



# The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Two - Episode Eleven - November 2014

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

### From the Pastoral Staff - Celebrating 30 Years of Ministry.

Pastor Wes was wonderfully surprised on Sunday November 2nd when he discovered that instead of “Worship Jam” the alternate plan was a party in celebration of his 30 years of faithful ministry as a Pastor. A wonderful lunch was served followed by a short program of sharing and also a video presentation. Special guests included Kathryn’s parents, Herb & Doris Ann Duncan, Bruce & Carol Ingram and also Don Herold, a long time friend of Pastor Wes. It was such a joy to celebrate with friends and family.

Dr. Wes Johnson

Celebrating 30 Years in Ministry

Nov. 2nd, 2014  
Bethel Baptist Church – Everett, WA.



**Bethel Men** - The Wednesday night Men’s group finished up their study course from “*Financial Peace Community College*”. Thanks to Stan Youngs who did such a fine job of leading the men in this much needed area of study. The next Bible Study will be from the book “*The Measure Of A Man*” by Gene A. Getz.

**The Women In Our Lives** - The current Bible Study in the Wednesday night women’s group is “*Have The Funeral*”, A Biblical Study of Forgiveness by James McDonald.

**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. Christopher and Heather Schwarzen & family have been unexpectedly called back from Nepal to the USA because of “a new push to enforce anti-proselytizing laws”. Christopher writes; “If we stand and fight this move, we risk being unable to ever re-enter the country — and the sure death not only of our ministry to the Nepali people, but also of a personal dream (spending time with 18 year old daughter Babita). We will be returning to the United States Friday, November 21, where we will be staying with Christopher's parents for the time being. We covet your prayers and support as we seek God's purpose and will in this shocking development. Our family is, understandably, emotionally reel-



ing and confused as to what's next in our lives. We trust that God is sovereign and will be glorified, and look forward to His gentle leading”. Please remember to pray for this family and their situation.

**Scott & Ruth Millar** - The Millars were commissioned on Sunday November 2nd by Emmanuel Baptist Church in Mount Vernon. From there, they traveled cross country to Brampton, Ontario Canada, arriving on Monday November 10th. They will be planting bi-lingual churches in the Toronto area.



**Jami Strandberg** - Guadalajara, Mexico. Jami teaches Old Testament and Personal Evangelism at the Seminary. The students have experienced joy of seeing God at work in and through them. Pray for these seeds planted and for her students that God would continue to compel them and give them joy as they share Christ with others. Also pray for the mentoring of seven women in various ministries who are learning Transformational Leadership.

**Ground Zero Youth Group** - Night Stalk 2014 turned into Mud Walk. GZ went to Bob’s Corn in Snohomish, WA. for their Halloween activity. It was a different venue than in past years. The end result was a lot of MUD.



Stay tuned for details about the New Years Eve “**Rock Up Lock Up!**”

**(At The Moment, or All That Matters)** - There is a new small group 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, 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.



### Awakenings Prayer Institute Quotes -

"The Soul Friendship triads were very meaningful – the men listened to me and prayed for me..."

"The word "sustains" has proven that God is always with me and sustaining me. I found reference to this in a journal entry dated 30 Nov. 2012!"

About being silent and praying Scripture: "GOD always gives me something new!"

About reading Dr. Wes Johnson's manuscript: "It was good to see the big picture" and "It was all about relationship with God."

"I enjoyed the book discussion at lunch. It's a great time of getting to know each other And makes me excited about upcoming books in API TWO."



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

#### Jehovah-tsidkenu - The Lord Our Righteousness

Can a man ever really be right with God? Have you ever felt it was hopeless? You agreed with God. Your heart was deceitful and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9). You knew it. Yet you were going to live the way you wanted to live. Nothing could change it. You were what you were.

Man can be right with God! Righteousness means to be straight. It is to do what God says is right, to live according to His standards. But righteousness in man requires a new heart. And man can have a new heart. (Read Jeremiah 31:33-34, Jeremiah 32:40 & Ezekiel 36:26-27).

All this—a new covenant and, thus a new heart—will come because of a righteous Branch named Jehovah-tsidkenu, the Lord our righteousness. You can be right with God! You can be righteous. You need not live in an endless cycle of sin and failure. Your heart need not be desperately wicked. You can have a new heart. You need not turn away from Him (Jeremiah 32:40). How?

It is all wrapped up in understanding His name, Jehovah-tsidkenu. (Read Jeremiah 23:1-6). At Calvary's cross "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21) - "even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe: (Romans 3:22).

There He hung, Jehovah-tsidkenu, made sin for you so that you by believing in Him might be made His righteousness.

Can we be right with God? Only by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 1:12 and Matthew 1:21).

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

#### From the Church Council -

Thanks to Casey Gardener, Steve & Diane Mosman's granddaughter for the beautiful mural painting on Dr. Mary's door. Casey attended EVCC and graduated from Evergreen Beauty College. She is an artist at heart and loves the Lord. Take a moment and go check out her artwork.

The proposed budget for 2015 was passed by a unanimous congregational vote on Sunday November 23rd.



#### Billy Graham Celebrates his 96th Birthday

At 96 years old, Billy Graham's desire to share hope with the world is as strong as ever. On Nov. 7, the day Graham celebrates his birthday, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will debut Heaven, a film that includes a never-before-seen message from Billy Graham.



For his 96th birthday, Graham plans a more subdued evening at home enjoying the company of family members who plan to visit him during the week of his birthday. However, he hopes people will join him in watching Heaven, the latest My Hope with Billy Graham film.

"Although his physical condition keeps him homebound, he remains interested in current events and the ongoing work of the ministry that he began more than 60 years ago," said Franklin Graham, his eldest son and president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. "Opportunities like My Hope and the Heaven film are ways that we can help my father to continue the work that God called us to do. Please pray for my father, and for those who will watch this film—that they too may know the peace found in Jesus Christ.

As he turns 96, Graham continues to struggle with deteriorating eyesight and hearing. But he does have the ability to begin and end many days with devotions, Bible reading and prayer with his staff. He also enjoys the opportunity to spend time with family and close friends who visit with him.



**The Family Project™**  
A Divine Reflection

It's not too late to get in on this important Seminar series.

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



**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](mailto:lighthousecounseling@frontier.com)