



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Seven - Episode Three - March 2019

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.

The 20/20 Vision Team has been hard at work with the help of Steve Welling during several weekend sessions in the last couple months.



Dear Bethel Family, **Russian Harvest Outreach**

Thank you so much for your recent gift for Benjamin's ministry in Far East Russia and for Choose Life evangelism ministry. (Deut.30:19)



Benjamin told us about a little boy who went home and told his parents about lessons he was learning at VBS. The boy's father invited Benjamin to their house to thank him but told him he wasn't ready to go to church yet. Now the father is in Benjamin's Monday evening Bible study for unbelievers! He recently repented and Benjamin is seeing changes in his life! He's given up alcohol and is being faithful to his wife among other things. Praise God for VBS and little boys from unbelieving families!

Benjamin also asked us to continue to pray for the ownership documents for the Christian Center (former Bible College). There's some sort of problem, the government says, and they want to retain ownership. Pray that they will give the ownership to Christians. That would be amazing if it happened.

Choose Life in Belarus (one of the most difficult countries) is planning for this summer. Yura visited there in March. Choose Life also has an outreach to Mexico in April

Thank you again for your gift and prayers. Anabelle.

Christopher Schwarzen - A few pictures from the first week of training pastors in Ethiopia.



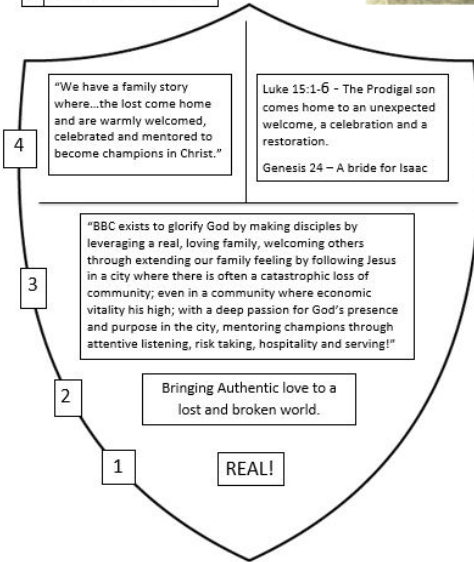
Jami Strandberg - Mexico

"For the Lord your God is he that goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory" (Deuteronomy 20:4)

What giants are before you? What seemingly impossible situation, challenge or battle do you face? This verse reminds us of the amazing truth that God goes with us, fights for us, and gives us the victory.

The "giant" I presently face is the need to have financial commitments of 105% support before returning to the field.

20/20 Vision Badge



The 20/20 Vision Badge is an explanation of what makes Bethel a unique body of believers. Begin reading it from the bottom up. First we see that life at Bethel is for REAL! You can see the reality of the story by looking at the top. Our shared family stories show that this is a place of true transformation. The long run-on sentence in the middle says some things about how we seek

to show authentic love of Jesus that transforms lives.



Ian & Monica Elliot - Ian and Monica are now working with ACTION International at Shalom birthing home in Paanaken, Antipolo City (Manilla). Please pray for progress in language



study and cultural understanding. They are listed at Elliots Abroad on Facebook.



Mother & Daughter Mad Hatter Tea Party & Fundraiser!
Saturday April 13th - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

There will be so much to do.

Games, crafts and gifts for purchase too!

Call or text Elizabeth at 425-293-8675

Tickets are cash or check.

\$10.00 Ages 10 & up. \$5.00 Ages 10 & under.

All proceeds benefit MOPS and

Women's Retreat Scholarships

(Jami con't) - Thank you to those of you God used to encourage me with special gifts in recent months. God is in control and I am trusting in Him to provide.

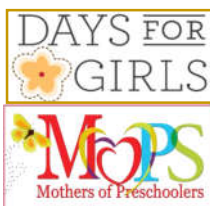
I've enjoyed visiting my supporting churches, renewing friendships, meeting new people, and celebrating God's work.

At one church in Iowa I met a new missionary couple and had a sweet time of prayer for one another. They hope to have a quarterly "prayer party", to highlight a missionary, have snacks from that country, skype with that missionary or share their prayer requests, and have a special time of prayer for them. What a fun way to promote prayer for missionaries and the world!

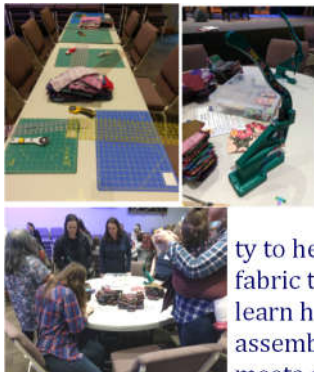
At another church we repeated this prayer - *I love you, Lord. I trust you, Lord. I'm your minister, Lord.* - as a way to begin and commit each day to the Lord. What a great way to affirm our trust in Him and remember our calling as His ministers of the gospel to a lost world!

At some churches, I've met people pursuing God's call on their lives in missions. May God lead and guide them into the place of service He has for them in His global mission.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and partnership in God's work in Mexico. Lives have been transformed by the gospel. Leaders have been trained and mobilized so that more people might meet, know and follow Christ. God is at work.



A joint event was hosted by Snohomish Community Church MOPS group. The Days for Girls Central Everett leadership team presented the DFG program and video about how the kits help girls attend school and work every day of each month. The ladies had an opportunity to help in preparing fabric to be sewn and learn how the kits are assembled. Days for Girls meets every third Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Annex. A potluck lunch is provided.



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Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Pastor Abe shared these thoughts in a recent sermon. This parable of Jesus is all about incredible mercy and the power of forgiveness. The first reason to forgive is because God mandated and instructed us to do so. The second reason is because it is positionally appropriate for forgiven people. Ephesians 4 - Christ has forgiven us so we should do the same for others. The third reason to forgive is because it is the alternative to justice. Romans 5:8 - We have been forgiven at great price. Lack of forgiveness leads to the punishment we would have received without Christ's sacrificial death, burial and resurrection just for us! In what ways can you be an example of God's mercy?



The Lemon Law



Awakenings Prayer Institute

API Christian Creatives

Tuesday April 23rd - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Retreat #3 "The Art of Soul Friendship"

May 3-5, 2019

(This retreat is combined with our final seminar of the year)



Paul Goddard, a long time friend and follower of Jesus passed away March 18th after a five year battle with cancer. A Celebration of Thanks for Paul was held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at New Life Church in Everett, WA. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Please pray for Ruth, Timothy & Matthew & families.

April 2019 Calendar of Events



- ◆ Tuesday April 2nd - First Tuesday Fast & Pray - Theme is 20/20 Vision for Bethel Church.
- ◆ Saturday April 6th - 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. API #1 Disciple Apprentice Class. Also - 2:30p.m. Memorial Service for Paul Goddard at New Life Church in Everett.
- ◆ Sunday April 7th - Children's Play Day. Also 6:00 p.m. Deacons/Deaconess Meeting.
- ◆ Wednesday April 10th - 9:30a.m. MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
- ◆ Saturday April 13th - 9:00a.m. Church Work Day & Second Saturday Sewing Circle. A light lunch will be served. Also - 12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m. Mad Hatter Mother Daughter Tea Party
- ◆ Palm Sunday April 14th - Date Sunday with childcare until 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday April 17th - 9:30a.m. - MOPS Play Day.
- ◆ Thursday April 18th 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service.
- ◆ Friday April 19th 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service.
- ◆ Saturday April 20th - 9:00a.m. Days for Girls. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. Also - 5:00 p.m. All Saints Church and Easter Vigil
- ◆ Easter Sunday April 21st.
- ◆ Tuesday April 23rd - 6:00p.m. API Christian Creatives Gathering.

Salt of the Earth Ministries every Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
All Saints Evening Prayer Group every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
All Saints Church Worship every Saturday at 5:00 p.m.



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

This retreat will be at Lake Retreat Camp and feature Dr. Kathleen Troll,



Dean of Seattle Bible College as our speaker. Music will be provided by Robin Alexander & Tammie Williams; formerly of *His Harmony* and presently in the *Lullaby League*, longtime friends of Lake Retreat. For more information please contact—Jessica Toikka (425) 343-6823 / jessica-toikka@frontier.com, Carol Toikka (425) 268-1351/ caroltoikka@gmail.com or Diane Sandvick (425) 280 9157/ disandvick@comcast.net Sign up now and invite your friends. Cost is \$130.