



# The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Seven - Episode Seven– August 2019

*Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.*

*Transforming neighbors into family through genuine Christ-like love.*



### Jesus Followers Check Up

1. What is your Jesus story this week?
2. What has God shown you and how have you been obedient this week?
3. In what ways have you served with humility this week? What did it cost you to do so?
4. What has given you joy or grief this week?



By July 1, 2020, the vision for Bethel is to know that we are an inviting church that makes Jesus disciples. This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the

crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.' (Jeremiah 6:16) Walk in it: this is the time for movement.

Our 20\20 Vision Team has stood at the crossroads and asked for good ways to walk the ancient path of discipleship. Bethel is at a crossroads. Our society is at a crossroads. Which ways shall we all go? For our part, we are all about inviting lost people into relationship with us and with Jesus, giving them the opportunity to become disciples who are captivated by authentic love, biblical truth, overflowing prayer and transformational community. Now is our time to lead the way. What do these statements stir in you?

You may have noticed a slightly different structure on Sunday mornings and also in the Worship service. Folks who enter find friendly faces to greet them and also can get a fresh warm cup of coffee! Thanks to all of you who are working to make people feel welcome. It is truly a blessing to regular attenders and our special guests. Be thinking of who you can partner with in discipleship.



Special thanks to Monica Elliot (ACTION International Ministries - Philippines) for sharing her heart with us during her visit here. The Saturday Sewing Circle was especially blessed hearing her stories of working with expectant mothers and



assisting them in the birth process. One story she told was the experience of assisting the surgeon to deliver a baby to Evangeline and Dennis Chow.



The opportunities God provides to share the Gospel and the love of Jesus are pivotal and life changing! After helping the ladies and their babies, a closer relationship develops with the families which opens the door to talk more about Jesus and how he can be in their lives. Many of the women are amazed that Jesus actually cares about them and "sees them" as beautiful and valuable.

Monica also helps train the women and families in personal care and health. Several nurse interns come from the USA for training and to assist Monica in here work. By the time they leave, they are well prepared to begin their nursing careers.



### Christopher & Heather Schwarzen & Family - Babita is getting married!

It's hard to believe but later this month our oldest daughter, Babita, will be getting married to a young man she met at the Bible school where she has been taking classes for the past three years.

As is the custom, Babita and Rajkumar announced their pending nuptials with a Nepali engagement ceremony. It was wonderful to see how happy and excited she looks, and Christopher, who knows the family already, has been taking time to further get to know Rajkumar, a relationship that we pray will continue to grow through the years.

Both have one year left of Bible school, and Rajkumar hopes to do ministry work throughout Nepal while also working alongside his father in the family construction business. We are very excited for these two and continue to pray for a holy and happy marriage. We ask that you would join us in those prayers.



Our **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** group will be participating once again this year *Operation Christmas Child*. Please begin thinking now of items you can bring to contribute. By simply packing shoeboxes full of gifts, our MOPS group can partner with local congregations around the world as they share God's love with children in need. For more information please visit the Operation Christmas Child website - <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> or contact Elizabeth Kessel for more information.



**MOPS** will begin meeting again on Wednesday September 11th at 9:30 a.m. A great year is planned with plenty of fun, food and fellowship.

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### Come Join Us for Talk Time! The World at Our Doorstep.



**DINNER AND TALK TIME** for International Students at Everett Community College - Beginning September 26 - Thursdays from 6:00 - 8:30 in the Shogren Annex

Training for volunteers is scheduled for September 12, and 16, from 6:00 - 8:00. To volunteer contact Barb Whitehouse, (407) 968-4524, or by email at [Barb.Whitehouse@bridgesinternational.com](mailto:Barb.Whitehouse@bridgesinternational.com)

The purpose of Talk Time is to provide a safe learning environment for English Language Learners to try out their oral English and practice their listening skills. Conversation classes utilize community volunteers to engage participants in small group and one on one conversation. Topics are chosen around issues that are relevant to the participants and structured in a way to maximize and facilitate student conversation. The opportunity to practice oral English in a low-risk, supportive environment is essential to language acquisition - and provides participants with the opportunity to gain self-confidence in speaking skills.



### Awakenings Prayer Institute Fall Program

**Overflowing Prayer**  
Sunday September 22 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Overflowing Love Through Reflective Prayer**  
Three First Saturday Mornings  
9:00-11:30 a.m. Oct. 5, Nov. 2 & Dec. 7

**Transformational Discipleship**  
Through Reflective Prayer  
Three First Saturday Mornings  
9:00-11:30 a.m. Oct. 5, Nov. 2 & Dec. 7

Contact Pastor Wes or Theresa for more information.

#### September 2019 Calendar of Events



◆ Monday September 2nd  
Labor Day

◆ Tuesday September 3rd - First Tuesday Fast & Pray - 20/20 Vision: To be and inviting and disciple making church.

◆ Sunday September 8th - 11:30 a.m. Birthday Celebration and Sunday School classes.

◆ Wednesday September 11th - MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers).

◆ Thursday September 12th - 6:00 p.m. Talk Time Training - dinner will be provided.

◆ Saturday September 14th - 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day & Second Saturday Sewing Circle.

◆ Sunday September 15th - 6:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.

◆ Wednesday September 18th - 9:30 a.m. MOPS Playdate.

◆ Thursday September 19th - 6:00 p.m. Talk Time Training.

◆ Saturday September 21st - 9:00 a.m. Days for Girls meets in the Annex. Potluck lunch provided. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Neighborhood Canvassing 5:00 p.m. All Saints Church - Ordination of Galen Yorba-Gray.

◆ Sunday September 22nd - Date Sunday w/Childcare until 4:00 p.m.

6:00-8:00 p.m. Overflowing Prayer Seminar

◆ Wednesday September 25th - 9:30 a.m. MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers).

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**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](mailto:lighthousecounseling@frontier.com)

WANTED:  
Items for  
Charlie's  
Closet



Non-perishable items are always appreciated for Charlie's Closet. We are in need of canned goods, pasta dinners, prepackaged snacks, cereal, rice & beans, Top Ramen (or similar) noodle soups, peanut butter & jam and anything else that will not spoil. Thanks!