



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Two - Episode Ten - October 2014

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.



From the Pastoral Staff - Thanks to our Trustees and Craig who helped us install the cross on the Bethel Tower once again. It was great to celebrate as a Church family and to know that the cross is again visible throughout the city of Everett.



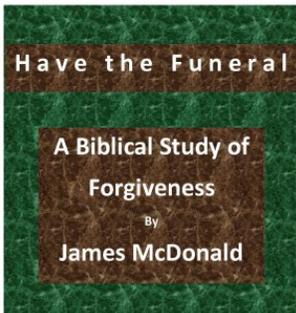
Also this month, was

the Converge Northwest Annual Meeting in Puyallup. A seminar was presented from Awakenings Prayer Institute.

From the Church Council - At our last council meeting the main topic of discussion was the budget for the upcoming year. Some tough decisions and cuts had to be made in order to make up for shortfalls experienced in the past few years. The proposed budget will be posted on November 2nd. A letter and an explanatory packet will be sent out to active members, so please be looking for it in your mailbox. In addition, there will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday November 9th to present the Budget and an additional meeting on November 23rd for a vote to adopt the budget for next year. Upon approval of the budget, our designated giving will be reinstated. Please feel free to ask questions from any council member.

Bethel Men - We are learning how to manage our resources through the Financial Peace Community College. Our presenter and moderator is Stan Youngs.

The Women In Our Lives - New Bible Study - This study explores the process of forgiveness from the biblical definition all the way to the official burial of our unforgiveness and life thereafter. Author and pastor James MacDonald defines forgiveness as the decision to release a person from the obligation that resulted from injury. From the pulpit he explores the nuances of forgiveness, common rationalizations of unforgiveness, and the fallout of failing or refusing to forgive. He not only shows how to make forgiveness final but



also how to live a God-honoring life of integrity in the spirit of forgiveness. MacDonald's no-nonsense approach to the topic is ideal, combining practical application with timeless truths from Scripture.

Second Saturday - Both men and women gather for Work Day & Second Saturday Sewing each month. Come and join us whether you are good at sewing or can do tasks around the church building inside and out. A lunch is served and the fellowship is great around the table. Come & see what you are missing!

Missions - Please remember to pray.

Bruce & Carol Ingram - ACTION International

This picture was a recent trip to Myanmar. Bruce is there now. This is the beginning of a nationally led and sustained pastor training group. Their vision is to share the Gospel with the 40 major language groups that have not heard the Gospel and to see 2000 new disciples come to Christ in three years.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **November 4th-7th** - Church Planters Prayer Event
- ◆ **November 16th** - 1:00 p.m. "Family Project" Seminar with Dr. Mary Hoppa. The seminar will feature the movie "Irreplaceable".
- ◆ **November 20th** - 7:00 p.m. Church Planters Dinner at North Sound Church in Edmonds.
- ◆ **November 21st** - 7:00-11:00 p.m. All Church Prayer Night.
- ◆ **November 27th** - Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ **November 30th** - 1:00 p.m. Decoration of the Sanctuary for Christmas.

New Seminar Series begins
Sunday November 16th

The Family Project™

A Divine Reflection

Featuring the movie
"Irreplaceable"
 Lead by Dr. Mary Hoppa



Awakenings Prayer Institute Retreat - What an incredible group of like-minded, warm-hearted people at the API retreat at Cedar Springs. Our accommodations were deep in

the forest. I can hear Pastor Wes sending us out on our next prayer walk with these instructions, "Speak to no one but the Lord." This picture is of our classroom for world-class training in contemplative prayer. It's not too late to jump into session 2 of the API institute first Saturday in November at 9 AM Bethel Baptist in Everett. It will change your life!



Ground Zero Youth Group - Night Stalk 2014 was held Friday night (10/24) at Bob's Corn in Snohomish, WA. This was a new experience and location for the annual October event.

ATM

(At The Moment, or All That Matters) - There is a brand new small group forming at Bethel! Taylor Olsoy, Bronte Cox and Sharon Steen would like everyone to know that this group is open to young adults ages 18-25. They plan to spend time together in a variety of fun and social activities; including but not limited to sports events, prayer and worship on the beach and other outings and fellowship together. They also meet on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. with the Northshore Christian Church Young Adult Group. The group is looking for homes to meet in so don't be surprised if they contact you. If you can be a host to **ATM** please contact Taylor Olsoy at (425) 334-4333.



Children's Ministry - The First Children's Ministry Open House was held on Tuesday September 30th. Featured at the event was a "bouncy house" along with plenty of games, food and great opportunities for parents to get acquainted with our Children's Ministry Staff. Hopefully there will be more events like this in the future and we can see growth in numbers of families with children.

WANTED:
Items for
Charlie's
Closet



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!



Church Giving can now be done online via our website. Visit www.bethleeverett.org & look for the "Give" tab at the top of the page.

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

The Lord My Shepherd

What does God think about us? Many things—and all of them are precious. "How precious also are Thy thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand" (Psalm 139: 17-180. Yet, His thoughts are based on an honest evaluation of what we are like.

We are like sheep. Over and over again God refers to us as sheep: "All we like sheep have gone astray" (Isaiah 53:6). "My sheep hear my voice" (John 10:27). "We are...the sheep of His pasture" (Psalm 100:3)... "I...will both search my sheep, and seek them out" (Ezekiel 34:11). "Feed my sheep" (John 21:17).

All the positive maxims in the world can't change the fact that sheep are sheep. What makes the difference in sheep is the shepherd.

Sheep are the dumbest of all animals. They are helpless, timid and feeble. They require constant attention and meticulous care. Sheep have little means of self defense.

Why did God create them that way? I believe He had a twofold purpose. First, to show us our total, absolute poverty of spirit and second, to show us our need of a shepherd.

Even though we do dumb things, even though we are not perfect, even though we all stumble in many ways, (James 3:2), we can succeed because the Lord is our Shepherd. God designed us as we are so that we would see our need of Him. In Him, we find all that we need. Thus we can say with total confidence and conviction, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

I want you to note one last truth. It is the end result of having the Lord as your Shepherd: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)

Quotes from R. C. Sproul



"I think the greatest weakness in the church today is that almost no one believes that God invests His power in the Bible. Everyone is looking for power in a program, in a methodology, in a technique, in anything and everything but that in which God has placed it—His Word. He alone has the power to change lives for eternity, and that power is focused on the Scriptures. From the book " *The Prayer of the Lord*.

"It is imperative that the Christian, at the beginning of his pursuit to understand what true worship is, gets it clear that the object of our worship is to be God and God alone."

"He is intangible and invisible. But His work is more powerful than the most ferocious wind. The Spirit brings order out of chaos and beauty out of ugliness. He can transform a sin-blistered man into a paragon of virtue. The Spirit changes people. The Author of life is also the Transformer of life."



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