



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Two - Episode Seven - July 2014

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

From the Pastoral Staff - We have been asked by Converge Northwest to provide prayer support for potential Church Planters. Last month, several Bethel folks attended the LeadershipOnRamp meeting in Edmonds. This is an assessment process for missional leaders getting ready to start new churches or ministries. During these times, coaches and practitioners come alongside candidates for training and encouragement as they test drive their ideas. The next session will be in Boise Idaho August 19-21. For more information about this program visit www.leadershiponramp.com or contact Theresa if you are interested in providing prayer at the Idaho session.

The Wednesday Night combined Men's & Women's groups have completed the course on Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts. Thanks to Steve Mosman who led the group so well. It will be interesting to see how the newly discovered gifts will emerge in service to the Lord both here at Bethel, beyond our doors, the city and the world.

Bethel Men - 14 brothers went to enjoy and evening of Battlefield Live on the 23rd. It had rained all day, but it broke that evening. The course was muddy, but we had a blast!

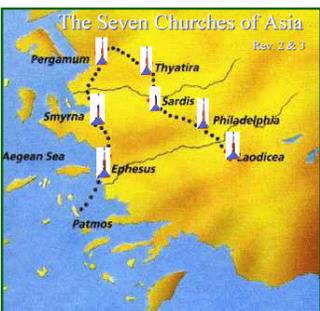


The next Bible Study for the Wednesday night Men's group will coincide with the current sermon series.

The Women In Our Lives - Second Saturday Sewing continues making hospice gowns and butterfly pillows. The next Bible Study will be from the Book of Psalms.

Children's Ministry - There is a need for Sunday School teachers for the 4th and 5th grade students. Contact Greg Kuper Sr. if you can help with this age group.

Have you noticed the newspapers that appear each Sunday during Coffee Time? These are from our Children's department. There is an opportunity for you to



interact as question/answer sheets are provided to go along with the publication. The children are learning about the seven churches of Asia (spoken of in Revelation 2 & 3) and also about our missionaries who serve in countries around the world. Each edition of the

Children's newspaper features one of these churches and also the country of one of our missionaries. There are four copies made each week with pictures, puzzles and interesting information. Take a few minutes and see if you can answer the questions provided. The children are also available to help you if you have questions but they have been instructed not to give away the answers. The newspapers will be on display during Children's Ministry Month in September.

Ground Zero Youth Group - will be taking their yearly Camping Trip August 4-7. All you "youthies" planning to attend contact Abe for permission slips and other details.



Missions - **Ian Smith** has recently had successful Lasik surgery and is headed off to Japan very soon. He posts on Facebook; "Thank you for your prayers everyone! The Japanese government had issued me a certificate of eligibility which means that I can now apply for my visa at the Japanese Consulate in Seattle with near certainty of it being approved!"

Justin & Melissa Foltz - are awaiting the arrival of their third child. Analie & Asher will soon have a baby brother, Amias Paul Foltz due August 31st.

Andy & Lynette Tillman - are on home assignment during this summer and plan a road trip around the USA. Pray that God would provide them with a worthy vehicle. The Mission to Unreached People is now called ActBeyond. You can find out more at the website: www.beyond.org

Prayer Ministry - The Fourth Annual Jetty Island Prayer Walk was well attended on Sunday July 13th. The theme for this year was The Global City: Everett & Beyond - "You can reach the world from here".



From the Church Council - **Special thanks** to Margaret Steen, Bill Bruce & Les Lewis for doing the tasks around the church on the last Work Day. **Church Work Day** happens every second Saturday of each month.

Church Giving can now be done online via our website. Look for the "Give" tab at the top of the page. Regular tithing is richly blessed by the Lord and it is an essential part of church operation. Additional gifts over and above the tithe are always welcome.

Council Retreat - The Council will meet August 15 & 16 for their annual Retreat. If you have any items for the Council to discuss, please let them know.

What happens at Council Retreats? First of all, there is PRAYER. Time is spent looking back at the year past and looking forward at the year to come. They discuss the good, the bad, the highs and the lows. Then they PRAY again and plan for the coming year. In between all this, they have some fun, fellowship and great food too. Please pray for them.



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- 2:30 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.

Coming Events in August.

- ◆ **Ground Zero Campout** - August 4-7.
- ◆ **"How We Love" Seminar** - taught by Dr. Mary Hoppa. The next scheduled seminar will be on Sunday August 10th. A light lunch will be served.
- ◆ **Church Council Retreat** - August 15-16 at Stan & Julia Youngs home.
- ◆ **Prayer Journey to Boise ID.** August 19-21 - Church Planters Onramp



We had a great time at the Worship Jam session this month. This was a great opportunity to experience what the Worship team does each week. Please let Kathryn know if you would be interested in another Jam Session soon.



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!

Stewardship 2014

Total General Fund Income Year To Date	\$ 107,893.00
GF Budget Needed Through July 20, 2014	\$ 122,409.00
Percent Surplus / Deficit Budget	- 11.9%
Monthly General Fund Need	\$ 18,245.00
General Fund Giving for July	\$ 12,143.93
Designated Fund Giving for July	\$ 1,165.18
Total Giving for July	\$ 13,309.11
Total Giving Year to Date	\$ 122,349.57

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

Jehovah-mekoddishkem
The Lord Who Sanctifies You.

You can tell what is foremost in your life, by what you give yourself to! How important is God's Word? How devoted are you to really learning it so that you can live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God? (Deuteronomy 8:3)? Are you spoon-fed, or are you learning to feed yourself? Do you flirt with Christianity, or do you love God with *all* your heart, *all* your mind and *all* your strength?

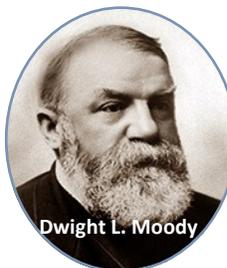
The name of God that was next revealed to the children of Israel was Jehovah-mekoddishkem (also spelled mekaddishken), the Lord sanctifies you. Read Exodus 19:2-6

Israel was to be—as we are to be—a kingdom of priests, a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9). Thus, God brought His people to Mount Sinai where He gave them the covenant of the Law and the pattern for the tabernacle where they would worship their God. These commandments would set them apart as a peculiar people for God's own possession. They would come to know Jehovah as Jehovah mekoddishkem through observing His Sabbaths.

The words *sanctify*, *set apart*, *holy*, and *saint* come from the common root words *qadash* in the Hebrew and *hagios* in the Greek. For the first time in the Word of God, the purpose of the command for the Sabbath is laid down before the children of Israel. The Sabbath is to be a sign between God and Israel throughout all their generations. The purpose of the Sabbath was "that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you" (Exodus 31:13) or "that you may know the I am Jehovah-mekoddishken." As God made the Sabbath holy to the children of Israel, so He made the children of Israel holy, or set them apart, unto Himself.

What is the purpose of our redemption? To make us righteous, to make us holy. Only holiness can abide in the presence of the Most Holy God. Therefore, God tells us in Hebrews 12:14 (KJV), "Follow...holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Holiness is not an option, it's a requirement!

As God sanctified Israel, so He sanctifies the church. Read Hebrews 10:10-14, John 17:15-19, I Thessalonians 4:3-8, 5:23, Ephesians 5:25-27 and II Peter 1:4.



Dwight L. Moody

"Obedience means marching right on whether we feel like it or not. Many times we go against our feelings. Faith is one thing, feeling is another. Prayer does not mean that I am to bring God down to my thoughts and my purposes, and bend his government according to my foolish, silly, and sometimes sinful notions. Prayer means that I am to be raised up into feeling, into union and design with him; that I am to enter into his counsel and carry out his purpose fully."



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