



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Six - Episode Four - April 2018

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.



Bethel is one of 99 churches in the Pacific Northwest that are part of a movement that has been starting

and strengthening churches since 1852. Currently, nine out of ten churches started by Converge NW succeed. Steve Welling, our district lead pastor has set the goal for us to be 200 churches strong within ten years. Nate Hettinga, lead pastor for Cascade Community Church in Monroe, oversees the church planting effort. Our conference owns two camps, Lake Retreat (where Wes met Kathryn!) and Camp Bighorn. Our own Theresa Schaudies facilitates an almost daily prayer connection between the churches.



Talents & Treasure Sunday Pray, Ponder & Invest

Funds have been dispersed to invest in any way desired. See how the Lord will work and bring back your offer-

ing on Pentecost Sunday May 20th. Celebrate the birthday of Christ's church and the abundance of God. If you have services or goods to offer, please post them on the bulletin board in the Bethel Café.



Treasure



Christopher Schwarzen is traveling to Ethiopia for three weeks of training in several locations. During that time, Christopher has been given what feels like a daunting task: teaching six different subjects

(hermeneutics, homiletics, Christian counseling, character development, Bible Survey and systematic theology) including two full days of training in one location all by himself! While Christopher may not quite feel up to the challenge yet, we trust that God is. Still, we ask for your prayers while he is away: safe travels, good health and encouraging opportunities to disciple pastors, not to mention prayers for the rest of the family during three weeks of life while Christopher is gone. We know that God is up to all the tasks ahead and that the path has already been laid straight. We are glad to be in His service.

**The 10 Minute Prayer - Every Sunday from 11:20-11:30
In the Brashler Room - All are welcome!**

Missions



Jami Strandberg - Mexico

Jami writes, I continue to attend and assist with our Wednesday women's Bible study. We have been discussing

how our relationship with our earthly father can often influence our view of God as Father. Some of the women thanked me for truly listening to them. That's a gift from God, and an answer to prayer.

Our seminary began offering mid-week night classes where I've been teaching Theology of Evangelism. I finished teaching a Saturday class on Youth Ministry and am presently teaching one on Christian Disciplines. I enjoy listening to my students as they share what God is doing through their lives and ministries. It's fun to see the students participate and people attend from different churches.

Factor Fe Campus Sur (New Church plant) - God provided us with a building to rent within our target area. PTL! We launched on January 28th, and on February 4th, we officially began having weekly worship services. Pray for us as we try to balance "come and see" with "salt and light" that God would give us wisdom and use us as His instruments to love people and impact the community with the Gospel for His glory.

Scott & Ruth Millar - Toronto, Canada - A Testimony of New



Life in Christ - from Carlina Kao (50 years old, married with 2 children)

I want to share with you my testimony of how the Lord changed the course of my life that was full of emptiness to a life filled with peace, for the glory of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Before I knew the Lord in a profound way, my life was full of material things that I thought would fulfill me but only filled my carnal, emotional desires and left me feeling that my soul was closed in. Inside of me, I felt empty, and I felt like I had a good relation with God in the way that the Catholic religion teaches. My sister shared with me that the only one that could fill all of my being was the Lord and when I gave my life to him, I was going to feel different.

The Holy Spirit began to make me re-examine my life. I began to seek and learn more about God. I met Ruth (Millar) and she was used by God to take me to the church that has been a tremendous help to me. I have learned the word of God that I had never read and did not know. The Lord began to fill my life with peace, the peace of God that no one can understand except those that experience it. God began to work in me and my husband, my children, in my marriage. He continues to work in us. For this I give thanks to God because He never arrives late to our lives but in His perfect moment.

I want to honor and bless my pastors Scott and Ruth for doing the work of God. May God continue to use them and bless them all the days of their life in Jesus name.



Awakenings Prayer Institute
Saturday May 5th, 2018
 #1 - 9:00 a.m. Noon
 #2 Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Soul Friendship Retreat
Soundbites

In Soul friendship, as in the realm of other significant meetings of the heart, we are moving into the realm of loving one's neighbor as we love ourselves.

On retreat we invested time listening to one another in triads and small groups, and talking together about how to listen from the heart. It was a rich time! We learned to listen for how the love, truth and power of God are present in the life of our friend. Over the past weeks I've found these three themes very helpful as I've listened to others. As a result, I have been more attentive to how I can participate with God as he loves my friend, guides my friend, and releases his power in their life.

We also gained guidance on asking life-giving questions that can start and sustain a spiritual conversation. Alice Fryling provided the questions, and we practiced using them in our groups. Here are a few questions you can use in conversations. What is something you desire in your life these days? Can you talk a bit about your desires for yourself? In the last day or two, when or where were you most aware of the presence of God in your life? Do you sense any invitation from God in this? What would you like God's invitation to be? We are excited about offering this training! Let us know of your interest. —Pastor Wes

"The main focus of the weekend was to get lots of practice listening prayerfully. It's surprising how hard it is. A lifetime of casual, social listening has created habits that focus on our own ideas instead of paying attention to how God is moving in our lives." - Theresa Schaudies

"I've had the Bible deep down inside of me for years, but now with this weekend, it's just gushing out of me!" - Terre Wilson



Bethel Church will have a new group meeting here in the fall. MOPS International is a Christian non-profit organization that believes in working with local Christian churches/parachurches

to maximize ministry opportunities to God's Kingdom. MOPS programs are started in churches of many different denominations and Christian traditions, but all share the common desire to reach out with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to bring glory to God in everything.

The purpose of MOPS is to build circles of moms who love each other like family. MOPS gatherings are where moms can meet to share their hopes, fears and insights, in a format that works with their schedules, that doesn't neglect their faith nor their womanhood, their motherhood nor their purpose, their heart nor their mind.

Our MOPS group plans to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month beginning on September 10th, 2018. Please contact Elizabeth Kessel at (425) 293-8675 if you would be interested in participating or volunteering. Your prayers are most welcome for the start of something good for Bethel Church and the community.



Church Annual Meeting on Sunday May 20th.

This meeting is for the purpose of election of Officers and Committee Members and Ministry Reports from each of our Bethel Ministry Teams/Boards. **Chairpersons are asked to submit their reports to the church office by Sunday May 13th.** A potluck lunch will be served before the meeting.

FIND US ONLINE

If you miss coming to church and would like to view the worship services, they are

now available online via the Bethel website, www.betheleverett.org or watch live on our Facebook page. Thanks to Binh Nguyen for handling the technology and posting the videos. And thanks to our tech crew for their skills each week.

May 2018 Calendar Events

Salt of the Earth Ministries every Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Jehovah Jireh Church every Friday at 7:00 p.m.
 All Saints Church every Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

- ◆ **Tuesday May 1st** - First Tuesday Fast & Pray. Theme is Solutions to Hunger and Homelessness
- ◆ **Saturday May 5th** - 9:00 a.m.—12 Noon API #1. Noon-2:00 p.m. API #2.
- ◆ **Sunday May 6th** - 6:00 p.m. Deacons & Deaconess Meeting.
- ◆ **Saturday May 12th** - 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day and Second Saturday Sewing Circle.
- ◆ **Sunday May 13th** - Mother's Day
- ◆ **Saturday May 19th** - Days for Girls. Meets in the Annex. Lunch is provided.
Also - 10:30 a.m. API Graduation Brunch
- ◆ **Sunday May 20th** - Pentecost Sunday/Talents & Treasures Offering Day.
Also - 11:30 a.m. Church Annual Business Meeting
Also - 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting.
- ◆ **Saturday May 26th** - Canvassing for MOPS/Children's Play Day.
Also - Rummage Sale Set-Up
- ◆ **Sunday May 27th** - Children's Play Day & Date Sunday.
- ◆ **Monday May 28th** - 9:00 a.m. "Clear the Clutter" Rummage Sale.



Dr. Mary Hoppa is available for personal or family counseling on Sundays through Wednesdays. 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



Available at www.betheleverett.org

ONE MISSION CONVICTED

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 Sent