



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Five - Episode Twelve - December 2017

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

From the Church Council - Bethel is beginning a new partnership to feed the hungry of Everett. We are pleased to announce that Salt of the Earth Ministry will be running a weekly lunch program here at Bethel, beginning Tuesday, January 2nd.

Salt of the Earth has run a weekly lunch at Westminster Presbyterian Church since 2001. Westminster is no longer able to host, so we were asked if we could serve the hungry in our annex once a week. The Council carefully considered this, and commissioned Theresa and Pastor Wes to look into it. We met with Sandra Richards and a representative of Midnight Cry Church of Snohomish, who will be serving with Sandra and her team. Sandra is a delight. She has been president of Salt of the Earth since 1992. She and her team have been receiving daily donations of food from a local Safeway since 1993, serving up to 6,000 people a month in 8 area food banks.

Some of you may recall our first partnership with Midnight Cry, the biker church of Snohomish. We raised funds to provide a motor bike for missionaries in Myanmar. We hosted joint worship services, and the bikers brought their Harleys and we all got pictures "hanging out" with the biking believers of Midnight Cry.

After interviewing the pastor at Westminster, the leaders of Salt of the Earth and Pastor Steve Marth of Midnight Cry, we brought a recommendation to the Bethel Church Council who voted to approve the initiative for an initial period of six months.

The ministry will run from 9-2 on Tuesdays. Lunch will be served between 11 & 1. The staff assures us that they maintain safety and cleanliness at all times. The Midnight Cry Church brings a well-oiled team and they will be glad to "show you the ropes". In addition to our regular food bank ministry, we will get an increased opportunity to volunteer and help feed the needy in our neighborhood. Contact Theresa if you are interested. For more information visit www.saltoftheearthfoodbank.org



Scott & Ruth Millar -Toronto The Purpose Driven Life Campaign in September, October and November was a fantastic way to help new believers understand what church is all

about. Thirty five people participated in the daily readings and weekly meetings. At the end of the campaign, we offered a course on membership. We now have 20 members with up to 45 in attendance on Sunday mornings.

We had our first communion celebration on Sunday November 26th. Pray for the church to continue to reach new people and grow.

From September 15-30, we visited Argentina and the churches we started in Santiago Del Estero and Catamarca. We praise the Lord for what he is doing through their ministry. I consider all the churches heroes of faith because they are ministering in areas controlled by drugs, violence, poverty and immorality. One new ministry in Cruz del Este, Argentina is reclaiming and ex house of prostitution for a worship center. Pray for Cesia and Pastor Jorge and her parents Alberto and Viviana as they take on giant social problems.

We are also working hard to prepare ministry leaders. We are using a study called *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* to look underneath the surface and learn to allow God to change deep hidden scars. Scott is training two people in pastoral ministry.

Welcome Home Steve & Diane Mosman - After spending more than a year away from Bethel, the Mosmans are home once again. Their assignment in Azerbaijan has concluded and the Lord has provided someone to take the administrative position that Steve had. They traveled home on December 20th just in time to celebrate Christmas with friends and family.

The Children's Ministry held its quarterly Play Day on Sunday December 10, 2017. We try to make each Play Day different with a variety of toys and games each time.



For December, we used Christmas ornaments and our scooters for the first session. Each of the two teams had a large quantity of numbered Christmas decorations to find in the correct numerical sequence. When a team found #1, the finder rolled to the end of the room where Vanessa and Beth waited to place the Scripture verse on the wall that corresponded with the number. Using this process, we were able to post the entire Nativity story from those two sources. After the completion of that activity, each team was given a set of small pictures for the ladies to attach to the appropriate verse.

Our goals on Play Day are to have fun and get our children to invite visitors to join them on that Sunday. In the midst of fun and eating, we make sure there is still time for a message from the Word of God.

We have requested a day in February from the Church Council for our next Play Day where we will be using our scooters once again to re-enact one or more scenes from the Old Testament. Play Day always invites our middle school age kids and our three-year-olds to participate in the games. We have pizza lunch at 11:30 and the last session of Play Day is a play activity of the child's own choosing. Greg Kuper Sr.

Awakenings Prayer Institute
Saturday January 6th, 2018
 #1— 9:00 a.m. Noon
 #2 Noon— 2:00 p.m.



R. C. Sproul - February 13, 1939 - December 14, 2017 Teacher, professor, pastor, author, husband, father, grandfather, friend, servant of God and His people—Dr. Robert Charles Sproul, better known to many simply as R.C., was all of these things and more. Having finished his race on earth, Dr. Sproul has gone on to his reward, and we now celebrate his legacy of faithful service to Christ and His church.

After his conversion during his freshman year in college, R.C. served Christ for more than sixty years. Never one to stand down when the gospel itself was at stake, R.C. tirelessly labored to defend the sufficiency of God's grace alone for our salvation as well as the trustworthiness of the Word of God. Yet in all this, he remained the consummate happy warrior, his infectious humor and generous spirit on full display. His bold stand for the truth evidenced the confidence he had in the sovereignty of the Lord.

R.C. was a uniquely gifted communicator, and his ability to make complex topics easy to understand was evident throughout his teaching. God in His grace used him to awaken men and women around the world to the holiness of God, and his legacy is evident not only in the vast body of work he leaves behind but in the countless people whose understanding of God's majestic character was deepened because they sat under his teaching.

As we reflect on R.C.'s life and legacy, we give glory to God for using R.C. to advance His kingdom on earth. We honor R.C. best by carrying on his mission to help as many people as possible understand the character of God and rest by faith alone in Jesus Christ. - www.rcsproul.com



Please keep praying, for the Lord to add one more soul, one more leader, one more church and one more missionary.



One Soul Saved



One Leader Mentored



One Church Planted



One Missionary

Christmas Traditions at Bethel



Galen & Joanie Yorba-Gray



Abe and the band on Christmas



Jason & Elizabeth Kessel and daughter Alexis

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Steve & Diane Mosman



Harold & Colby Olsoy



Pastor Wes, Kathryn & Theresa



Advent Candles Merry Christmas!



The celebration of Jesus' birth was complete with the Christmas Eve by Candlelight Service. The Christmas Story was read by dear friends both young and old. And, thanks to Joy Johns & family for once again supplying the candy bags! We wish you many blessings in the New Year. God is good!

January 2018 Calendar Events

- ◆ Tuesday January 2nd - First Tuesday Fast & Pray. Pray for spiritual leaders in America.
- ◆ Saturday January 6th - 9:00 a.m.-Noon API #1. Noon-2:00 p.m. API #2.
- ◆ Sunday January 7th - Wes & Kathryn will teach API at Cascade Bible Church in Twisp, WA. Also, it's Christmas De-Decoration Day. No Sunday School.
- ◆ Also - 6:00 p.m. Deacons & Deaconess Meeting.
- ◆ Wednesday January 10th - 5:30 Dinner & Israel report from Eddie Baines & Mary Hoppa.
- ◆ Saturday January 13th - 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day & Second Saturday Sewing Circle. Lunch will be served.
- ◆ Saturday January 20th - 9:00 a.m. Days for Girls.
- ◆ Sunday January 21st - 6:30 p.m. Church Council.
- ◆ Wednesday January 24th - Steve & Diane Mosman will speak about their work in Azerbaijan.
- ◆ Sunday January 28th - Date Sunday.

January 14th-February 3rd
 Converge Northwest 21 Days of Prayer
 January 15th-19th - Pastor Wes at Gaultiere Conference CA.
 January 15th-17th - Prayer Conference - Jefferson, OR.

Jehovah Jireh Church every Friday at 7:00 p.m.
 All Saints Church every Saturday at 5:00 p.m.