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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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Looking Back, Looking Forward

Let's look at the vision for 2021 and evaluate how it went together:

Our vision for the year was: **Christ and Him crucified**. How did we behold and accomplish that vision? First, we proclaimed it through every ministry, including those listed below. Second, we learned about it at our staff retreat and with one another. Thirdly, we tried to hold it up for those we were in discipleship relationship with, though that could have been done more effectively. So we did well on the first two things, but not as well on the third.

More specifically we set goals for the year as follows:

- 1- We would like to **expand on the Summit House vision**, both for our current house and the 2nd one also. (On this point, a second house was raised up and both houses were filled, so that's pretty effective.)
- 2- We would like to expand our vision of **street outreach, neighborhood outreach and college outreach with BTC SALT** (The street night was taken over by some excellent leaders from Lynden, especially Cal Buys, Rob Smit and many others on a weekly basis. We tried to reach our neighbors, but could have been more effective in that particular ministry. BTC SALT was able to go on campus and start a small group of college students who needed faith connection there, as well as sharing with some who didn't know the Lord at all.)
- 3- We would like to do **a new CD and a concert or two** to encourage our supporters in meditating on God's Word and worshipping Him. (We produced two CD's this year and had concerts for our supporters as well, meditating on God's Word and worshipping Him together!)

All we know about the vision for 2022 is the theme is "the Church" and we want to focus on "strengthening the Body". More in the next newsletter on that...

Rochelle's CD should be available this month in hard copy form! It's called "Hymns" and is taken from older hymns with new arrangements. We hope many of you will enjoy it!

On street night we saw a gal that some of the guys had prayed for and she went up to them and thanked them for their prayers. "Prayer works!" she proclaimed and explained how well she was now doing. What an encouragement to have some follow up, since we often don't see the results of what we do on those nights. One man asked if he had sinned too much the other night and Cal and the guys were able to express the Gospel to him. There are many opportunities to pray with people and share with them about the Word of God on street nights, so thanks for praying for open doors for that. Just the other night we prayed

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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!

that God would open a door for the Gospel and a young man walked up to us after wrestling practice and we were able to share the Good News with him. **He told us he had never heard that message before and we explained that he should start reading the book of Mark that night to begin his journey.**

Another man who we've known for a long time asked to meet and expressed that for the first time he believes in God and asked, "how do I incorporate Him into my life?" What a blessing to be able to share and encourage him to read Mere Christianity by CS Lewis as well. **Pray that he will have further revelation of Jesus Christ.**

We do need someone to sponsor one of our guys at the Summit house for one month again. Please put Summit House on the memo line or let us know somehow what it is for. The need is \$500. His brakes died and his job doesn't pay enough for him to pay program fees and fix the car at the same time. Thanks and bless you all in Christ Jesus!

We've had the privilege of Christmas caroling this past December again and what a joy it's been on street night! Praise the LORD!

As one of our regulars shared at Lighthouse Mission's Base Camp with some of the men outside, concerning the Lord, she asked if they could pray for the men there. One of them men said, "how about you pray with us, instead of for us?" So they all took hands and prayed together. Many times we find our friends without housing are believers. Sometimes they minister to us as much as we do them. If you ever come out and join us we know that you'll be blessed too.



It is vital that as even as we look back on last year with thanksgiving we also look to this next year with hope of what God can do! HalleluYah!

Our Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm), starts at 1st 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

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