



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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Prayers and Praises

Please **keep folks who have come to Christ in prayer to stay with it** now that they received the Lord, to come to baptism class and in some cases to get housing as well.

Also as the door has opened for the Gospel at the hotel on Samish Way please **pray for folks to come to the Bible study there and be hungry for the Gospel.** The family that's living there has already gotten to know quite a few people and had some great opportunities as well. We are considering continuing that ministry throughout this year to see if it will bear fruit for the Kingdom of God so pray for wisdom for us on that as well.

Keep our Jesus Study, Men's group and Ladies group in prayer as well for discipleship to keep taking place by the grace of God **and that more folks will be made disciples this year** from there as well. You can even keep our prayer times in prayer that we would be faithful to look to the Lord instead of to our strategies and programs for transformation.

One of the main things we want you to join us in prayer for is that folks would have a hunger for God on the streets and in all of downtown culture. Pray **that many might come to Christ there and believe, and desire fellowship** enough to plug into community with churches locally.



We're excited to announce that **our street night coordinator Jon Ng will now also be working for the Lighthouse Mission** to develop their street connect program. We work with them a lot and one of our other Stephen Servants, **Morgan West, is also on staff with them.** Pray that many doors will be open to the Gospel, **that we can be part of starting a Jesus Study at the Drop in Center there and most of all that there will be transformation in people's lives** on the streets. The picture above

includes some from our street night team hanging out on Railroad and Holly Street after singing a little. We've had many opportunities as well to pray with folks and bring the Gospel, in some cases folks respond with peace, in other cases they do not but we believe it's vital to proclaim the Gospel and plant seeds along the way. Our friend Glenda does such a good job of getting down to where people are on the sidewalk, praying for them, loving them, telling them about Jesus.

It was difficult to see another friend on the street lose his life this past month. 1st Baptist Church hosted a memorial for TJ Duffy and we remember when he came to Christ. We are hopeful to see him in heaven someday.

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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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Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

Pray for comfort but also for us all to wake up to the need for Christ in people's lives and for housing as well.

On Sunday night at the Jesus Study another man came to Christ. He has some court battles to face so pray for God's mercy for him in every way and that he too will stick with this newfound faith in Jesus. We also heard tell that a Native family whose mother came to us for prayer when she was sick with cancer was healed after she received prayer. **Pray that this will be a sign to them that will not only lead them to Christ, but help them to renounce any other spirit** that would claim lordship over them, including ancestor spirits.

It has been remarkable how many opportunities for the Gospel has come so thank you for your prayers. **One man when he heard the Gospel asked if we could meet again** and again to talk about it, others have asked about sin, and still others just to get together and the Gospel has been the obvious need for them. Keep praying- it's working!

We want to especially have you pray about whether your small group would be open to enfolding someone, to getting to know a person from downtown Bellingham, loving them, meeting them and maybe even bringing them into your lives a little bit, maybe a lot. It's not to treat them like charity cases, but to truly live out making eternal friendship with folks who could use some practical help as well as just company with someone. I know many small groups already do that, but if the Spirit is prompting you give us a call and we will pray about who might connect with you and give some help in what they could look like.

If anyone needs some odd jobs done do let us know and we'll get you in touch with the family staying at the hotel because they would love to help and if there could be any donation given as a result they would also appreciate that. Also if a small group would be willing to do yard work for one of our friends let us know, because it could use a group of people rather than just one or two in that case.

We do apologize if our donations records didn't seem perfectly accurate for 2017 according to what some of you gave. We switched to a new program and became aware that our system didn't file all the donations for everyone that gave, so we rectified that for as many as we knew how to, but we hope this year that our system will work 100%. Thanks for your understanding.

We've appreciated Over Easy Restaurant and benefited from their A Future and Hope Foundation last year as they gave towards our street night ministry. If anyone wants to give through them, they certainly may, as that foundation gives towards a lot of different charities in the area as well.

Here is our weekly schedule:

Tuesday: Street night from 5:30-8:00pm starts at 1st Baptist on Flora St. in the sanctuary

Wednesday: Prayer at LOWPC from 10am-12pm. House church at Lincoln Square at 3pm.

Thursday: Men's group at Hope in Christ at 6pm.

Friday: Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center from 3-5pm. Ladies' group once a month.

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

Sunday: Bible Study/House church at the Gray's at 10am. The Jesus Gathering meets at Hope in Christ (Sunset and James) from 4:30pm-6:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Jesus Study at 5pm on all other Sundays at the Majestic (1027 North Forest).