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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 was a blast!

By the time this newsletter goes to print the Senti's will have performed the featured act on April 23 at the Thursday night open mic at the Majestic. We trust that a good time was had by all and it was a blast, since even the kids will have played. **Please pray for the open mic outreach to be an effective way of building eternal relationships in Christ.** Thank you to all who came and joined us as well.



New Things and Old

Envision has some exciting new things happening that we'd like to share: one of those things is a college group that meets on Friday nights at Hope in Christ church for students who have a heart for downtown Bellingham ministry. **Already there are four to seven young folks that come and are there to be refreshed and equipped for ministry** to the down and out of Bellingham. Please pray that they will be prepared well and will be active in the lives of folks who need to be made disciples in downtown Bellingham.

Also, we've started a new aspect of our ministry for folks who are ready and willing to help with mercy ministry. In the book of Acts, chapter 6, the early church raised up seven men to take on the mercy ministry of the church so that the elders could devote themselves to prayer and preaching the Word. This was the beginning of what later became the office of deacon. The most prominent of those seven was Stephen who was also the first martyr of the church. **A young man from the Jesus Gathering is training to take on this ministry we call our Stephen Ministry.** He has been helping folks with mercy needs and is training for that purpose. There are others among us who have expressed a sense of call to this, so pray that God will make clear who those folks are.

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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.)

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If that calling proves true, that person will receive a stipend for his work as well to free him up during that day for house calls and meeting needs such as food, housing help and gas from the benevolence fund for those among us in need. If you are interested in giving towards our Stephen Ministry, please designate it on a separate piece of paper as we have not yet approved a line item for this in our budget. **We're excited about these answers to pray as God raises up workers for the harvest.** Thank you for praying and keep it up!

We have had a remarkable number of situations come up that have involved quite direct spiritual warfare. We cannot give details to protect people's stories, but please pray that folks will be willing to receive prayer and will repent of sin so that they might be free! If we've learned anything from all of it, we've learned that the key is the power of the Gospel. When a person comes to terms with their sin and repents, receiving God's Grace for them, the enemy loses his power over them. **Pray too that those who've started the process of renouncing the devil and repentance from iniquity so that they can be ready for baptism will finish what they've started.** Most folks are, but some have stopped and so we pray they will go the whole way and “repent and be baptized...”

We've had a number of opportunities for the Gospel on street nights, so thank you also for praying for open doors for that. On one occasion a young lady we were talking with was so uncomfortable with what we were sharing that she ran away to a bench on the other side of the park. We approached her again and prayed for her, **sharing the Gospel that Christ had died for her and rose from death and that's why she was worthy of love.** She received our prayer and thanked us. On another occasion a man at Maritime Heritage Park asked us some questions and we shared the Gospel with him. He has been working as a cook at a restaurant in Fairhaven and told us that he only believed things that could be scientifically proven. We shared that the Holy Spirit can prove Himself to a person's heart by revelation of Jesus Christ and gave our testimonies. He said, “If I had a revelation of Jesus...I would believe!” So we prayed this for him. Join us in that prayer and that he will connect to the Body of Christ as well. Many times we invite folks to the Jesus Gathering or to open mic. Sometimes people come, sometimes they don't. Some folks that don't yet believe come to the Jesus Study, others even come with us on Street night when we tell them to come follow Jesus with us. But others say they'll come and then do not, so pray that those who say they will come and seem to really want to will not be kept by satan from coming, but will come and hear the Gospel and be saved and/or connected to the Body of Christ either with us or another church.

The Ladies meeting is still going strong in discipleship and fellowship. The ladies even went to see the tulips in Skagit county and had a great time. Our house churches continue to be an excellent source of discipleship, **but pray that we will have wisdom as to whether to relocate the Brower's house church or start a third one.** Open mic has also been a joy, as more folks are coming, more relationships being built and we've sought to be more intentional there as well. The Jesus Gathering has been excellent with more commitment and growth among our people; we especially enjoy our regulars sharing their testimonies of God's work in their lives. Praise God for his marvelous works and more to come!

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.