



# The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Two - Episode Two - February 2014

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

## From the Pastoral Staff

Watch for a letter in your mailbox about our church financial picture. We are inviting everyone to a family forum on March 16th after church. This will coincide with the Annual Baked Potato potluck lunch. There will be a presentation concerning our church financial plan.

## Bethel Men

The men will soon complete the Peacemaker Bible Study. We are enjoying great time of encouragement and Powerful prayer. Our Men's Retreat is May 16-18 with the Adventure Men's Ministry team. Stay tuned for details.

## The Women In Our Lives

Make plans now to attend the Women's Retreat - May 2-4 at Warm Beach. Keynote speaker will be Kim Meeder, gifted author and speaker. *Kim Meeder's life was torn apart at the early age of nine by her parents' murder-suicide. She has since chosen to rise above the pain and become a powerful influence in the lives of many disadvantaged youth.* You can find out all about it online at [www.warmbeach.com/programs/adult-programs/womens-events](http://www.warmbeach.com/programs/adult-programs/womens-events) Contact Theresa Schaudies for more information or to make a reservation. Scholarships are also available.



## Children's Ministry

We are short one teacher for our present needs in Sunday School, If you would be interested in helping teach children Biblical truth, please contact Greg Kuper Sr.

We continue to revise and update the curriculum for the Children's Church Program and are adding more hymns and choruses to the music portion. We are also in the process of adding a strong emphasis in learning about missions.

Two additional goals for the Children's team are: 1) to aid our children in growing a prayer life for themselves and teaching them what prayer is and how it may be conducted and 2) to increase the number of invitations that we offer to children each year to accept Christ.

We are considering the possibly of hosting a family game/activity night perhaps once per quarter/month for the purpose of getting families and children to interact and have fun together as part of the ministry and church outreach. A possible format would be serving a meal, a time of games followed by devotions and challenge for family devotions.

## Missions News

Pease remember to pray for **Bruce Ingram**, currently serving in Myanmar. Here are some things to pray for:

- God's heart, vision and unity among various tribes.
- Christians to be the light of Christ's reconciliation and peace.
- Prepared hearts to receive the forgiveness of new life in Christ.
- God to raise up mentor group leaders for Biblical training.
- Strength and wisdom for Bruce & Carol, and his mission team.

We enjoyed a fascinating visit from Ian Smith who will be on his way to Japan in the near future. He was able to share his heart for Japan and also spoke about the Great Commission and Fruitfulness during the morning service. Please remember to pray for Ian as he prepares for his first term and that his financial needs will be met.

The Mission Committee has been encouraged by the response to the monthly International Fellowships. In the past two months, there have been internationals from more than 7 countries. Bethel members are now involved in this outreach. The International Fellowship is hosted by Steve and Diane Mosman on the last Friday of each month

## Ground Zero Youth Group



New Years Fun - Ground Zero Youth

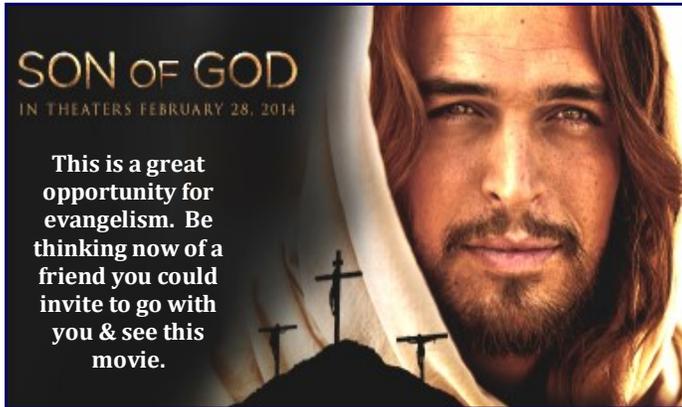
The Ground Zero Youth Group pulled an All-Nighter on New Year's Eve. They were entertained by "Toarn" a Christian Rock group. "Toarn" had the following comment about the evening -

*This is kind of late but we want to give a huge shout out to the awesome youth group over at Bethel Baptist Church for rocking out with us on New Years Eve! You were a great crowd and easily the most fierce dodge ball players we have ever faced! I think my face is still sore from the viscous beating I took!! (from Ground\Zero Facebook page).*

**From the Church Council**

Dr. Mary has moved into her new office. Stop in to see decorations done by Binh Nguyen & Florence Englet. Dr. Mary will serve you a cup of nice tea after church.

The Son of God movie comes out this month on February 28th. (please see below) The adult Sunday School will be using the corresponding Study Guide "Son of God, Who Is He?" Plan to invite a friend to see the movie with you.



This major motion picture event is an experience created to be shared among families and communities across the U.S. It brings the story of Jesus' life to audiences through compelling cinematic storytelling that is both powerful and inspirational. Told with the scope and scale of an action epic, the film features powerful performances, exotic locales, dazzling visual effects and a rich orchestral score. The film spans from Jesus' humble birth through his teachings, crucifixion and ultimate resurrection.

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all.

Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours."

"The most important aspect of Christianity is not the work we do, but the relationship we maintain and the surrounding influence and qualities produced by that relationship. That is all God asks us to give our attention to, and it is the one thing that is continually under attack."



**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 Annex kitchen. Thank you everyone!



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

**El Shaddai**

**The All Sufficient One!**

Read Genesis 17:1-8. If anyone needed to know God as El Shaddai, it was Abraham. He was ninety-nine years old and Sarah was eighty-nine, and still they were childless. Yet, God had promised them a child of their own. "And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb" (Romans 4: 19). How could Abraham give glory to God in such a seemingly hopeless situation? It was because he knew Him as El Shaddai.

El (and it's derivative, *Elim, Elohim, Eloah*) is "one of the most widely distributed terms for Deity known to the human race."<sup>2</sup> Remember that El actually stands for the "might" or "power." Even when it is not used for God, it is still translated "might" or "power."

The translation of Shaddai is not as clear in its meaning. Scholars are not absolutely sure of its root word. Some believe that it speaks of God in His might and power as seen in His judgments. Others lean toward the definition I have given you, the all sufficient one. (pg. 37)

Before you can really know God as El Shaddai, the all sufficient One, I believe you must bow before Him as *Adonai*, your Lord and Master. (pg. 41)

*Lord* is more than a word; it indicates a relationship. The lordship of God means his total possession of me and my total submission to Him as Lord and Master. (pg. 42) Look at Genesis 15:2.

Remember now that the name of El Shaddai was not used until Genesis 17. It is easier to call Him El Shaddai than it is to call Him Adonai. Yet, you will never know His sufficiency apart from knowing Him as Lord, as Master. Only a servant can be totally dependent upon his master to meet all of his needs. (pg. 42).

Abraham learned to trust God as his El Shaddai the all sufficient One. God fulfilled his purpose in Abraham and made him the father of many nations.

Stewardship 2013	
Total General Fund Income Year To Date	\$ 21,915.00
GF Budget Needed Through Feb. 16,2014	\$ 30,205.00
Percent <b>Surplus / Deficit</b> Budget	<b>% 27.4</b>
Monthly General Fund Need	\$ 18,275.00
General Fund Giving for February	\$ 9,788.02
Designated Fund Giving for February	\$ 846.67
Total Giving for February	\$ 10,634.69
Total Giving Year to Date	\$ 24,487.67

**Awakenings Prayer Institute - (API Seminars and Retreats)**

**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  
**Next API Retreat #3** will be March 28-30 at Westminster Abbey - Mission- BC, Canada.