



# The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Three - Episode Seven - July 2015

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

**From the Church Council** - The annual Church Council Retreat was July 17 & 18. Time was spent in making revisions to our By-Laws and Affirmation of Faith. The recent decision by the Supreme Court concerning same sex marriage has made this necessary in order to preserve our ability to follow what God has said in his



Word about the proper institution of marriage. Look for a copy of the recommended By-Law changes in mid August. There will be a special church business meeting on Sunday September 13th after worship to consider the recommended changes to our By-Laws and Statement of Faith.

You may soon notice some new "no trespassing" signs posted outside the church. First of all, this does not mean you! Second, we are seeking to provide meaningful next steps for some of the downtown folks who live on the street and who also sometimes sit on our front steps and sleep on our lawns. By posting signs, we enable the Everett city police to ticket trespassers or offenders. This will eventually provide them a choice between jail time or entering a sobriety program. Recently, one man in our community when faced with this decision entered a sobriety program and was able to resume his business as a construction contractor. Please pray that those who use our property will also take the next right step to improve their lives.



**Prayer Ministry** - Once again, we took a walk on Jetty Island to pray for our city, our state and our country. The weather was perfect as we enjoyed the fresh air and the fresh presence of God.

**Bethel Men & Women** - The men of Bethel meet every week and discuss the current sermon series. Also, thanks to Stan Youngs for presenting the "Financial Peace Seminar" especially designed for couples. Thanks to Les Lewis and his team of fine folks who keep this building in shape. The big projects are the roof, the back deck, however there are many smaller (equally important) projects in process on the inside of the building as well.

The current Women's Bible Study is "Summer in the Psalms". There is much encouragement here.

Two rummage sales were held in conjunction with Memorial Day and the July 4th parade in downtown Everett. It was successful with more than \$1,000 being raised.

**Children's Ministry** - We would like to thank the congregation for all the support they have given us over the past year. We would like to highlight our church's motto that we are a church that adopts, by having more activities, such as fun nights, for the whole congregation to meet and incorporate our children into our church body. We are looking for someone to take on the task of planning and making these events happen on a regular basis.

**Missions - Please remember to PRAY!**

**Christopher Schwarzen** plans a trip to Nepal at the end of September. There is continued news of Christians being persecuted for their belief. They are being overlooked when asking for aid and have been advised by government officials not to share the Gospel.

**Andy & Lynette Tillman** - Serving in the Philippines have been given a \$2,000 budget to make an Indigenous Transformation Film. This covers from script to production. Also, Andy has been asked to go to China to do advanced training in Storying. Please pray for his visa process. Lynette has accepted an Interim Academic Admin. Position at Faith International Academy. Pray for wisdom and guidance as this is a huge responsibility.

**Mosmans** returned from Papua New Guinea on July 4th. Diane helped translators improve their English skills while Steve worked long hours, for weeks, with an engaging team of nationals and missionaries.

**Negesso Bridge Project Complete!** During Bethel's



Ministry Fair in 2010, we helped raise funds for the Negesso Bridge project. Various friends of the Mosmans also helped raise funds. When a sizable fund had been raised to build a simple bridge, the ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT took notice of the need and desire! After

centuries of people drowning trying to cross the river when the water rose up, the government not only helped build a bridge, but did what else was necessary. They built a road on both sides of the river and designed and made the bridge huge enough to carry people and goods in vehicles and trucks to and from that whole large area. The people beyond the river had been lacking safe access to schools, medical facilities, stores, markets for their crops from "the beginning of time" until now! People "beyond the river" in Dini only heard about "who God is"

and about Jesus because "our" young high school boy (now past 50) and his friend went back from the mission school to their birth village about 40 years ago to make sure their people had a chance to hear about God! It was



the elders of the resulting church of 900 + people who told Steve & Diane Mosman that they needed a bridge. This bridge is now complete!

**Come Out and Bring a Friend!**  
 Bible Lessons • Songs • Great Games  
 Fun Activities • Memory Verses • Prizes

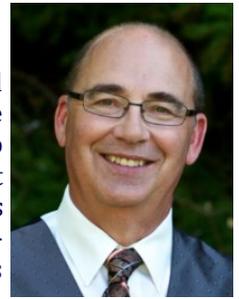
**5-DAY CLUB**

At the home of Wes & Kathryn Johnson  
 2303 8th Street - Everett, WA. 98201

Runs August 10th - 14th  
 Monday through Friday  
 2:30-4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in helping out with 5 Day Club, there will be an orientation meeting on Sunday August 2nd after the Worship Service. A light lunch will be provided.

### How To Use Your Summer - Getting Your Ministry On Target



As a pastor, I always enjoyed the relaxed pace of summer. But before long, the hustle of the fall season was upon me and I was too busy "doing" to have time to think. If that happens to you, I suggest you take time this summer to plan for your next season of ministry. Here are some incredibly simple steps to consider as you anticipate your next season. This is a simple process than can make a huge difference.

**Align Your Heart With God's Plan.** David wrote "May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." (Psalm 20:4) There are two things here. First, there is an expectation of planning in this text. Second, God wants your plan to succeed. The question is "What has God laid upon your heart to accomplish?" It is clear that people work best when they are working toward something. This is true of churches as well as any other endeavor.

**Set Faith Goals.** It is reported that the great artist Michelangelo once said: "The greater danger for most of us isn't that our aim is too high and miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." How do we keep ministries from reaching too low? Set goals that stretch your faith. I suggest doing this with others on your team. It will build unity and promote accountability.

**Write It Down.** This may sound simplistic, but the truth is, there is power in putting your plans and goals in writing. You can review them daily, weekly or monthly. You can pray over them. You can communicate them clearly to others. But you will notice as you work on your goals, they will work on you. God will shape you to accomplish His plan through you.

Steve Welling - District Executive Minister - Converge Northwest

Are you interested in Awakenings Prayer?  
 Now is the time to consider enrolling for the  
 2015-2016 sessions.  
 API #1 & API #2

Find out how to take your deep need to God -  
 Develop Breath Prayers - Pray through the Highs and Lows of  
 your Timeline - Learn Soul Friendship  
 Contact Pastor Wes or Theresa Schaudies.  
 Plan to attend the Annual API Picnic on  
 Saturday August 1st.

"But just as you excel  
 in everything - in faith,  
 in speech, in knowledge,  
 in complete earnestness and  
 in your love for us - see that  
 you also excel in this  
 grace of giving."  
 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

**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)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ◆ Tuesday August 4th - 1st Tuesday Fast & Pray. The theme is Passionate, Biblical Leadership among Millennials.
- ◆ Saturday August 8th - 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day & 10:00 a.m. Second Saturday Sewing Circle. Lunch is provided.
- ◆ Sunday August 16th - Pastor Wes speaking at Crosswater. Guest speaker Ryan Brotherton 6:30-8:30 API at Crosswater Church, Sultan, WA.
- ◆ Monday August 17th - 6:30-8:30 API at Crosswater Church, Sultan, WA.
- ◆ Sunday August 23rd - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Christopher Schwarzen visit at Dow's home.
- ◆ August 24th -September 8th - Wes & Katheryn on vacation



**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!