



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

Come and join us for a Senti family Concert of worship on October 4 at Third Christian Reformed Church in Lynden at 7pm! CD's of the new album "Wake Up Oh Sleeper" will be available there. We hope to have it up on the website soon as well. Mark your calendars and prepare to have fun- kids are welcome as it shouldn't go past 8:15pm Also check out new sermons on the website: www.envisionmission.org/media.

We had a wonderful baptism for Shane Gibbons on Wednesday, September 4 (pictured below), in the Senti's backyard pool! Shane attends the Jesus Study on Wednesday afternoons at McDonald's on Samish Way because he works on Sundays at the Lynden



Christian Health Care Center. Pray that he can find stronger fellowship with the Body or that that Jesus Study will turn into a house church as well. We do need a leader for that study though, so if the Spirit prompts you to help us with that please let us know. At the last Wednesday meeting none of our regular attenders were able to show up due to tough life circumstances, but Mitchell had the chance to share the Gospel with a young man there at the MacDonal'd's restaurant who expressed interest in coming to the study the next time. Pray

that he will! For now it's scheduled for Wednesdays at 4:30pm, however we could change to any night and time that would work for a prospective leader.

A local boarding house called us explaining that one of their residents had spiritual questions. When we arrived he explained that he was reading the Scriptures nonstop. He had some memory of Sunday school as a child but never understood it. Now he is reading the Bible and getting a hold of any study materials he can find. He has very little church experience. **So we explained the Gospel to him further and he agreed to be baptized** and to attend a Bible-believing fellowship as his next step.

Street nights continue to be an opportunity for the Gospel! One of our old friends came back to town and joined us for worship at the Drop in Center and for the Jesus Study there.

Also from that study another fellow is looking to be baptized soon! **Pray that he can find strong fellowship in the Body as well.** Plugging into the Church seems to be the most difficult part of discipleship after folks come to Christ and move towards baptism.

If you still have clothes for the Summit House clothing drive let us know. The Ng's are filling up a storage container full of clothes to a non-profit recycling company in order to

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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!

raise money. October will be the last month we're doing the drive. They will even come and pick up the clothes from you if need. Thank you to all who have generously donated their used clothing so far! Also if you're interested in **donating towards the Summit house please write checks to Envision Mission and be sure to put "Rising Hope" on the memo line.** We would very much like to explore expanding the vision for the Summit House to host more men and strengthen the discipleship program with more staff, so pray for wisdom for us on that too.

Mitchell has enjoyed painting one day a week in order to raise a little extra for Christian school tuition and because he enjoys the balance of ministry and working with his hands. It's also a good example to the men of what it looks like to work hard and not rely on others for help too much. He plans to do this for one month and reevaluate whether it's too busy for him. Pray for wisdom in that regard as well. Also continue to pray for the Senti family and staff for strong health emotionally, physically and spiritually.

We have another fellow in baptism class, but it may take a long time for him to finish for many reasons, including a need to strengthen his faith in Jesus. Pray that he will finish well and for protection from the evil one.

We're also organizing a house church Kingdom multiplication gathering at Hope in Christ Church on a Saturday this Fall. Here we hope to explore with other house churches like the Jesus Gathering how to best encourage each other in quality discipleship as well as Kingdom growth in making disciples in Bellingham and Whatcom County. Pray for this meeting to be fruitful in regard to this model of church that fosters authentic community so well.

It is vital that we as churches are growing in terms of discipleship, in terms of being safe, transparent communities where folks with struggles can come and be welcomed as well as challenged at the same time. May the Holy Spirit help us all to that end! No particular system can make that happen—it is the Holy Spirit that transforms us--but some models of church seem to be more conducive to that goal than others. Think about how your church could foster small groups that encourage that kind of growth. Or think about joining with the Jesus Gathering if God is calling you to that. The house church at Lincoln Square could use someone to help and someday maybe even to lead. **But whatever ways our various churches are doing the mission of Jesus, may the LORD bless it and give us wisdom in how to move forward one and all.** Shalom in Jesus!

Here is our weekly schedule:

Tuesday: Street Connect from 5:45-7:45pm starts at 1st Baptist on Flora St. Jesus Study at Drop in Center at 6pm.

Wednesday: (House church at Lincoln Square at 3pm.) Jesus Study at McDonald's on Samish at 4:30pm.

Friday: Men's breakfast at Overeas Restaurant at 6:45am. Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center from 3-5pm.

Saturday: (Jeff's Discipleship group at Jeff's at 10am)

Sunday: (House church at the Gray's at 10am.) Jamie's Discipleship group at Woods in Ferndale at 2pm. Jesus Gathering at Hope in Christ at 4:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

(House church at the Majestic at 4:30pm all other Sundays.) Monday: Prayer at LOWPC from 10am-12pm.