



# 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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## Praises and Prayers

Thank you for your prayers everyone! The Senti's Sabbatical was gloriously restful for them. They took 30 days off and came back refreshed with new vision for what's to come. **Keep praying for them and the whole staff for health, strength, protection and joy** in Jesus and in the ministry. Hope in Christ did a wonderful job of helping out with the Jesus Gathering while the Senti's were gone as well. Linda Hammingh recently had surgery and has been recuperating so pray for her specifically for wisdom on how soon to enter into ministry again and speedy recovery also. Bernie and Mary did such a wonderful job leading while they were gone as well. Thank you again for your prayers!



**New leaders are being raised up**, which has been such a blessing to all of us. Heath Oberlander has done an amazing job as a Stephen Minister. Although he may be taking a break from official capacities he is still helping to lead worship and a host of other activities that has so refreshed us all. Mitzie Crosser has also stepped up to help on Sundays with hospitality at the Jesus Gathering. We've known both of them for almost a decade now and we're so excited

to see them being raised up. Mitzie also helps lead the Ladies meeting with Mary Brower and has already proved a blessing in that regard. Timothy Potter is now leading the Jesus Study on Wednesday nights at the Woods Coffee on Prospect St. He is very gifted and we hope he will be able to lead more in our midst as well. Keep praying for God to raise up leaders and workers for the harvest!

A local church much like the Jesus Gathering called "Bread and Wine Fellowship" has been joining us on street nights to help reach out with the Gospel. **We especially enjoy singing songs to the LORD together on Railroad and Holly St.** right in the middle of the downtown core. On a recent street night we grieved with a married couple who regularly attends the Jesus Gathering because someone in a drunken stupor burned their camp to the ground. All we could do was be a presence with them and pray with them, but it meant a lot to them and Jesus was our comfort together. The authorities have been contacted, but **pray for them in their loss that God will give them hope and bring beauty literally out of the ashes for them.**

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Mitchell and Rochelle Senti, Bernie and Mary Brower

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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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**We have a number of folks who are considering baptism**, so pray that they will be willing to receive the mystery of Christ and go forward by faith in Him. Pray especially for protection over that process because it has been difficult for some of those who have started it in the past. Pray that others who have considered it and not continued will reconsider and surrender their lives to Christ publicly.

Now that open mic is on break we hope by the time this goes to print that we've had a team **visit a couple local open mics to do outreach**. Heath and Mitchell have been recording a new CD and all of Mitchell's CD's of his music (and Rochelle's) is available on the website: [www.envisionmission.org/media](http://www.envisionmission.org/media) If someone donates even a small

amount they can access one of the CD's listed there. We have the My Church concert posted there for free as well. We also have sermons available on the media page from the Jesus Gathering. Brent Drouillard does our web design and what an excellent job he does. We also have a blog that Mitchell writes if anyone is interested in checking that out. The EQUIPMENT series will be on the blog in Sunday School form. Mitchell has been preaching this series in various churches and it has been received warmly. Blog is at: [www.envisionmission.org/senti](http://www.envisionmission.org/senti)



One of the fun things the Senti family gets to do is play Scripture songs they've written and then Mitchell preaches on that text. To the left is a picture from My Church of a Sunday morning when they got to do that.

**Keep praying for wisdom for us as we look at the future of the Jesus Gathering and a possible house church movement** as a means of more effectively doing discipleship with our friends in Bellingham. Thank you so much for your prayers!

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: Men's group at 5pm at the Majestic.

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.