



# The Bethel Lighthouse

## Season Four - Episode Seven - July 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.*

**From Wes & Kathryn** - (via Facebook) from Pastor Wes & Kathryn - "A quiet 4th of July here in Edinburgh. I'm drinking tea, Wes is napping. Will miss fireworks from Grand Avenue park this year. We have yet to see a pipe band here. Just single pipers busking on the streets."

There are pictures posted on Facebook from Iona and the island of Staffa with columnar basalt, sea caves, and puffins!

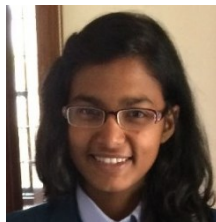
**Thanks** & appreciation to everyone who is filling in with various duties while our Pastor & Kathryn are away. Please continue to pray for their rest and relaxation.

## MISSIONS

**Christopher & Heather Schwarzen** - Babita

interviewed at the US Embassy in Nepal in order

to get her student visa. The US Embassy has denied the visa which would have been the final step for her to join the family in the USA. This is a matter for prayer! Babita has been accepted to The Crown College of the Bible in Powell, Tennessee! As a Nepali, this is huge because she would have the opportunity to study early childhood education with a foundation in Biblical studies. Babita feels God is calling her to open Christian schools in western Nepal where the population of believers is slim to none. Pray that she will be able to realize her dreams. Also, the Schwarzen family is purchasing a house for which the family is very thankful to God.



**Jami Strandberg** - writes, "I am teaching Theology of Worship on Saturdays. One woman student I've had in several classes shared how they began outreach in a community by giving free hair cutting classes, and now they have 10 ladies that meet weekly for Bible study!"

Jami also participated in **STS (Simply the Story ) Training**. She writes, "From June 6-10, I was training how to effectively share, teach and use Bible stories for preferred oral learners. It was intense but very good. I've

used techniques in my seminary class and look forward to using it evangelistically." Please pray that God would continue to open doors to share with neighbors and others in her community. Also for good health, energy and safety. Pray for the state of Oaxaca where there is much unrest between teachers and government workers .

**The Annual Ground Zero** camping trip is scheduled for August 15-18. Pastor Abe has all the details so make plans now to attend. Always a great time!



**Women's Ministry** - Several Bethel women attended the Priscilla Shirer Live event held this month at Overlake



Christian Church. Priscilla spoke about the power of God's Word and how to rise above the circumstances. She said "You don't have to live under the circumstances, live under the promises of the Word of God." Another lesson was from the story of Moses and his "Seasons of Life". God spoke to Moses in the desert from the burning bush that

was not consumed. During the dry seasons of life, God is still there. "The dry seasons set the framework for seeing God. He chips away at everything that is of no use to you and does not look like Jesus. God will put in you what is needed for the next season." To learn more about Priscilla, go to <http://www.goingbeyond.com>

**Second Saturday Sewing Circle** continues each month along with the Church Work Day. A great deal of good work is accomplished during this time. A delicious lunch is always served which is much appreciated.

**July 4th Parade Outreach** - Our own Jana Bendawald was a participant in the Downtown Everett Parade this year. She is seen here with the group from the Everett Film Festival. The festival is held each year in the month of February. Way to go Jana! You look great.



Bethel folks were active during the parade renting chairs, selling hot soup lunches and handing out brochures about the church. The Women also held a





Coming in September  
 Dr. Jeanette Bakke,  
 former Bethel University Professor  
 Fall speaker for API/Bethel  
 Kick Off Conference  
 September 18-19, 2016  
 Holy Invitations:  
 Growing in Faith, Prayer and Discernment



You may have noticed some very beautiful flowers on the back porch! They do so much to add to the space. Thanks to Mary Nichols for providing the added touch of color!

rummage sale in the Annex during the July 4th holiday, and extended it to July 7th. Thanks to everyone who dropped by and purchased items.



It is imperative now more than ever before that Christians unite in prayer for our country. The news

these days is not good and there are daily examples of Satan's attacks. The internet is full of articles, news reports and social media displaying anger and hate for one another. While it is true that the world and our nation is full of injustice and an increase in persecution of Christ followers, now is the time to renew our commitment to Jesus and hold fast to the hope that we have in Him. It is comforting to know that when Christ comes again, he will rule with justice and righteousness and all evil will be gone forever!

**Dr. Mark Bailey** from Dallas Seminary writes concerning the recent events in the city of Dallas, TX. "On behalf of the DTS Community we extend our hearts and prayers to those who have been injured and to those family members who have lost loved ones in the horrendous assault on our police officers of the City of Dallas and the Dallas Area Rapid Transport organization.



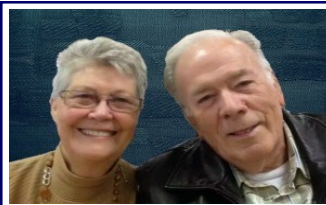
As president of Dallas Theological Seminary I ask that we, as followers of Jesus Christ, set aside additional time to pray for the escalating tensions of our culture and that all people everywhere would ask God for the wisdom to respond righteously and react neither in unrighteousness nor in inaction to the deep injustices in our world.

**Quotes**

*Billy Graham once said, "We have so many battles going on in America today that we should be a people of prayer. Our leaders need prayer. Our schools need prayer. Our youth need our prayers. Our families need our prayers."*

*"The kingdom of God is not of the people, by the people, or for the people. It is a kingdom ruled by a King, and God does not rule by the consent of His subjects but by His sovereign authority. His reign extends over me whether I vote for Him or not. R.C. Sproul, The Prayer of the Lord"*

Human life is precious to God, and the answer to all conflict and violence is in a reconciling relationship with one another that is rooted in a reconciled relationship with God that He has made possible through His Son Jesus Christ who died for us "so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed." (1 Peter 3:24)." Please pray often for those around you, for our country and for our leadership both locally and nationally.



We really appreciate Dave & Linda Crites who visited on Wednesday July 20th. Dave & Linda travel around the world letting people know that God can heal marriages, relationships and

also change lives. Linda has written a book called "Its Time to Go to God" available from Dog Ear Publishing. The premise of the book is that when we are ready to listen, God is ready to speak, and what He says will amaze us. His words are instructive and encouraging, often surprising, always right on point.

Dave and Linda have a very unique ministry. They listen intently to the Holy Spirit when they speak and this is what makes them so relevant.

- U** ♦ **Tuesday August 2nd** - First Tuesday Fast & Pray.
- P** Theme: End to racism and violence it has caused.
- C** ♦ **Saturday August 6th** - 12 noon-4:00p.m. API
- O** Picnic and Jetty Island Prayer Walk.
- M** ♦ **Saturday August 13th** - Church Work Day &
- I** Second Saturday Sewing Circle.
- N** ♦ **Sunday August 14th** - 10:00 a.m.
- G** Worship and Church Picnic at Forest Park.
- E** ♦ **August 15-18** - Ground Zero
- V** Camping Trip. Abe has all the details.
- E** ♦ **Wednesday night** summer activities - This month
- N** feature game night, prayer & hymn sing, open mic/
- T** karaoke, and movie night! Fun, food & fellowship for
- S** everyone. See you there! :)



**Dr. Mary Hoppa** is available for personal or family counseling on Sunday, Mondays & Tuesdays.. 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

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