



Update on Envision

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The Mission of Envision is to:

- build authentic community by:
- proclaiming the gospel
- and making disciples of Jesus Christ
- within the downtown culture of Bellingham
- as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches.

(Goals/Values and Budget Report Available Upon Request)

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April 23 Feature at three trees open mic at the Majestic

Put **April 23** on your calendars to see the Senti's do a featured act at the **Thursday** night open mic at **7:30pm at the Majestic**. We'd love to see you there! Enjoy the music, get to know some of our friends and have a tea or coffee.

Two Steps Back, Three Steps Forward

Sometimes our ministry feels like trench warfare. We watch people come closer to Christ and then seem to move backward and then come forward again. One person will express the desire to move forward towards baptism and then recant and then come back again. Another friend starts coming to a Bible Study, and another joins us for street night, but neither have yet come to faith in Christ. Many deal with difficult mental illnesses and it's not easy to navigate how to help them. We pray, we refer them to others, we continue to love and we wonder, is it enough? At

times it's difficult to remember that the war is won, even as we fight these small battles with the power of the LORD.

We do see folks moving forward: praying and reading Scripture daily, coming out of immorality consistently, breaking relationships that are not equally yoked. We see others growing as we go through the Bondage Breaker book by Neil T. Anderson and they are set free from deceptions and lifestyle sin-bondages. The Baptism class folks are growing in knowledge as well and in faith. For these things we praise God. Yet **keep praying for victory and breakthrough** for our friends.

The Senti family recently went on vacation to Florida and enjoyed a couple days at Disney World and a week of rest and fun in Orlando. What a blessing! And much needed. (Senti family pictured left.)



While they were gone, Linda Hamming and the Brower's picked up some extra ministry needs beyond their usual duties. Linda even had a bunch of Ladies over to her home on a Monday night after having the Ladies meeting overflowing with ladies on Friday as well. She ministered to others who were in need, sharing Christ and praying for folks. **Pray for many folks who are coming to the end of themselves to either come to know Christ or to repentance and healing in Him.**

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“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

We appreciate your generosity so much! (Mitchell doesn't see how much each of you gives, but he sees who gives.)

If you'd like to make a donation, please send checks to: Envision Mission, 710 E. Sunset, Bellingham, WA 98225

If someone who is **an electrician could help us put a longer power cable on our refrigerator** at the Majestic that would be wonderful. Contact us if you're interested in helping with that.

Also, **keep praying for employment for many of our folks** who are struggling to find work. We've had to help some with rent so that they don't lose their housing and they're trying so hard to find viable employment. Thank you for your prayers.

In this picture, Mary Brower is ministering to one of our folks at the Jesus Gathering who is currently in Baptism Class from the Lincoln Square Apartments. Bernie and Mary Brower facilitate the Jesus



Study at Lincoln Square and folks come from there to the Jesus Gathering so that they're connected to the Body of Christ. Mary also gives rides in the ministry van to folks on Sundays. **What a blessing the Brower's are to Envision!**

There are also many volunteers who run sound, bring snacks, help set up and take down, meet with folks one on one, join us on street nights, help with open mic, open their homes for hospitality, and help bring snacks to the Jesus Gathering, as well as helping people with practical needs. We're even looking at starting a Stephen ministry with a couple of our folks at the Jesus Gathering in order to have more help with diaconal type needs. Thank God for all of these people who volunteer! **Keep praying that God will raise up workers who will come alongside folks** and for those new in the faith to persevere in the power of Christ.

We have so many people who need to be discipled, supported and helped through crises. We have so few people who are able to provide this from a place of stability among us. We believe that God can provide a viable church context for these friends of ours who have so often fallen through the cracks, so to speak. But we feel so overwhelmed sometimes and do not yet know how the **LORD will provide a way for us to get there**. Please pray for wisdom for us in this regard, church family! We appreciate you all and your prayers so much.

Here is our weekly schedule:

Tuesday: Street night from 5:15-8:15pm at Woods on Bay and Prospect.

Wednesday: Jesus/Bible Study at Lincoln Square at 3pm and the Woods at 7pm.

Thursday: Open mic at the Majestic from 7:30pm-10pm.

Friday: Ladies meeting at Woods from 12:30-2:30pm. Prayer at Prayer Center from 3-5.

Saturday: House church at the Brower's at 8:30am and at the Senti's at 9:30am

Sunday: The Jesus Gathering meets at the Majestic from 4:30pm-6:30pm.