



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Six - Episode Eight - August 2018

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.



The Council is encouraging us to pursue one new outreach per month - Pastor Wes & Kathryn recently hosted the annual Neighborhood picnic with about 25-30 people in attendance.

Everyone had a great time and the love of Jesus was shared with one who was new in the neighborhood. Check with Pastor Wes about hosting a picnic in your neighborhood.



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) begins Wednesday September 12th at 9:30 a.m. During the summer they have had several play days in local parks. If you are able to help care for young children, please contact

Elizabeth Kessel at (425) 293-8675

On Saturday August 4th, a Prayer Walk was held on Jetty Island. It was a perfect day with pleasant weather and fellowship with God.

The Church Council Retreat will be on Saturday September 29th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please pray for wise decisions and guidance from our Lord.



A word from Christopher & Heather Schwarzen
Christopher traveled to Thailand



and Myanmar for a multiple day training involving as many as 100 pastors and church leaders. Through prayer and dedicated supporters such as yourselves, they were able to raise the \$3,000 needed to host the training. Thank you!

Traveling with Christopher was Pastor Jimmy Ferebee from Word of Grace Church in South Carolina, where we attended before moving to Tennessee. Christopher was super excited to have Jimmy along. Not only are the two good friends, but it was Jimmy's first trip to Asia for missions—similar to Christopher's first experience nearly 15 years ago. The days and nights were long as the duo taught 12 hour days while in country. Topics included missions/evangelism, Christian counseling, character and integrity studies, sermon writing and prayer.

Christopher and Jimmy also traveled to some local villages where they helped evangelize and construct churches. Myanmar is about 10% Christian, so these efforts to train up a strong leadership are so very important.

Our son Mathäus will head to Bryan College as a freshman.



We're super proud of him and who he's becoming in God and look forward to watching him continue to grow. We can't say it won't hurt to say goodbye when we deliver him to his dorm mid-August, but we know this is the right step for Mathäus. Please keep him in your prayers.

Ian Smith is now on home assignment. He will spend this year reconnecting with the churches that have supported him during his last 4 years in Japan. Ian has a blog page which can be found by visiting <http://www.joyfield.org/>

Larry & Mary Harris - During the recent celebration of St. James (Santiago), an idol worshiped by the Mixtec people, God made it possible to insert God's Word into the festivities. Juan and Basilica, fellow translators were asked to be the *mayordomía* (administrators) of the event. This was troubling because of the idolism theme. Their plan was to play God honoring music, prepare the meals, read from James 3 and have the pastor speak, distribute fliers explaining the difference between Santiago and Jesus Christ and put copies of the book of James out on the table.

On the day of the festival, a 5+ earthquake hit the area, damaging the Catholic church. Tents were erected and Basilica approached the priest asking if he could read the flier about Jesus. Copies were distributed for the Morning Mass. The reading was recorded and played over the local radio station. The town president commented on the faith in action exhibited by Juan and Basilica and God did a wonderful work in the town that day.

Awakenings Prayer Institute
API Fall Conference
With **Bill & Kristi Gaultiere**
Saturday & Sunday September 15th & 16th

Your emotions are central to your life. They're a source of knowledge, relational connection, and power. You simply cannot enjoy life, love freely, or lead most effectively without paying attention to and caring for your emotions.

But most people minimize, criticize, or judge their feelings and they don't know how to find an emotionally safe friend. So they're not absorbing grace, even from God. It's a lack of empathy and it causes emotionally distant relationships, soul drain, anxiety, addiction, compassion fatigue, spiritual dryness, leadership problems, and burnout.

As Doctors of Psychology and Founders of Soul Shepherding, Bill and Kristi Gaultiere have a unique approach to emotional health for intimacy with Jesus, soul friendship, and ministry to others.

"Befriending Our Emotions" is more than a conference — it's a series of inspiring Soul Talks with fresh Bible teaching and practical guided experiences that will open up surprising new feeling pathways of prayer and relationship to bless you, your family and friends, and your church.

Save these dates - Saturday September 15, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *Befriending Our Emotions* - \$30.00 (spouses half off), includes lunch. Sunday Evening September 16th 6:00-8:00 p.m. *Soul Talks Intensive* (limited to 20 people) \$20.00 (spouses half off). Child care will be provided. Contact Theresa.



Ground Zero Youth Group
The Canceled Campout Tour - 2018
 Due to circumstances beyond our control, plans for the annual GZ Camping Trip had to be altered dramatically!
 The group ended up going to Birch Bay Waterslides, a movie and out for a meal.



Thanks to all who contributed to the camping trip even though another plan had to be put into place. We praise God for keeping all of us safe and look forward to the trip next year.



Bethel was well represented at the Decision America event in Monroe with more than 20 people in attendance. The evening began with music from Dennis Agajanian and Jeremy Camp. Their music was enjoyable and great.

Franklin Graham gave a powerful Gospel message. He mentioned the importance of Christians praying for those in authority over us, both nationally and statewide and becoming involved by running for public office. His message emphasized Mark 8:36 - *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?* He explained very clearly the way of salvation and it was good to see the response of people coming to accept Christ. Franklin has his own style and way of doing things but it is easy to see that he is very much like his father.



Dr. Mary Hoppa is available for personal or family counseling on Sundays through Wednesdays. You may sign up for an appointment on your registration card, or contact Dr. Mary personally at 425.879.5283 or by email at lighthousecounseling@frontier.com

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.

September 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.

- **Sunday September 2nd** - Sunday School Classes resume Also at 6:00 p.m. Deacons/Deaconess Meeting
- **Tuesday September 4th** - First Tuesday Fast & Pray. Theme is Mothers of Preschoolers - (MOPS)
- **Saturday September 8th** - 9:00 a.m. Second Saturday Sewing Circle and Church Work Day. Lunch will be served.
- **Sunday September 9th** - 2:00 p.m. Wedding of Sharon Steen & Zach Jess at Legion Park.
- **Wednesday September 12th** - 9:30-11:30 a.m. Bethel-MOPS will meet for the first time.
- **Saturday September 15th** - 9:00 a.m. API Fall Conference on *Befriending Our Emotions*. w/Drs. Bill & Kristi Gaultiere.
 - Also - 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Date Saturday / Childcare provided during Gaultiere conference.
 - Also - Days for Girls - 9:00 a.m. in the Annex.
- **Sunday September 16th** - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service w/Drs. Bill & Kristi Gaultiere.
 - 6:00 p.m. Soul Talks Intensive with the Gaultieres.
 - Jami Strandberg, missionary to Mexico plans to visit.
- **Wednesday September 26th** - 9:30 a.m. MOPS
- **Saturday September 29th** - 9:00 a.m. Church Council Retreat at the home of Stan & Julia Youngs.
 - 10:00 a.m. Sewing & Fellowship at Madison Community Church.
- **Sunday September 30th** - 12:30 p.m. Worship Board Meeting. Bring a lunch.



The fatherhood is recognized by the childship of the child. And what is that spirit of a child—that sweet spirit that makes him recognize and love his father? I cannot tell you unless you are a child yourself, and then you will know. And what is “the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father?” I cannot tell you; but if you have felt it you will know it.

It is a sweet compound of faith that knows God to be my Father, love that loves him as my Father, joy that rejoices in him as my Father, fear that trembles to disobey him because he is my Father and a confident affection and trustfulness that relies upon him, and casts itself wholly upon him, because it knows by the infallible witness of the Holy Spirit, that Jehovah, the God of earth and heaven, is the Father of my heart.

My hearers, have you the Spirit of adoption? If not, ye are miserable men. May God himself bring you to know him! May he teach you your need of him! May he lead you to the cross of Christ, and help you to look to your dying Brother! May he bathe you in the blood that flowed from his open wounds, and then, accepted in the beloved, may you rejoice that you have the honor to be one of that sacred family. *The Spirit of Adoption* - Charles Spurgeon

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

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