



# The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Three - Episode Two - February 2015

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

**From the Pastoral Staff** - Congratulations to Pastor Abe for completing his service to our country in the Army National Guard. Abe served for six years for one weekend each month and two weeks during the summer. He is now working for the Monroe Prison as a guard. Please continue to pray for God's provision and protection for Pastor Abe.

**Bethel Men** - Current Wednesday night Bible Study is "The Measure of a Man" by Gene Getz.

**The Women In Our Lives** - Current Wednesday night Bible Study is "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp.

There were quite a few women who attended the Beth Moore Conference at Overlake Christian Church. All of the sessions on Friday and Saturday were filled with good music provided by Travis Cotrell and wonderful, inspiring messages of hope from Beth Moore. We had a great time!

**Missions - Please remember to PRAY!**



**Phil & Catherine Dow** - Director. Rosslyn Academy is a Christian international school with 650 students from many nations, faiths and ethnicities. Pray that the staff will be a positive witness to students and families. This month they are hiring teachers for the next school year. Pray that the

Lord will lead the search committee to committed skilled teachers willing to serve in Nairobi. Rosslyn could be a "soft target" for terrorists. The American Embassy has financed significant security measures for the school that will make attempts less likely to succeed. Praise the Lord!

**Scott & Ruth Millar** - Hispanic Church Planters in Toronto. We thank the Lord for Don, a member of the Salvation Army, who prays and encourages us regarding the church plant. He talked with the Captain of the Salvation Army church who gave us permission to use their building for our first preview service Sat. Feb 28.



Please pray that God will guide us to men and women of peace who He has chosen to be future pastor and leaders (about 70% of the people in Brampton are from India). Please pray too for the salvation of the non-Christians who will attend the preview service and the

growth of the Christians who will be attending. The vision is a bi-lingual and multi-cultural church.



**Update** - From Greg Kuper Sr. Two of our families have moved this past year so our regular Children's Church membership has fallen to 12.

We have adjusted our curriculum so that we can run a good program with 4 total workers, thus allowing permanent staff to be in adult worship service once per month. We are very pleased as this is the policy we have always desired. Our Sunday School attendance fluctuates but on some Sundays we have pre-school, 1st, 3rd & 4th grade students. We do the same lessons for each age group with age appropriate activities. We are thankful to Vanessa who teaches the 5-7th grade class which varies from 1 to 5 students each week. There are usually volunteers to help for which we are thankful, however we are praying for the Lord to lay a teaching position on someone's heart and that they would be willing to help us.

**From the Church Council**

**Dr. Jim & Jane Wisland** will present a **Suicide Post-Venture Conference** on March 15th & 16th. The basis of this conference comes from Psalm 88. Over three years of study, Jim has concluded that this is the most profound revelation in ancient literature of someone contemplating suicide. Jim is the executive director of the Arctic Resource Center for Suicide Prevention and coordinator for the Fairbanks Wellness Coalition.

**We are waiting** for permits from the city of Everett to revise the back porch to comply with ADA regulations. Les Lewis and his team will count the boards to see what needs to be purchased.

**Coming on March 29th** - Jews for Jesus will bring a presentation of "Christ in the Passover". It will feature a Jewish Seder, the ancient remembrance of the Passover. Be thinking now of who you can invite.



Awakenings Prayer Institute  
Praying Our Triumphs and Challenges  
Retreat

February 13-15, 2015.

At this retreat we worked with our timelines to reflect on God's Presence during the high and low points of life. Here are some comments from folks who attended the retreat.

"Pondering life's high points gives us inspiration; the low points equip us with passion. Both are gifts. The question is, what are we going to do with them?"

"In looking at my low points, God enabled me to see that all the hard things past and present are in his sovereign control. He's holding and molding me in His faithful strong hands."

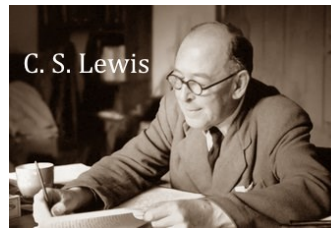
"Visiting the high point was good - really brought perspective to my life and my walk with God."

"Praying Scripture is so meaningful. I get insights that I never would have seen without it."

"What I found most meaningful was walking and silent meditation upon a larger picture inspired by signature Scripture."

"Self will always be a distraction - but God gives mountaintop glimpses from time to time and His plan emerges with startling clarity."

"And the food is fantastic!!"



C. S. Lewis

"I remember Christian teachers telling me long ago that I must hate a bad man's actions but not hate the bad man: or, as they would say, hate the sin but not the sinner. ...I used to think this a silly, straw-

splitting distinction: how could you hate what a man did and not hate the man? But years later it occurred to me that there was one man to whom I had been doing this all my life — namely myself. However much I might dislike my own cowardice or conceit or greed, I went on loving myself. There had never been the slightest difficulty about it. In fact the very reason why I hated the things was that I loved the man. Just because I loved myself, I was sorry to find that I was the sort of man who did those things."

"Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man... It is the comparison that makes you proud: the pleasure of being above the rest. Once the element of competition is gone, pride is gone."

"Progress means getting nearer to the place you want to be. And if you have taken a wrong turning, then to go forward does not get you any nearer. If you are on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; and in that case the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive man."

*C.S. Lewis, from the book Mere Christianity*

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

- ◆ Tuesday March 3rd - First Tuesday Fast & Pray
- ◆ Saturday March 7th - API #1 & #2 9am-2:30pm
- ◆ Sunday March 8th - St. Patrick's Day Dinner after Worship
- ◆ Saturday March 14th - Church Work Day & Second Saturday Sewing Circle
- ◆ Sunday & Monday March 15th & 16th - Suicide Post-vention Conference
- ◆ Saturday March 21st - Family Project Seminar with Dr. Mary Hoppe
- ◆ Friday March 27th - International Fellowship at Mosman's home
- ◆ Sunday March 29th - Palm Sunday "Christ in the Passover".

DID YOU KNOW THAT WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING LAST NIGHT JESUS WAS PRAYING FOR YOU?

HE ALWAYS LIVES TO INTERCEDE FOR US.  
(HEBREWS 7:25)



**Pictorial Church Directory**

We are in the process of updating our Church Directory and this time it will include pictures of everyone. Thanks to our "in house" photographer Binh Nguyen for taking such fine pictures.

Be sure and get your copy once the Directories are published. (It will be soon).



**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)

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- SEE THAT YOU EXCEL IN THE  
GRACE OF GIVING. 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7