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The Mission of Envision is to:

- build authentic community by:
- proclaiming the gospel
- and making disciples of Jesus Christ
- in Whatcom County
- especially 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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## Update on Envision

Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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Praises and Prayers

## We did indeed have a wonderful concert at 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed in Lynden on



August 28. The LORD raised over \$2,000 and more importantly 30-40 folks came and worshipped Jesus, heard His word and had a great time! Thanks to all who came and we'll have to do one again for those who couldn't make it. If you're interested in the CD "Songs of Joy" let us know. It is also available for download on the website. And, be on the

lookout for Rochelle's new CD of hymns that is in the mixing process right now.

One of the cool things that came out of the recording process is that the fellow who recorded the music for us is now doing Bible Study with Mitchell and is renewing his faith in Christ. **Pray for him to continue walking with the LORD and staying connected to the Body** as well as others we've been in relationship with.

Thank you to those who have sent sponsorship funds for the new guys coming into the Summit houses. This is such a help to them as they make their transition from the Lighthouse Mission into the Church and work environment. **You are truly partnering with us in the discipleship** of those who have come to know Him. As one man put in his application and told his story tears welled up in his eyes, just as he was testifying to how God has brought him to where he is. The Bellingham house is full and now the Lynden house is filling up too. We hope to partner with Bridges of Hope to help more graduates from the Lighthouse Mission who need a place to go in the future. And we are also still praying for a ladies' house location and churches to adopt it.

**Early in October, we plan to have a staff and volunteer retreat up at Cedar Springs**. We trust this will be an excellent time of worship and hearing the LORD speak to us on our theme of Christ Crucified and how that relates to our ministry. Thank you for your prayers!

Board: Elders and their wives: 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.)

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

Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

Thank you also for your prayers for our outreach with BTC SALT. Bellingham Technical College should be allowing us on campus, since about 600 students will be allowed on site. But pray not only that we can be on campus but also engage students with the Gospel of Jesus.

**Street night can be tough, especially since we don't always see results.** Folks are struggling in so many ways, but we have seen stories of transformation over the years and we still believe it is vital to be faithful in loving folks that are poor and sharing the Gospel with them...

We don't worship the cross, we worship Jesus. Yet it is vital that we embrace the cross of Christ and our own crosses of suffering. So much of our culture is about comfort and being comfortable. God is the God of all comfort, but it's not all about our comfort, it's all about Jesus. We must not forget that as we consider our jobs, our houses, our children, our spouses or the lack thereof. God help us because no one likes to suffer- even Jesus despised the shame of the cross- but God is worth the pain. This is not a playground, but a battleground and as much as we would like to just have fun and be happy, we must also remember that Christ died for us in weakness and was raised in power. We often live in weakness also and so we ought to do so with a consciousness of God rather than just complaining. This is something we are learning, not something we've mastered but we pass it on for your edification.

## Our Weekly Schedule:

**Tuesday:** Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm), starts at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist on 110 Flora St.

**Thursday:** Men's group at Woods Barkley at 7am.

Friday: Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center (3-5pm)

Saturday: House churches meet at various times

**Sunday:** Jesus Gathering at Hope in Christ on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month (5pm) Jesus Study at the Majestic all other Sundays (5pm)