Please pray for their safety and health.



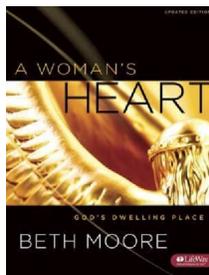
We welcomed **Dr. Mary Hoppa** to our Church staff this month. She will be available Sundays and Mondays for personal or family counseling. You will find a friendly pot of tea in her office when she is here. She would be glad to share a cup of coffee too! You may contact her for an appointment at 425.879.5283 or by email at maryeddie@comcast.net.

Bethel Men

The men are learning biblical peacemaking in the Peacemaker Bible study. Next up: "**Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts**" led by Steve Mosman.

The Women In Our Lives

We have begun a new Bible Study in our Wednesday night group. Beth Moore has written "A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place". Explore the fascinating account of the building of the Old Testament tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and its variety of meanings for your walk with God today.



Come join us at 5:30 for dinner followed by the Bible Study from 6:00-7:30. See you there!

The Women's Retreat will be the first weekend in May. Contact Theresa to sign up. Scholarships are available.

Children's Ministry

There is a need for additional teachers for Sunday School and Children's Church. Please contact Greg Kuper Sr. for an interview.

January is Prayer Emphasis Month. Thanks to all who have participated during the Morning Worship services and for speaking about what prayer means in your lives.

Book Review - "Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home" by Richard Foster. This book is currently being used by the Awakenings Prayer Institute and would make a fine addition to your collection.

Best-selling author Richard J. Foster offers a warm, compelling, and sensitive primer on prayer, helping us to understand, experience, and practice it in its many forms—from the simple prayer of beginning again to unceasing prayer. He clarifies the prayer process, answers common misconceptions, and shows the way into prayers of contemplation, healing, blessing, forgiveness, and rest.

Coming to prayer is like coming home, Foster says. "Nothing feels more right, more like what we are created to be and to do. Yet at the same time we are confronted with great mysteries. Who hasn't struggled with the puzzle of unanswered prayer? Who hasn't wondered how a finite person can commune with the infinite Creator of the universe? Who hasn't questioned whether prayer isn't merely psychological manipulation after all? We do our best, of course, to answer these knotty questions but when all is said and done, there is a sense in which these mysteries remain unanswered and unanswerable . . . At such times we must learn to become comfortable with the mystery."

Foster shows how prayer can move us inward into personal transformation, upward toward intimacy with God, and outward to minister to others. He leads us beyond questions to a deeper understanding and practice of prayer, bringing us closer to God, to ourselves, and to our community. (Book review from www.amazon.com)

Ground Zero Youth Group

We had a GREAT New Year's "Rock Up, Lock Up" event with 38 kids attending and two bands performing. The itinerary was quite full with times for games, music and dramatic presentations. Mike & Starla Tarter provided breakfast for the all-nighters. Thanks to everyone who helped make our celebration successful.



Stewardship 2013	
Total General Fund Income Year To Date	\$ 10,110.00
GF Budget Needed Through January 19, 2014	\$ 12,945.00
Percent Surplus / Deficit Budget	% 21.9
Monthly General Fund Need	\$ 18,275.00
General Fund Giving for January	\$ 10,095.13
Designated Fund Giving for January	\$ 1,168.86
Total Giving for January	\$ 11,713.98
Total Giving Year to Date	\$ 11,713.98



Weekly Sack Lunch Ministry continues to THRIVE!

Donations of canned goods and sandwich making supplies are needed at this time. Please also bring new socks (all sizes), and new or gently used scarves, gloves and hats. They can be left in the downstairs kitchen. Thank you everyone!



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

El Roi - The God Who Sees!

Thrown out! Like a soiled, worthless rag! Used for another's pleasure and then mistreated. It was too much; she couldn't handle it. She felt like an outcast. She was Hagar, the one who bore the son of Sarai's husband, Abram. (Read Genesis 16)

Have you ever been thrown out, cast away? You fulfilled someone's pleasure and then you weren't wanted anymore? Did you run away? Or were you unjustly cast out?

Do you wonder if somehow you failed or were inadequate? Maybe if you had behaved differently, maybe if you had been more than you were, maybe if only you...the speculations go on.

People tell you that it wasn't your fault, that you weren't the only one who was wrong. But right or wrong, you will feel rejection deep inside and with rejection comes that feeling of inadequacy.

Where is God? You ask. Where is this sovereign God who promises that all things work together for good? Does He know what is going on? Does He see?

Yes, He is **El Roi**, the God who sees. The omnipresent God is there and His eyes are not shut. He isn't asleep, unaware of all the circumstances. He sees. (pg. 29).

After you realize that HE sees, you need to know that in His sovereignty, He permitted it. Therefore, as horrible and as destructive as it seems, in God's economy, it will be used for Good. You must know Him, believe him, and put your trust in His name, for He does not forsake those who seek Him (Psalm 9:10) (Pg. 32-33)

Awakenings Prayer Institute

(API Seminars and Retreats)

Upcoming Events.

February 1, 2014 Seminar 5

February 14-16, 2014 Retreat

"Praying Our Triumphs & Challenges"

Cedar Springs, Sumas, WA

Cost: \$260 private or \$230 shared

The cost for each seminar is \$15.00 and includes lunch.

(Books are extra.)

API ONE—first year seminars

will be from 9:00—1:00 ending with lunch

API TWO—second year seminars

will be from Noon– 4:00 beginning with lunch