



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Three - Episode Eleven - November 2015

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

From the Church Council

The Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday November 8th. The purpose of the meeting was to hear Pastoral Staff reports and Yearly Statistics. Also the proposed budget for 2016 was presented. The Affirmation of Faith was approved with the proposed changes suggested at the previous meeting in September. The proposal of an Anglican Church Plant in our building was presented with a Memorandum of Understanding which was introduced and discussed. Results of the Sunday School / Worship schedule change survey were discussed. The Deacons and the Church Council will analyze these results further and come to a decision in January 2016.



Affirmation of Faith: Bethel's Basic Bible Beliefs (B4) - is our current Adult Sunday School subject. In our troubled times it is good to know the firm foundation for relevant and transforming faith.



The Children in Sunday School & Children's Church will be writing letters to the children in missionary families. They plan to write their first letters to Courtney & Beth Zehr and their children, Anne, Adelaide & David. The Zehr family hosted Steve & Diane Mosman while they were serving in Papua Indonesia a couple years ago. The Zehrs work with Wycliffe Bible Translators and also JAARS, serving in aviation support.

Wednesday Men's Group - We are beginning a new series called "*Joyful Effectiveness*", a study in the book of Philippians. Come and find out what God has in store for you and how you can be joyful and effective.



Stewart & Elaine Dow

On November 7 Elaine and I arrived safely in Seattle after a two-month trip covering five countries. The purpose of the

trip was to visit over 20 Christian ministries in the Middle East, and we also had the opportunity to visit our son and his family in Kenya and our daughters and family in Washington, D.C.

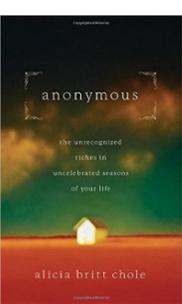
In Turkey, we saw 200 majority background new believers baptized. We attended two church conferences, listened to many stories, we hugged and prayed for many people.



In Lebanon, we visited a border town 30 minutes outside of Damascus. There is a school there for 300 kids, a relief program, medical clinics and trauma counseling. A pastor from Aleppo came to see us which was amazing in itself. He shared with us the extreme hardships they are suffering; no water, or electricity for 20-30 days at a time and being surrounded by ISIS government troops. Even though there is daily trauma, the churches are



full with prayer meetings, and many are becoming believers! Practical help is given by people who have nothing, sharing food, blankets, prayer and trauma counseling. In Beirut, we visited a dilapidated center that reaches out to hundreds. 400 have accepted Christ there in the last year.



Women's Bible Study - We will be studying "*Anonymous*" by Alicia Britt Chole. We all experience times of hiddenness, when our potential is unseen and our abilities unapplauded; college freshmen, transplanted professionals, new parents, the widowed, the retired, the waiting. Though we often want to rush through these anonymous seasons of the soul, they hold enormous power to cultivate character traits that cannot be

developed in any other way! Jesus was no exception, says author Alicia Britt Chole. Most of His first 30 years were not recorded and consequently are not celebrated. But unknown is not a synonym for unimportant! This hidden 90 percent of Jesus' life was essential! As it was for Jesus, so it is for us: personal hiddenness prepares us for true spiritual greatness. In these sacred spaces, God grows in us an unshakable identity, an accurate portrait of Himself, trust in His timing, and a disciplined imagination.

Ground Zero Leadership - God has blessed Pastor Abe and our youth group with in increase in leadership personnel. Taylor Olsoy has joined the team as well as Zach and Rochelle from Trinity Lutheran College in Everett. Zach is the captain of the golf team. Brian & Liz Richards and Justin & Melissa Foltz round out the team. Pray for these leaders as they make Christ real to our Ground Zero teens.



2015-2016 sessions.
 API #1 & API #2
 Seminar #3 Saturday December 5th
 First Year- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Second Year- 12:00 Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Find out how to take your deep need to God - Develop Breath Prayers, Pray through the Highs and Lows of your Timeline and grow in the skills of Soul Friendship Contact Pastor Wes or Theresa Schaudies.

We were truly blessed by the presence of God on our retreat this month. There were 10 in attendance and the Holy Spirit did a wonderful work. One person said "The Bible has come alive for me this weekend!"

In Baghdad, we met some pastors who face danger every day. Some are fleeing the country, their goal is to become stronger in the Lord.

Every country was different with both wonderful and hard things happening. The creative ministries there, the hardships faced, the uncertain future...all lead Christians to seek the Lord fervently. These people pray! And they are innovative and visionary.

Christian leaders in the region said God is strongly at work there. Some even said "this is the golden age of evangelism". We have a responsibility to all who seek the Lord and keep our eyes open to these people. Christ compels us.

Stewart & Elaine Dow - Mission Travelogue
 Wednesday, December 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

Stan Barta - "I am a Zionist. Simply, that means I believe the Jews have a right to a homeland. My goal in traveling to the State of Israel for a month was to serve in some capacity that would enhance the safety and security of Israelis. Perhaps my



Western Wall in Jerusalem

role was a bit of "the Watchman on the walls" as well...Isaiah 62.6-7. I chose to serve as a civilian volunteer on an Israel Defense Forces (Army) Logistics Base high in the Galilean hills. The work my team and I performed included unloading armored personnel carriers and restocking them with fresh gear/supplies, cleaning and packaging communications equipment, and sealing the APC's to protect them from that most insidious, perpetual enemy: dust and sand.

Weekends we left the base and traveled. I spent time in Jerusalem during some of its most violent days. I walked miles on hot, windless beaches exploring the ruins of Herod's seaport of Caesarea. My final five days in Israel were spent hiking, following the Master's footsteps through the hills and valleys for 50 miles from Nazareth to



Mt. Arbel & Sea of Galilee

Capernaum.

Throughout my month in Israel I was heartened by gracious and helpful Jewish, Druze, and Arab Israelis at every turn. Yet, my heart ached for the bigotry and fear that exists between them. Israel's only hope for Peace will be through the constant and miraculous interventions of Messiah among them. May the truth of Messiah Y'shua permeate every Israeli and Arab heart and mind as thoroughly as the airborne dust of the Galilee infiltrated our lungs and our hair in those weeks!"

Stan Barta - Israel Travelogue
 Wednesday December 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Scott & Ruth Millar - Missionaries to Toronto - Please pray for **Geovani and Mariana**, who have traveled from El Salvador to Los Angeles, to New York and finally Canada. They sought safety from the Marasalvatrucha

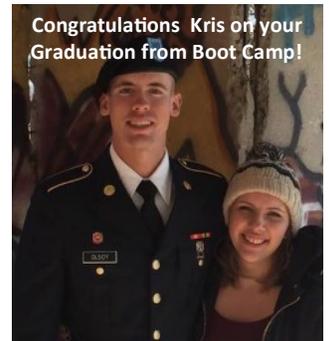


gangs located in both El Salvador and Los Angeles. They were granted refugee status in Canada. Giovanni got a good job, bought a house & enrolled their children in school. Finally feeling safe, Giovanni was diagnosed with cancer. Because of good medical care, he is cancer free but cannot work. They are trusting the promises of Jesus.

Also pray for **Leonard** who was involved in a terrible car accident where the friend he was riding with was killed. Leonard suffered nightmares after staring death in the face. He contacted Scott and accepted Christ in his hospital room. He has a long road to recovery and is in lots of pain. Please pray and support these new believers in the Lord.



Steve Mosman - Teaching at Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya. Steve is staying at the High School principal's house but soon will move into another house while the High School counselor is in the USA. Rosslyn Academy is a wonderful place. This from Steve - "Rosslyn has about 600 students from many countries. Thursday was culture day and it was thrilling to see the students dressed in cultural dress. I am teaching three classes in Chemistry and one in Advanced Placement Chemistry. I need to do a LOT of prep work for the AP class as they have not had a regular teacher for five weeks. The kids (50) are great, courteous and a thrill to work with. Keep me updated about what's happening at Bethel. God bless." - Steve.



Congratulations Kris on your Graduation from Boot Camp!



Christmas Basket Fundraiser Bethel is partnering once again with Delta Community Church of Everett. Last year this outreach was able to serve 60 families with enough food and gifts to make Christmas more joyful. Upcoming dates - 12/16 Gift Wrap/Potluck, 12/22 Packing Day/Delta, 12/23 Gift & Meal Distribution. Please contact Theresa (425) 422-0645 if you would be interested in helping.