



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Four - Episode Two - February 2016

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

From the Church Council –The prayer of the Council is this: *Master Planner, Sovereign Lord, Grant your eternal vision. Lord Sabaoth, Commander of armies, compel us to action.*

Anglican Church update. This is a great opportunity to help our Anglican brothers. They are currently seeking a church plant to start the new church.

We are considering several bids for upgrading the paint and décor of the sanctuary. This process is ongoing. The Brashler Room windows have new blinds installed. Cabinets for sewing supplies are being considered.

The Wednesday Night Men’s group is studying “Joyful Effectiveness,” reading the Book of Philippians.

Women’s Ministry is enjoying their study of the book “Anonymous, Jesus’s Hidden Years. Led by Judith Mayer.

Every second Saturday is Church Work Day and 2nd Saturday Sewing Circle. Come on out and help us do the Lord’s chores.

Also women, save these dates for upcoming events - **April 29th to May 1st** (Friday evening to Sunday morning) - Women’s Retreat at Warm Beach Camp. Cost will be approx. \$200.00

June 24th & 25th - Priscilla Shirer Live (She starred in the War Room movie) At Overlake Christian Church in Redmond. Cost approx. \$100.00 (includes overnight accommodations.) Scholarships are available for both events. Just ask!



A Word from Pastor Abe & Ground Zero - 11 to 15 kids are involved. The last message was on Proverbs 29:11 – “A fool gives full vent to his anger.” The closure of Trinity Lutheran College will affect where GZ gets their volunteers. The youth office was spring cleaned recently.



Ian Smith - Japan - The cold grip of winter is beginning to loosen here in Chiba and I am thankful that winter is in retreat. I am looking forward

to the coming year. One of the things that will define the majority of this year is what is known here on the field as “deputation”. I have been visiting as many of our partner churches as I can and will continue to do so until I finish

language school this summer. I had the chance to give a short testimony in Japanese at the annual Tokyo District Joint Worship Service back in January.


I want to thank you for all your prayers for my safe travels back to the States during the Christmas holidays. I had a joyful time with family and was refreshed by fellowship with friends and supporters. As soon as I got back to Japan, I started back into language school, which will remain my main focus for the beginning of 2016. Please continue to pray for my language studies and for my church visitation.

Christopher Schwarzen - Nepal - With God’s blessing, Christopher is back in Nepal again for a two week trip continuing the work we started in October, rebuilding believer’s homes following last year’s earthquake. This trip also includes reconstruction of several churches that were severely damaged, restoring a physical safe location for believers in Nepal and encouragement that God hears prayers and delivers.

We feel incredibly blessed that God allows us to see and be with our friends and loved ones in Nepal, and we do not take any opportunity He gives us for granted. God is gracious in our lives and we are grateful.

Pray for safe travel, eyes to see the greatest need, protection for believers in these persecuted areas and health and protection for Heather and the children at home.

Scott & Ruth Millar - Toronto, Canada - The story of Douglas, Vincente, Elias & Jenny - I met Vincente, Elias’s dad when I was handing out water to construction workers. I explained that I was a pastor to Spanish speaking people. Vincente called me after several weeks to say he needed help with addiction to crack cocaine. Much of the time he went on binges and was gone from the home. Elias was left to the care of his grandmother. Elias prayed every night for his dad and also that he would be able to see his mother. Jenny, mother to Elias was also having struggles with addictions. She has lost contact with Vincente and her child. She explained that Elias’



Prayer Warriors: You are invited to expand your scope of prayer from the Bethel family to Converse Northwest, joining our brothers and sisters in prayer for regional church strengthening and church planting. Sign up on the blue registration card.

great grandmother had died. She had been caring for her grandfather and had been off drugs for a month. She gave him her phone number to give to Vincente & arranged a visit to see his great grandpa before he died as well.

After more than four years of separation, Elias was able to see his mother in answer to his prayer. They enjoyed the miracle of the day and reconnecting with each other. Pray for this family as they still struggle with addictions. Pray for Elias who is attending Ruth's children's classes.

Bruce & Carol Ingram - Pray for Bruce's trip to Myanmar to train pastors February 24th - March 13th. Also for Carol who has been dealing with sinus issues. She plans to visit her mother in Chicago April 8th - 12th.

Remember to pray for upcoming Pastor's training in Ethiopia August 7-21 with John Blake going along.

From the Trustee Board - We had 12.5 workers at our last Work Day! The "half" was our own young David McWethy, who came ready to work with his own tools!

We were able to make two good tables using parts from a third table. Also a rack was constructed for storing the round tables.

Some items on the "task list" were finished, some almost done and a couple items need further work. The atmosphere with the crew was really good and seemed to build an attitude of keeping the church clean and in good repair.

Since the last Trustee report, the city has inspected the back porch to assess what needs to be done to finish the



Easter comes early this year; March 27th to be exact. Those who are interested are welcome to join us in the choir loft after worship on Sundays to rehearse for Easter. See Donna Kuper for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Tuesday March 1st** - First Tuesday Fast & Pray. The theme is Church planting in Converge Northwest
- ◆ **Saturday March 5th** - API #1 from 9a.m. to 1p.m. API #2 from 12 noon to 3p.m. **Also** at 9a.m. Church Work Day
- ◆ **Saturday March 12th** - Second Saturday Sewing Circle. **Also**, Daylight Savings time begins. Fix your clocks.
- ◆ **Sunday March 13th** - Celtic Worship Service and Potato Potluck lunch.
- ◆ **Friday March 25th** - Good Friday Evening of Prayer
- ◆ **Sunday March 27th** - EASTER! HE IS RISEN!



2015-2016 sessions.

API #1 & API #2

Seminar #6 Saturday March 5th

First Year - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Second Year - 12:00 Noon - 2:30 p.m.

We just returned from the retreat "Praying

Our Triumphs and Challenges" On this particular retreat we work with some of those defining moments in our lives that seem to stay with us - both high points and low points. We soak these moments in prayer and look at what Scripture has to say about such events. Seeing God's Presence throughout a whole life makes it easier to handle today's problems with courage and tomorrow with hope. Here are a few comments made from those who attended.

"It was so lovely to hear others share the epiphanies and releases found in this process of prayer and meditation."

"God met me in surprising ways. I do have a greater sense that God will be with me whatever happens."

"Helps to realize that the Lord is with all of us - amazing how he reaches everyone."

"I felt renewal from God in his gentle way."

project. The bottom step needs to be lowered by one inch. We still have time to complete this with the current permit; the city now knows we are not inactive on the project. The moving of the fire escape will require another permit.



Borrow Stuff from Pastor Wes' Library

Available Titles include: Church Dynamics Leadership Training, The God Questions, Sprint Through the Bible, Military Ministry Basic Training, Small Group Leadership Training, Building the Church Through Strengthening Families. These are just a few of the titles. Check with Becky in the Church Office to see more.

Bethel Books in the Fireside Room!

Borrow - Read - Return OR Borrow & Buy!

See Elaine Dow for Details



WANTED:
Items for
Charlie's
Closet



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

Non-perishable items are needed for 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!