

The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Six - Episode Ten - October 2018

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.



The Council is encouraging us to pursue one new outreach per month. Our deacon's fund which is used to help people in need is low on funds. Please consider what you can give to

help us minister to our brothers and sisters in Christ and also to those around us who are in need.

The Deacon's Fund

Converge Northwest Annual Gathering - Pictured here is the



vision statement of Converge Northwest movement with the theme of Developing Leaders. Dr. David Nelms, director of the Timothy Initiative

spoke at the meeting. The theme of this work is "Disciples Making Disciples". They strive to "advance Christ's Kingdom by multiplying disciples and disciple-making churches around the world".



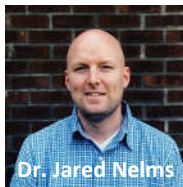
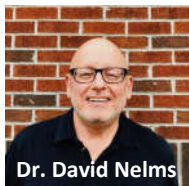
The Timothy Initiative is an international church planting organization which was established with the purpose to train and equip "Timothys" (Pastors/Church Planters).

"Disciples Making Disciples is the vehicle that drives TTI's church planting strategy around the world. Every believer is called to be a disciple; and every disciple is called to be a disciple maker. When disciples make disciples who make disciples we capture the New Testament model of church planting."

"We specifically target church planters lacking the means and/or availability to receive a balanced Biblical and theological training throughout Asia, Africa, and the Americas. Each church planter trained is expected to plant at least one multiplying and reproducing church in their region." (<https://www.ttionline.org/about-us-2/>)

Dr. David Nelms serves as Founder & President of TTI. He casts vision and gives direction to TTI as they strive to impact the world for Christ. David is a former senior pastor and had success in growing three different churches in Maryland, Iowa and Florida.

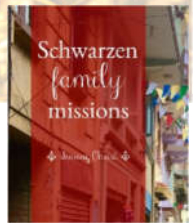
Dr. Jared Nelms serves as Vice President and International Director of The Timothy Initiative, providing direction and vision to their global church planting strategy. Jared is a vision implementation specialist with a passion for solutions that are sustainable. As an experienced missionary in both Asia and Africa, Jared highly values operating in the sweet spot between the board room and grassroots level work. Jared also oversees TTI's development of disciple making/church planting materials.



Bruce & Carol Ingram - ACTION International. During Mission Fest Seattle, Bruce led a seminar entitled "Joining God's Worldwide Movement of Multiplying Disciples

to Christ". Pray that many hearts were touched by what Bruce had to say. Bruce and his team will travel to Uganda November 3-19 and will be training pastors including Sudanese refugees. Pray for the revelation of the truth of Christ and the sending out of workers - (Luke 10:2). Another prayer request from Bruce & Carol is for their son Bryan. He visits his daughter Lila two weekends per month. Pray for Bryan to be strengthened and be the light and truth of Christ to his daughter, and for healing in the relationship.

Christopher & Heather Schwarzen - Increased fighting in northern Myanmar, where Christopher and Pastor Jimmy Ferebee recently traveled, has also led to increased persecution of Christians there.



Many pastors and leaders who attended this summer's training work in these areas and have given us accounts of pastors being arrested as well as churches being shut down or demolished. The short video above is one of a number we have seen.

From a contact in the Myanmar/Thailand area we have heard the following: "92 Lahu ministers were released [from jail] with conditions, but the Bible students are not freed yet. All were made to sign a document that they would not be involved with Christian activities and not allowed to worship. This is a mix of good and bad news. Please continue to pray for them."

What this means is that we must be ever vigilant in our training efforts so as to reach these people with the Gospel. With a Christian population less than 10 percent, the country is crying out for salvation. We are already planning next summer's training but also discussing the opportunity to host two trainings a year, either in the same location or further north where the persecution is occurring. We expect more than 100 pastors and leaders at each training we offer here.

Please pray for believers in this part of Myanmar, that they would stand firm in their faith.



*Awakenings Prayer Institute
Retreat #1 "My Soul Within Me"
November 16-18, 2018
Island Lake Camp, Poulsbo, WA,
Cost is \$175 per person
Talk to Pastor Wes or Theresa*

Children's Ministry Month

Current staff includes Greg Kuper SR, Helen Mock, Terre Wilson, and Vanessa Vergala. This month we have been going upstairs at the beginning of services, during Children's Ministry month. We have been showing the children's finished art work from our missions study this summer. We have been sharing songs, and what duties each of our staff has during children's Church and Sunday school.

We will continue our teaching the children words and numbers we learned during our summer missions on Mexico. And we will be bringing in baked goods and foods from the Mexican store to introduce to the children.

Next summer's missions study will be all about Japan. Ian Smith, our missionary to Japan will be here early next year. We hope to glean from him some ideas to teach the children.

Terre will work with the preschoolers. When there are more third grade children, she will work with them. She will be giving the children weekly quizzes, covering Bible Stories, Missions and other materials.

Helen will be helping with scripture memory work, and taking care of the special chair for the week. We will still need an extra person willing to step in for her on the weeks she is serving communion. Helen and Greg prepare the birthday cards and Greg makes sure they are mailed. Vanessa will be doing prayer and offering during Children's Church. We will continue teaching grades 5-7 during Sunday School.

Greg will be teaching the message during Children's Church and work with any of the groups as needed.

Play Dates continue every quarter, however we are in need of a substitute on days when some of our staff is not available.

Vanessa Vergala - Children's Ministry Chair



Congratulations to Taylor & Katelyn Olsoy who were married in a beautiful ceremony on Sunday October 7th. It was so great to celebrate as a church family at the "Congratulations Katelyn & Taylor" party on the following Sunday. The Bethel family is so very happy for Taylor & Katelyn! May God richly bless this new family as they begin their life journey together.

Women's Retreat Designed By Him! May 31-June 2, 2019

Make plans NOW to attend! This retreat will be at Lake Retreat Camp and feature Dr. Kathleen



Troll as our speaker. She is the Dean of Seattle Bible College, Director of By His Grace Ministries and involved in Awakenings Prayer Institute. Music will be provided by Robin Alexander & Tammie Williams; formerly of the group *His Harmony* and presently in the *Lullaby League* and long time friends of Lake Retreat. Please share this with all our friends and let's see how many women we can get together for an awesome weekend! For more information please contact—

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November 2018 Calendar Events



Salt of the Earth Ministries
every Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

All Saints Evening Prayer
every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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

- ◆ **Saturday November 3rd** - API #1 9:00 a.m. Noon - Discipleship Apprentice #2 Noon-3:00 p.m. Discipleship Leader
- ◆ **Sunday November 4th** - 5:00 p.m. International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church 7:15p.m. Deacon/Deaconess Meeting
- ◆ **Tuesday November 6th** - First Tuesday Fast & Pray - Theme is Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- ◆ **Saturday November 10th** - 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day & Second Saturday Sewing Circle.
- ◆ **Sunday November 11th** - 11:30 a.m. Congregational Budget Meeting & Potluck Lunch 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Children's Play Date 6:30 p.m. - Church Council Meeting
- ◆ **Wednesday November 14th** - 9:30 a.m. - MOPS meeting
- ◆ **November 16th-18th** - API Retreat #1 - "My Soul Within Me" Island Lake Camp, Poulsbo, WA.
- ◆ **Saturday November 17th** - 9:00 a.m. Days for Girls
- ◆ **Sunday November 18th** - 11:30 a.m. Birthday Celebration
- ◆ **Wednesday November 21st**—MOPS Playdate
- ◆ **Thursday November 22nd** - Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ **Sunday November 25th** - 11:30 a.m. Christmas Decoration Day
- ◆ **Sunday December 3rd** - Date Sunday - Child Care until 4:00 p.m.



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

As the stone is thrown into the water, it creates a series of concentric circles that gradually expand outward from the point of contact — we call this the "ripple effect." In your 10 minute prayer, go from smallest to largest. As the stone, begin

the prayer not by praying for what you think you want and need but by expressing gratitude for what you already have. Strip it down to the bare essentials. Thank the Lord for a place to live, eyes to see, good food, etc. Thank the Lord for opportunity to be a better person and to serve others. This can be a limitless possibility. Finally, request that divine guidance might be impressed within you to assist you in making proper decisions and to inspire you with creativity and ingenuity.

The first ripple created by the stone's impact symbolizes those closest to you. The second ripple might include persons beyond your immediate group of loved ones. The third ripple might include anyone in your community with whom you also have an emotional connection. The fourth ripple outward from the stone is a global one that might include other human beings unknown to you but of whom you have been made aware by national or international news. The fifth ripple may be for the souls of others whom you have known and loved and lost, or those to whom you are indebted. The sixth ripple — and the seventh portion of the prayer — is reserved for God. God bless God. God bless the angels who have intervened. God bless every good thing that God embodies in our lives.

**November is
Staff Appreciation Month**

