



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Two - Episode Six - June 2014

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

From the Pastoral Staff - It was great to see so many people at the Congregational Business Meeting on June 25th. If you have any questions about the reports given by the Ministry Leaders, please let us know.

We are now posting brief videos via our website and also on YouTube about upcoming sermons. Be sure and check them out and tell your friends too!

Bethel Men - The men are combining their usual Wednesday night meeting with the women and both groups are studying the Spiritual Gifts God has given them. Steve Mosman leads this course. They are discovering how God has "wired" them to serve in the best way possible.

The Women In Our Lives - The annual Cruzin' to Colby Clear-the-Clutter Rummage Sale was held on Monday, May 26th from 10:00 – 4:00. We made \$436.00. We also had a lot of help with the sale, a lot of fun, cleared a lot of clutter, and saw a lot of pretty cool cars.

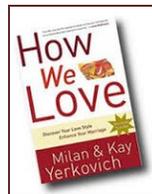


Our next garage sale is "The Mother of All Garage Sales" on Saturday August 2nd. This is a community wide event. Stay tuned for further details.

Children's Ministry - The Sunday School is in need of one or two teachers who are willing to commit their time to working with the children each week. This is a matter of prayer for the church. Please contact Greg Kuper Sr. if you are interested.

There is a possibility of a change in the format for the coming year pending presentation to the four permanent staff members and approval of the Church Council. Thanks to Beth Lewis who represents the Children's Ministry on the Church Council.

Ground Zero Youth Group - Congratulations to our Class of 2014 Graduates. They were honored with gift cards and a Reception on Sunday June 1st. Plans are already in the works for the Annual Summer Camping Trip scheduled for August 3rd-6th. Start making plans now to attend & get the details from Pastor Abe!



"How We Love" Seminar - taught by Dr. Mary Hoppa. Happening today after Worship. The next scheduled seminar will be on Sunday August 10th. A light lunch will be served for both sessions.

Missions - Dr. Phil & Catherine Dow, our missionaries to Kenya, were here for a visit on Father's Day, June 15th. Phil has written a very insightful book called "Virtuous Minds: Intellectual Character Development". He shared some of the ways to love God with all our *minds* and the recovery of intellectual character. Phil's book is available on Amazon.com both in hard copy & E-book.

Ian Smith is headed to Japan very soon. He is presently looking for a suitable vehicle to use when he arrives there. Please pray that God would provide the right car or truck. You can read more about Ian on his blog at:

<http://www.joyfield.org>

Bruce & Carol Ingram - ACTION International - Bruce is helping coordinate 4 (possibly 5) ministry teams for this fall to India, Nepal, Myanmar and possibly Cambodia. Pray for God's provision of team members, funds, wisdom in coordinating and spiritual work in the lives of the pastors they train.

Carol recently traveled to Chicago to care for her 96 year old mother who suffers from dementia. Pray for Carol's mom to have God's peace.

Prayer Ministry - Several Bethel folks attended a wonderful evening of prayer on Thursday, June 12th. Our focus was on God's global mission to reach every nation. We used the booklet produced by Elaine with all the information about our missionaries as a prayer guide. In addition each person was given a 30 day prayer guide directing our prayers to the believers in Iran.

From the Church Council - We welcomed Les Lewis as lead Trustee as Trustee to the Church Council at our last meeting. He plans to have a workday every second Saturday of the month. If you see anything around the building that is in need of attention, please let him know. He will add it to the list of projects already in place.



Congratulations to Mel & Sandi Larson who were married on Friday June 6th. Praise be to God for bringing these two together once again.

June is Trustee Month



Awakenings Prayer Institute
(Seminars and Retreats) Begins again next fall.

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

There are three API Retreats each year. The first, “My Soul Within Me” concentrates on Breath Prayer & Lectio over a signature Scripture. The second retreat is “Praying Our Challenges and Triumphs”, letting God form and process key moments in our lives. The third and final retreat deals with “The Art of Soul Friendship” and is held at Westminster Abbey in Mission B.C.



The Worship Team is looking for people who want to participate in worship in new ways - working in the tech booth, singing, playing an instrument, doing announcements, prayer, or other special features. Maybe you've wondered about getting involved - come on July 20th to Worship Jam and find out where you may fit and what's required (not much; we do friendly and gentle on-the-job training!). For more information, talk to Kathryn Johnson or Donna Kuper.



This is an excellent opportunity to invite your friends for a unique time of

Worship, Fellowship, Food & Fun.

(Don't forget to bring sunscreen.)

Address is:

8811 Airport Road
Everett, 98204

Save the date! Sign up if you need a ride or can help with carpool to the Park. Make plans now to attend.



Please bring your non-perishable items to Charlie's Closet. We are in need of canned goods, pasta dinners, prepackaged snacks, cereal, rice & beans, Top Ramen (or similar) noodle soups, peanut butter & jam and anything else that will not spoil. Thanks!



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

Jehovah Nissi
“The Lord is My Banner”

Exodus 17:8 states, “Then Amalek came and fought against Israel.” There was to be no white flag of surrender in this battle. God was very clear, “Fight against Amalek” (v.9). Why? Because Amalek and his people were enemies of God, and they had to be subdued, even if it meant war.

In this battle against Amalek, God was first worshipped as our *Jehovah-nissi*, “The Lord is My Banner” (Exodus 17:15). Through this event, God is showing us a great principle for attaining victory over our enemy, the flesh.

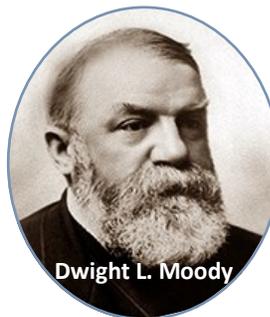
Amalek was the first and constant enemy of Israel. (Numbers 24:20). After the children of Israel had come out of Egypt through the Passover and crossed over the Red Sea by the mighty salvation of the Lord (Exodus 14:13) and after they had eaten bread from heaven and had drunk water from the rock, the first enemy they had to deal with was Amalek (Exodus 17:8)

Isn't the flesh your first and constant enemy? Read *Deuteronomy 25:17-19*. Note the phrase “He did not fear God.” The Hebrew word for fear means “to reverence, to respect, or to honor God as God.” Just as Esau despised his birthright, not giving it proper value or respect, so his grandson Amalek did not respect God. Esau's birthright would have made him an heir to the Abrahamic covenant, yet he sold it because of temporal fleshly hunger!

When will we agree with God and say, “For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh” (Romans 7:18)? When will we determine that we will walk by the Spirit who dwells within every believer? When will we acknowledge that there is a war to be fought?

When Israel came out of Egypt and crossed the Red Sea with the Egyptians pursuing, Moses said, “Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD” (Exodus 14:13, KJV). That's salvation! But then along came Amalek, and it was “Go out and fight against Amalek”. (17:9). That's Christian warfare. We want salvation, but not warfare.

When will we rally at His standard, the banner of our Jehovah-nissi? You are not alone in the battlefield; look to the Lord your banner. It is also His battle.



Dwight L. Moody

“It has been said that there will be three things which will surprise us when we get to heaven--one, to find many there that we did not expect to find there; another, to find some not there whom we had expected; a third, and perhaps the greatest wonder, will be to find ourselves there.” *D.L. Moody*



Dr. Mary Hoppa is available for personal or family counseling on Sunday and Monday afternoons and into the evenings on Mondays. You may sign up for an appointment on your blue registration card,

or contact Dr. Mary personally at 425.879.5283 or by email at lighthousecounseling@frontier.com

Stewardship 2014	
Total General Fund Income Year To Date	\$ 92,099.00
GF Budget Needed Through June 22nd, 2014	\$ 105,525.00
Percent Surplus / Deficit Budget	-12.7 %
Monthly General Fund Need	\$ 18,275.00
General Fund Giving for June	\$ 13,267.82
Designated Fund Giving for June	\$ 1,449.09
Total Giving for June	\$ 14,715.91
Total Giving Year to Date	\$ 104,587.43